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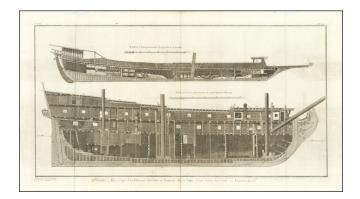
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Marine, Fig. 1 Coupe d'un Vaisseau dans toute sa longeuer. Fig. 2. Coupe d'une Galere dans toute sa longueur [Navy: Figure 1. Cross-section of a vessel in all her length; Figure 2. Cross-section of a galley in all her length]

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Map Maker:	Diderot / Bellin

Date:1772Place:ParisColor:UncoloredCondition:VG+Size:24.5 x 13 inches

Price: \$ 275.00



Description:

Interesting original 18th-century engraving showing the cross-section of the decks of two sailing ships.

The upper ship is a galley, a lower, flatter ship that could be propelled by oars and was favored by certain navies in near-coastal warfare. The lower image is that of an enormous ship of the line, more favored in open waters at the time.

Galleys had previously seen their hey-day on the Mediterranean, having predominated since Roman times until the 16th century. They were replaced by sailing vessels which could carry larger complements of guns in open waters.

The engraving appeared in Diderot's monumental *Encyclopedie*. The engraving is based on an earlier depiction by Nicholas Bellin, the primary cartographer for the French Navy.

Detailed Condition:

Two small areas of loss in upper margin, away from image. Vertical fold lines.