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**(Miniature Atlas) [Composite geographical almanac in embroidered silk binding]
Géographie moderne [caption title].**

Stock#: 94101
Map Maker: Anonymous / Brion de la Tour
Date: 1788 - 1790
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 2.5 x 3.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Miniature French Composite Atlas

Elaborate 18th-century Embroidered Silk Binding

A luxuriously bound French pocket atlas. The engraved title, which was likely supplied at the time of binding, is from a work concerned with love songs: *Le Trottoir du Permesse, ou Le Rimeur Fantastique*. The text pages relate geography. With 2 foldout engraved mapsheets at front and back containing 7 different maps total:

Folding sheets:

- Mappemonde par M. Brion de la Tour [on verso:] Europe and France.
- Asia and Africa [on verso:] North America and South America.

The tiny map of North America, which measures about 3 x 3 inches square, labels Florida rather prominently, with the British Colonies named *Colonies Ang.* On the Pacific coast, San Francisco is called P. de Drake. Elsewhere N. Albion, Nouveau Mexique, Santa Fe, Louisiane, New Orleans, and Arkansas are



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Provenance: Carlo de Poortere, with his bookplate.

Detailed Condition:

48mo. Quadragesimo-octavo. Contemporary ivory silk over pasteboards, both covers embroidered with a frame of couched green thread enclosing repeated small purl bows or leaf motifs, at center an oval cartouche composed of a band of silver metallic thread edged in green silk thread, enclosing two birds nuzzling on a triple bow, each loop composed of bronze-colored purl filled with silver metallic purl, tied with a ribbon of pink silk embroidered thread and small sequins, the covers edged with needle-looped metallic lace, backstrap with zig-zag pattern of purl (lacking a few pieces), yellow silk liners, free endpapers of copper-glazed paper. Red leather bookplate of Carlo de Poortere. Lower corner of fol. B1 torn away (about 10% loss to leaf). A beautiful binding in very nice condition.