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Die Neuwen Inseln / So hinder Hispanien gegen Orient ven dem land indie ligen [America]

Stock#: 17373
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1550
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The earliest obtainable map of America.

Munster's map of America is the earliest map to show all of North and South America in a true continental form. The first edition of the map appeared in Munster's *Geographia*, first published in 1540. It was the map's inclusion in the 1544 edition of Munster's *Cosmographia* that forever caused America to be the name of the New World, perpetuating Waldseemuller's choice of names in a popular and widely disseminated work.

The map includes a host of firsts, too many to include in this description. Early appearance of the Straits of Magellan, along with his ship *Victoria* in the Pacific. First appearance of *Mare Pacificum* (Pacific Ocean) on a map. Earliest appearance of Japan on a map, predating European contact and based solely legends, such as Marco Polo. The Yucatan Peninsula is shown as an Island. Lake Temistan empties into the Caribbean. The mis-information provided by Verazanno along the east coast of North America, including the narrow channel of land separating the Atlantic and a western ocean with direct access to Asia is shown. The map depicts cannibals in South America and names Florida. In all, a nice example of the map from the 1550 German edition of Munster's map of America. A seminal map for American Collectors.

Detailed Condition: