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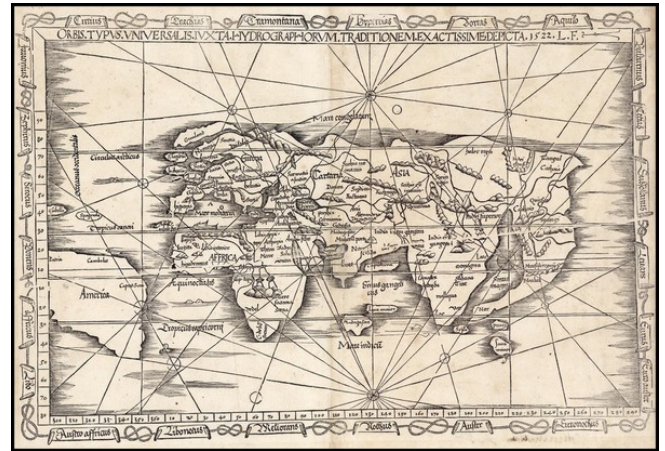
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Orbis Typus Universalis Iuxta Hydrographorum Traditionem Exactissime Depicta. 1522. L.F.

Stock#: 17275
Map Maker: Fries
Date: 1522 (1525)
Place: Strassburg
Color: Uncolored
Condition:
Size: 18 x 11.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the earliest obtainable map of the World to include the name *America*.

While the majority of Fries maps were derived from Waldseemüller's 1513 edition of Ptolemy's *Geographia* this world map is prepared from different contemporary sources and is uniquely the work of Laurent Fries (bearing his initials L.F.) and prepared specially for his 1522 *Geographia*. The map incorporates directional lines crossing the map and an unusual frame of banners which include the names of the winds, each looped with a coil of rope. England and Scotland are shown as separate islands. India is now a double peninsula. South America appears on the map, although largely based upon guesswork, as Magellan would not return to Europe from his circumnavigation until September 1522, several months after this map was first published. This example is from either a late 1522 or 1525 edition of Fries atlas. The telltale plate crack present in most examples of the map is visible, but the rhumb lines and other features on either side of the crack are still well aligned, unlike the 1535 and 1541 editions. The plate strike is also very crisp by comparison to the later editions.

The map is highly sought after, being the first realistically obtainable map of the world to name America and in general a remarkable reflection of the ambiguities of the age of discovery.

Detailed Condition: