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Mappe-Monde ou Carte Generale De La Terre, Dressee Sur les Observations de Mrs. De L'Academi Royal des Sciences . . .1717

Stock#: 103341
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1717
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 9 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

With Portraits of the Great Explorers

Decorative map of the World depicting both the Western and Eastern Hemispheres.

In the west, the map shows California as an Island, the Northwest Passage, an interesting misprojection of the Great Lakes, and the Mississippi far west of its correct location. In the east, a partial Australia with New Guinea attached to it is depicted, as well as the eastern coast of New Zealand.

The map is ringed by nine medallion portraits of famous explorers, including Dampier, Magellan, Drake, Columbus, Vespucci, Marco Polo, Schouten, La Salle and Tachard.

Nicholas de Fer (1646-1720) was the youngest son of Parisian print and map seller, Antoine de Fer [d.1673]. He became an official geographer to both French and Spanish kings. Nicholas de Fer was one of the most prolific and influential French geographers and cartographers of the late 17th and early 18th Century.

Detailed Condition:

Engraving on 18th-century laid paper. Original hand-coloring. Minor loss to plate mark on lefthand side, as shown.