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(Classical Italy) Sexta Europe Tabula [Sixth Map of Europe]

Stock#: 101892
Map Maker: Ptolemy / Reger
Date: 1486
Place: Ulm, Germany
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Map of Italy Produced Outside of Italy.

This fantastic map of the Italian Peninsula was produced by Johann Reger in Ulm, Germany, in 1486, based on the work of 2nd-century cartographer Claudius Ptolemy. The map was initially issued in the same city four years earlier, in 1482, forming an integral part of the storied "Ulm Ptolemy", the first atlas produced outside of Italy.

The map covers Italy ("Italia") north into the Alps and south to the Strait of Messina, Corsica and Istria are also illustrated, as are some of the islands of the Adriatic ("Sinus Adriaticus"). In Italy itself, hundreds of towns and regions are delineated and labeled. These show the peninsula during Classical Antiquity, with regions such as Cenomanni (roughly modern-day Lombardy) and Irpini (in modern-day Campania).

The 1486 second edition is recognizable by the inclusion of the woodcut title ("Sexta Europe Tabula") at the top of the map. This title is missing in the first edition. The text settings on the verso also change between editions.

Detailed Condition:

Woodcut on 15th-century laid paper. Original hand-color retouched and augmented. Right and left margins expertly extended.