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Germaniae Typus

Stock#: 86352
Map Maker: Ortelius / Vrients
Date: 1608 / 1612
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking map of the German Empire, including the Low Countries, Switzerland, Austria, and part of the Balkans from the Vrients edition of Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*.

The map is a fine example of late 16th and early 17th-century Dutch cartography. Published for Ortelius's atlas after his death by Johannes Vrients, it exemplifies why Vrients edition maps are so prized for their beauty. The map's three cartouches are all baroquely and elegantly designed, and the majestic double-headed eagle in the upper left represents the Holy Roman Empire's power at the time.

The map shows various intriguing features. For example, Bohemia, or Czechia, is centered on Prague and surrounded by a dense forest, as it is often represented in on early maps. Prussia and the rest of the Germanic lands are separated by Poland and a precursor of the Danzig Corridor.

The map is closely based on the [1576 Frans Hogenberg map of Germany](#), which is itself an extreme rarity.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Italian text on verso. Minor stabilized cracking of green oxidation. Minor centerfold wear.