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Helvetia Prima Rheni et VIII Nova Tabula [Switzerland]

Stock#: 23414
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1545
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Excellent modern map of Switerland and the Alps, with north oriented to the right. We offer here the distinctive 1545 edition, the first to include the revised title (the earlier title was *Helvetia Prima Rheni et V Nova Tabula* and was shortly thereafter changed to *Helvetia Prima et VIII Nova Tabula*).

One of the earliest obtainable maps of Switzerland. The map is unchanged from the 1540 edition. Munster's *Geographia* was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century.

Munster is generally regarded as one of the most important map makers of the 16th Century. Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for the issuance of his *Geographia* in 1540.

Detailed Condition: