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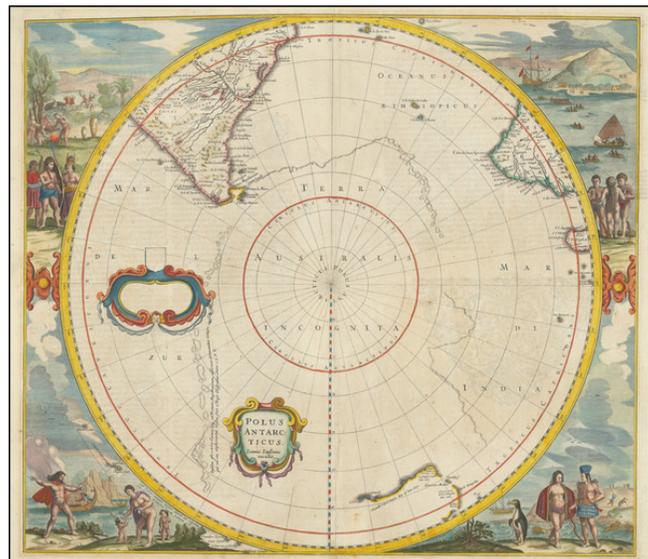
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Polus Antarcticus Joannes Janssonius excudit.

Stock#: 95152
Map Maker: Jansson
Date: 1644 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: \$ 2,400.00



Description:

Second state of Hondius' decorative map of the South Polar region, predating the first appearance of New Zealand and Van Diemen's Land, from the 1644/45 German edition of Jansson's *Novus Atlas*.

The map shows all but two of the known Dutch discoveries up to 1627, including those of Pieter Nuyts, Frederick de Houtman, Dirk Hartog, and Jan Fransz's *Leeuwin* south of the 20th parallel south. Omitted are the voyages of Jansz and Roossengin in 1605-06 and Cartensz and van Colster in 1623. Gerritt Frederikszoon de Witt's explorations in 1628 are also absent. Saint Helena, the Disappointment Islands, and Le Maire's discovery of the Tongan archipelago, all above the 20th parallel, are shown outside the circular perimeter. The supposed coastline of the unknown southern continent appears as a splintered, hachured line, nearly touching Tierra del Fuego. Includes notes regarding the affirmation of the discovery of islands by Magellan and Hernando Gallego. Vignettes filling the four corners purportedly depict various native scenes spanning the region.

A gorgeous full-color example of this early South Polar map, which is a veritable textbook of mythical and conjectural cartography, blended with early Dutch discoveries in the region.

Detailed Condition:

German text on verso, with title "Der Polus Antarctius gegen Mittag/..." and signature "SSS". Repair at top margin. Minor foxing.