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## Tabula Africae III

**Stock#:** 9392  
**Map Maker:** Gastaldi  
**Date:** 1548  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG-  
**Size:** 6.5 x 5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

A fair example of Gastaldi's map of the Northern portion of Africa, based on Ptolemy. Shows the region from Egypt, the Red Sea, Egypt, and the source of the Nile, Red Sea, to the Gulf of Libya. Ophimachus, a winged animal, and a snake with the head of a woman are shown. Minor discoloration at the centerfold and a bit of loss. Normally a \$400.00 map. Giacomo Gastaldi is considered as the foremost Italian cartographer of the 16th century along with Paolo Forlani. From Piedmont, Gastaldi established his reputation in Venice and was cosmographer to the Republic of Venice. Gastaldi enjoyed a productive relationship with Giovanni Ramusio, Secretary of the Venice Senate, who used Gastaldi's maps for his *Navigazioni et Viaggi*. This map is from Gastaldi's edition of Ptolemy, *Ptolemeo. La Geografia...*, begun as early as 1542 and published in Venice in 1548. There is Italian text on verso.

### Detailed Condition: