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[Cartes du Monde.]

Stock#: 53080
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1697 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size:
Price: SOLD



Description:

With Prototype Maps for North America.

No title-page, manuscript index, and 129 maps (of 124 called for in manuscript index), 124 in original outline color.

Folio, period calf, gilt-stamped spine with raised bands, red morocco spine label. (Rubbed, some wear and loss at corners, slight splits at joints, a little loss to head and foot of spine, but binding quite sound.)

A French composite world atlas probably published by Pierre Moullart Sanson (d.1730), who took over the Sanson firm from his uncle, Guillaume Sanson, in 1692. Most of the maps have the imprint of Guillaume, or his father Nicholas Sanson, considered by many to be the founder of the French school of cartography. First published in 1658, Nicolas Sanson's *Cartes Generales de toutes les parties du Monde*, of which this atlas is an untitled variant, was the first folio French world atlas.

The index calls for 124 maps, but there are an additional five maps and charts, dated 1689-97, by Nicolas De Fer, C. Roussel, and Pierre Du Val that relate to the Nine Years War (1688-97) The remaining maps include three hemispheric world maps, a double-hemisphere of the polar regions, a celestial chart in full color, and five maps of the continents.

American Content

Thirteen maps relate to America. These include G. Sanson's 1690 map of North America; N. Sanson's *Le Canada*, 1656; and N. Sanson's *Le Nouveau Mexique et la Floride*, 1656.



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The last two are foundation maps for the regional mapping of North America. *Le Canada* "would not be superseded" until the 18th century (Burden), and *Nouveau Mexique et Floride* introduced the standard form for depicting California as an island (the Sanson model).

Detailed Condition:

A few maps creased, otherwise very clean and crisp.