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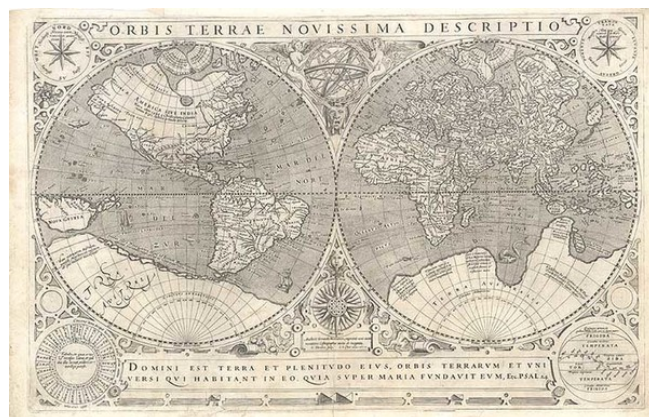
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Stock#: 0071
Map Maker: Le Clerc
Date: 1602 (1620)
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare double hemisphere map of the world. One of two maps of the world engraved by Jodocus Hondius for the Parisian publisher Jean Le Clerc in 1602. The map is most noteworthy for its identification of Tierra del Fuego as an island off the coast of South America, 15 years before its actual discovery. Hondius includes the islands of Queen Elizabeth off the tip of South America and notes that Nova Albion on the far west of coast of North America was so named by the English in 1580. A panel at the bottom contains a quote from the Psalms which was one of Hondius' favorites. The upper corners include circles showing the wind names in Italian and Dutch. The lower corners have circular diagrams showing the phases of the moon and the climatic zones. An astronomical sphere and compass rose are also included. Wonderful large unknown southern continent, narrow passage between South America and the unknown continent, excellent treatment of Japan and Southeast Asia and marvelous early cartography in the Pacific Ocean and along the NW Coast of America. Shirley notes that examples of the map bearing the original 1602 date are very rare. A few minor spots, but in all a very good example of this rare maps. One of the earliest obtainable world maps published in Paris. Shirley 233.

Detailed Condition: