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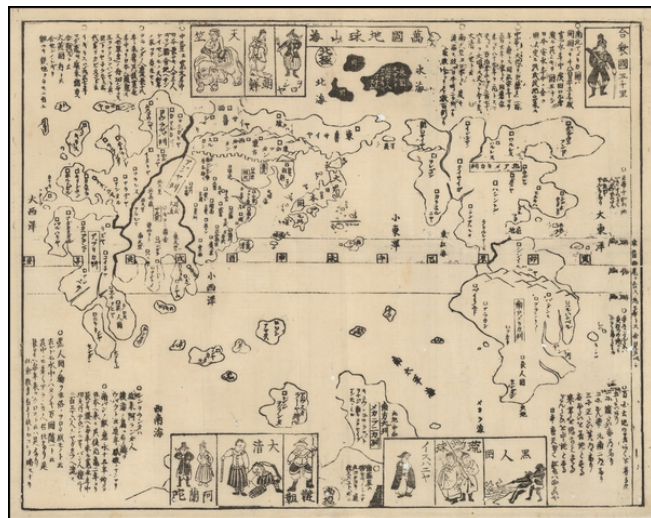
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[Map of the World] [Bankoku chikyu sankai]

Stock#: 55551
Map Maker: Anonymous Kwaraban
Date: 1855 circa
Place: Japan
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 14.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Popular Geographic Knowledge in Mid-19th-Century Japan.

Woodcut kwaraban world map, published in Japan shortly after Commodore Perry opened the nation to American trade.

Six figures are inset along the upper and lower edges and include images of an American, Russian, Korean, an Indian riding an elephant and an African.

The map owes more to the tradition of Buddhist map making than to modern science with its imaginative placing, representation and naming of countries. Australia, for example, is shown as "Southern Great Continent [Nanpo Taishu]. Magellanica [Mekaranika-shu].

Detailed Condition: