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(First state!) [Switzerland] Helvetia Prima et VIII Nova Tabula

Stock#: 94643
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1540
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Obtainable Modern Maps of Switzerland

Excellent modern map of Switzerland and the Alps, with north oriented to the right.

One of the earliest obtainable maps of Switzerland. The map appeared in the 1540 edition of Munster's *Geographia*. The work was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century.

Munster is generally regarded as one of the most important map makers of the 16th Century. Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for the issuance of his *Geographia* in 1540.

Detailed Condition: