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Meerwunder und Seltzame Thier/Wie Die In Den Mitnacßtigen Landern Gefunden Werden [Munster's Famous Chart of Sea Monsters]

Stock#: 58293
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1570 circa
Place: Basel
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Most Famous 16th Century Charts of Mythical Sea Monsters

Munster's plate of monsters of both land and sea, is taken from Olaus Magnus' "Carta Marina" of 1539.

The chart includes monsters with abundant tusks, horns, and twin-spouts. One vignette shows a galleon trying to out run one monster by throwing their cargo overboard, while one sailor takes sight with a musket.

Abraham Ortelius also adapted many of the monsters from Magnus and Munster, for use on his map of Iceland in 1587.

One of the most sought-after of all 16th Century curiosities.

Detailed Condition: