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## Introduction à la géographie Avec une Description Historique Sur toutes les parties de la terres... Seconde Edition.

**Stock#:** 90474  
**Map Maker:** de Fer  
**Date:** 1717  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 5 x 7.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,800.00



### Description:

#### *Alternate Name for the Mississippi!*

Interesting geographical text and set of maps used to teach geography in France at the start of the 18th century.

This is the second edition of de Fer's work, which was first published in 1716. It lays out the principles of geographic instruction, covering the use of globes and celestial tools. It then covers the peoples, mountain ranges, waterways, cities, and climates of the world.

The map of the Americas includes an alternate name for the Mississippi, presenting it as the Colbert River. This reflects one of the earliest names that the river was given when it was initially named after the economic advisor to Louis XIV.

### Maps

De Fer included the following maps and folding engravings in the work:

- *Mappe-Monde ou Carte Generale de la Terre*
  - This double-hemisphere world map includes California as an island, an outline of Western Australia, and a mysterious South Pacific landmass. Below the map are portraits of engravers including Dampierre, Magellan, Drake, Columbus, Vespucci, Marco Polo, and Schouten.
- *La Sphere Artificielle*
  - This engraving presents a celestial globe, a terrestrial globe, and an armillary sphere, along with instructions for use.



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- L'Europe Suivant els Nouvelles Observations
- L'Asie Suivant les Nouvelles Decouvertes
- L'Afrique Dressee Selon les Derniers Relat.
- L'Amerique Meridionale et Septentrionale
  - The map of the Americas includes California as an island, the mythical mines of Quivira in the American Southwest, the location of Santa Fe in the southwest, and an alternate name for the Mississippi, the Colbert River

The maps are particularly interesting for their slightly retrograde design. The map of North America, in particular, includes a rugged coastline throughout, with many capes, bays, and islands which was not usually favored by French cartographers.

#### **Collation**

[Title]; [Folding]; 1-6; [Folding]; 7-22; [Folding]; 23-60; [Folding]; 61-102; [Folding]; 103-148; [Folding]; 149-197; [9].

#### **Detailed Condition:**

Octavo. Speckled calf. Spine raised in six compartments with gilt floral designs and red morocco pastedowns. Six folding maps. Wear to hinges and slight bumping.