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### Mappe-Monde ou Carte Generale du Globe Terrestre Representee en deux Plan-Hemispheres, Revue et changee en plusieurs Suivant les Relations les plus recentes . . .

**Stock#:** 93690

**Map Maker:** Sanson

**Date:** 1683

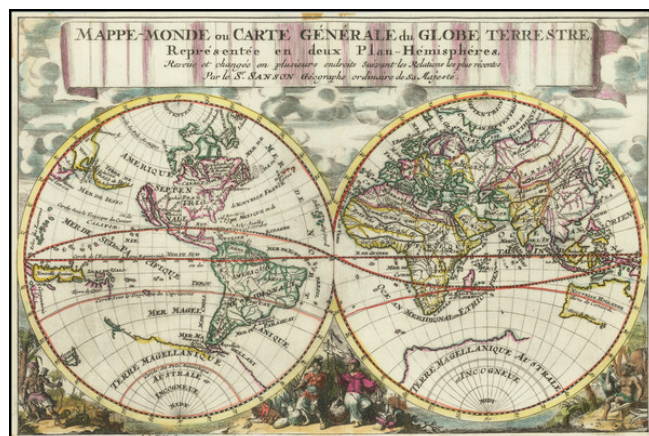
**Place:** Paris

**Color:** Hand Colored

**Condition:** VG

**Size:** 12 x 8 inches

**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

A pinnacle of 17th century cartography, this meticulously crafted double hemisphere map of the world is attributed to Nicolas Sanson, the renowned French cartographer known as the 'father of French cartography'.

The map encapsulates the geographical misconceptions of the era, perhaps most notably with California portrayed as an island, a belief that was widely perpetuated during the 17th and 18th centuries. A vast, uncharted Northwest Coast of America extends into the unknown, and the intriguing, oversized landmass known as Terre de Ieso can be seen adjacent to the northeastern part of Asia.

Sanson's rendition of the Great Lakes offers another point of historical interest, as they are all depicted open to the west, reflecting the incomplete geographical knowledge of the era.

The southern hemisphere is equally intriguing. Australia and New Zealand are shown only partially explored with fragmentary coastlines, highlighting the early stages of European exploration in the South Pacific region, based upon the explorations of Abel Tasman. Furthermore, the map leaves open the possibility of a massive, yet undiscovered, southern continent, a concept that was later debunked.

Sanson's double hemisphere map of the world is a captivating artifact from the age of exploration, providing a rich narrative of the global understanding of geography in the 17th century.

#### Detailed Condition:

Drawer Ref: Small Maps -  
World

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