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Stock#: 97212
Map Maker: Du Val / Hoffmann
Date: 1681
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 4.7 x 3.7 inches
Price: \$ 175.00



Description:

Pocket Map of Brazil

Rare 1681 map of Brazil done by Johann Hoffman modeled after a similar map by Pierre Du Val. The map, produced for Hoffman's pocket atlas, depicts Brazil's coast and parts of the interior.

The map features a simplified Amazon River in the top left along with other rivers, forests, and settlements like San Salvador. The coast and nearby inland regions are fairly detailed, with many different locations depicted. The subsequent map in the atlas shows the [southern coast of the continent](#) which provides a nice depiction of the South America charted by Europeans.

Above the map's cartouche is a depiction of northern Uruguay and a portion of the Guiana region. Notably, this illustration shows the mythical Lake Parima, believed to be the site of El Dorado. A popular element in maps of this era, this fictional lake underscores the map's unique qualities and reflects the European exploratory push into South America, driven by the quest for El Dorado. The myth of Lake Parima persisted until its disproval in the 19th century.

Detailed Condition:

Slight foxing above the upper neatlines. Some toning as pictured.