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Typus Orbis Terrarum

| Stock#: | 9085 |
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| Map Maker: | Ortelius |
| Date: | 1603 |
| Place: | Antwerp |
| Color: | Hand Colored |
| Condition: | VG+ |
| Size: | 19.5 x 14 inches |
| Price: | SOLD |



Description:

Attractive full color example of Ortelius' world map. The map includes a massive Terra Australis Nondum Cognita, distinctive northwest passage below Terra Septemtrionalis Incognita, and other early cartographic misconceptions. The western bulge South America has been removed, but there is still only the Staits of Magellan separating the continent from the unknown southern continent. The early misprojection of Japan is prominent, as is the equally erroneous depiction of Nova Guinea and the Solomon Islands. North America is a study in early conjecture and mythical cartography, including a projection of the St. Lawrence reaching to the middle of the continent and a similar river running from the Gulf of Mexico to the same vicinity. Nova Francia is shown, prior to the visits of Champlain and the Jesuits. Quivira and Anian appear. Many other wonderful early configurations. The map is embellished with sea monsters and sailing ships. This is the third state of the map, which first appeared in 1570, including the strapwork around the image and the medallions with quotes from Cicero and Seneca, which appear only in this third edition. The map is based upon Mercator'smap of 1569, Gastaldi's map of 1561 and Diego Gutierrez' portolan map of the coastlines of the Atlantic. An exceptional example, from the 1603 Latin edition of Oretlius' Theatrum Orbis Terrarum, the first modern atlas. Shirley 122, Van den Broecke 3. Tiny manuscript note in a 17th Century hand at the bottom.

Detailed Condition: