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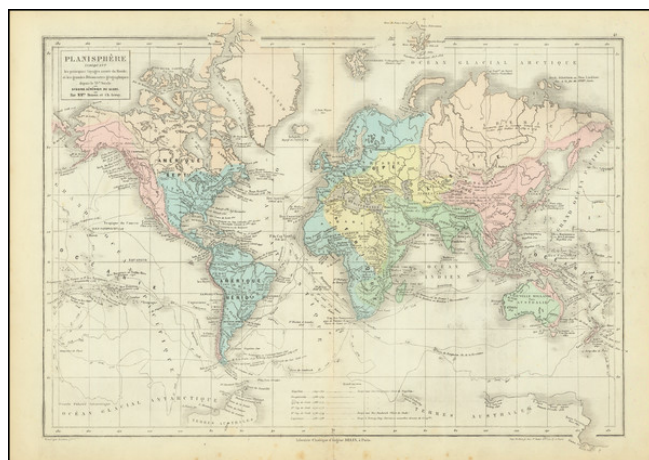
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Planisphere Indiquant les principaux Voyages autour du Monde et les grandes Decouvertes geographiques depuis le XVe Siecle

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Map Maker: Drioux et Leroy
Date: 1868 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 16.5 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Celebrating The Great Explorers, Real and Imagined

Fascinating map of the World on Mercator's Projection, filled with the routes of some of the great explorations in history, some real, some imaginary.

This map, rendered on Mercator's Projection, is a remarkable historical document that chronicles the epic voyages of exploration that have expanded humanity's geographical knowledge. The map meticulously traces the routes of pivotal explorers such as Magellan, Bougainville, Cook through his three expeditions, and La Perouse, illustrating their immense contributions to the cartographic and cultural understanding of the globe.

Magellan's circumnavigation, the first of its kind, is depicted, revealing the challenging route that led to the realization of the world's vastness and diversity. Bougainville's journey, which further opened the Pacific, and Cook's extensive voyages, which mapped the uncharted waters of the Southern Hemisphere and the Pacific Northwest, are presented in detail. La Perouse's expedition, which ended tragically, is nonetheless immortalized for its attempt to fill the remaining gaps in Pacific exploration.

The map goes beyond these famed journeys to encompass the discoveries of many other explorers. It marks the ancient Norse voyages to Iceland by Ingolf and Naddod in 874 and to North America by Biorn in 986. The Zeno Brothers' explorations in 1390, predating the more widely recognized voyages of Columbus and Cabot, whose 1497 expedition is also noted, are depicted. The routes of Verazzani's exploration along the North American coast in 1525, Raleigh's ventures to the New World in 1584, Ribault's journey in 1562,



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Ponce de Leon's exploration of Florida in 1512, and Drake's 1572 expedition, which contributed to the extensive map of the Americas, are meticulously documented.

Furthermore, the map acknowledges the expedition of Lewis and Clark across North America in 1806, Behring's exploration of the straits that would bear his name in 1728, and it does not omit the lesser-known but significant ventures into the harsh realms of Antarctica and the elusive Northwest Passage. This map serves as a tribute to the enduring human spirit of discovery, encapsulating centuries of exploratory ambition.

In this map, each line and notation represent more than just a path across the ocean; they signify the collective enterprise of explorers who ventured into the unknown. These voyages collectively contributed to the world's historical and geographical understanding, sometimes at great cost, and this map stands as a comprehensive record of their enduring legacies. It is a cartographic masterpiece that not only serves as a navigational aid but also as a profound testament to the history of exploration.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing.