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Orbis Terrarum Typus De Integro Multis In Locis Emendatus . . . D.R.M. Mathes

Stock#: 23761
Map Maker: Plancius
Date: 1590 (1620 ca)
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce double hemisphere map of the World by Petrus Plancius, engraved by Baptista Van Deutecum in Amsterdam in 1590.

As noted by Shirley, this world map is "one of [Plancius's] earliest productions," and is based upon Rumold Mercator's world map of 1587, but with corrections in South America and the inclusion of the Solomon Islands, derived from Ortelius. In addition to these changes, Plancius adds information derived from the latest Portugese information regarding the west coast of America and the west coast of Asia. The depiction of Japan as one of three large islands is also unusual.

The depiction of the Arctic is consistent with the Mercator's world map, as is the massive unknown southern continent, which includes references to Beach and other Marco Polo era names.

While at first glance, the map looks similar to Mercator's map of 1587, the two are easily distinguished from one another, including the Van Deutecum signature at the bottom of the map, the decorative flourish in the top right corner of the title and the variation in the titles (Mercator's map is entitled "*Orbis Terrarum Compendiosa Descriptio* . . ."). The map is also considerably rarer than Mercator's map. Shirley notes that "most of the maps prepared by Plancius are uncommon, if not rare, as they are not reprinted in standard atlas form."

Plancius's map first appeared in 1590, with Plancius' name in the title. Later editions appear in 1612 and 1621. The present example is Shirley's State 3, with Plancius's name replaced by "D.R.M. Mathes." It is unknown whether Mathes is a person or an abbreviation for Mathematician. Jan Van Doetecum engraved a variant edition of the map, published by Paulus Merula in 1605.

The map rarely appears in good condition and frequently appears with significant loss of image, making



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Detailed Condition:

Minor fold split in upper margin, just touching printed image.