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Arabia Felix Nova Tabula

Stock#: 87215
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 7 x 5.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine dark impression of one of the earliest obtainable modern maps of the Arabian Peninsula and environs, published by Giacomo Gastaldi in Venice.

Gastaldi's maps are considered important early maps for regional collectors. The map shows the Arabian Peninsula, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Straits of Hormuz and part of the Indian Ocean.

Giacomo Gastaldi was one of the most important Italian mapmakers of the early 16th Century. His set of maps for the 1548 edition of the 'Geographia' are among the earliest examples of his work, in a long and distinguished career. This edition was the first pocket-sized edition. Despite being prepared on a small format, the maps are clearly and attractively engraved. Gastaldi was the first to add regional maps of the American continent, with important maps of the eastern seaboard, a map of what is now the southern United States, of South America, and separate maps of Cuba and Hispaniola. Gastaldi published only a single edition, but his maps were copied by Girolamo Ruscelli for over 50 years.

The present example was bound without a fold and is in fine condition.

Detailed Condition: