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Arabia [no text on verso]

Stock#: 23397
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1661
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine old color example of Johannes Blaeu's map of Arabia, which appeared only in the last 5 editions of Blaeu's *Atlas Maior*, between 1661 and 1672. The present example is a rare later issuance of the map, with no text on the verso, which was issued in a Gerard Van Keulen composite atlas published circa 1706.

Blaeu's map is one of the first maps to show internal features of the Arabian Peninsula. Mountains are depicted, oases denoted by trees, and points used to indicate pearl deposits in the Arabian Gulf. The map uses dotted lines to show international borders. The Red Sea is denoted by three Latin names: Mare Rubrum (Red Sea), Mare Mecca (Sea of Mecca), and Sinus Arabicus (Gulf of Arabia). A large pictorial cartouche depicting figures and camels and ships.

A fine example of this rare map, in an unusual variant edition, without text.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Double Thick Paper. Some marginal soiling, but not affecting printed image.