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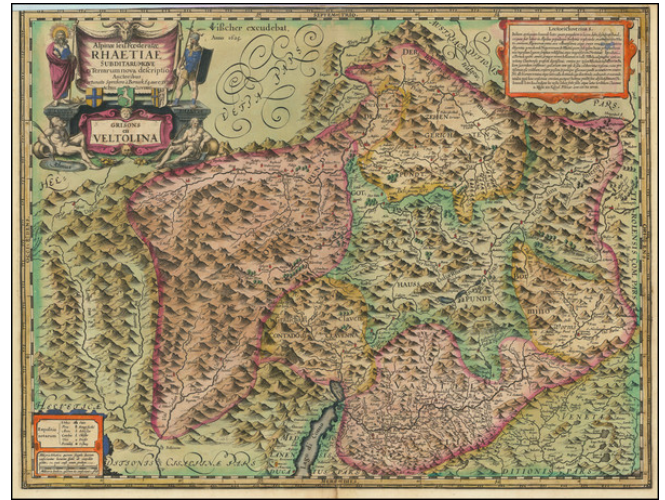
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**[Switzerland] Alpinae seu Foederatae Rhaetiae Subditarumque ei Terrarum nova
descriptio... Girsons en Veltolina**

Stock#: 99117
Map Maker: Visscher
Date: 1625
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Rhaetia-map -- The First Modern Map of the Canton of Graubuden.

Fantastic old color example of this Claesz Janzoon Visscher edition of the first modern map of the Canton of Graubuden, originally published by Fortunat Sprecher von Berneck (1585-1647) and Philipp Cluverius (1580-1623).

The map was originally published by Sprecher von Berneck and Philipp Cluverius in 1618. In 1621, the map was re-issued by Nicholaes Van Geelkercken, with the poem below the title cartouche replaced by a new title "Karte vande Girsons ende Veltolina."

The final edition of the map, re-issued in 1625 by CJ Visscher, includes a revised title and the date of 1625. The two decorative elements in the lower left have been replaced with a scale of miles and additional cartographic details. Visscher has also includes additional details, most notably around Lago di Como.

The Sprecher von Berneck-Cluverius map would later be copied by a number of mapmakers, including Hondius, Blaeu and Jansson.

Rarity

The map is very rare on the market. This is the first example we have ever seen.



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Detailed Condition:

Original hand color. Trimmed at top, with minor loss of neatline at the far left.