



The World and Continents from Cloppenburg's 'Atlas Minor'

CLOPPENBURG, Johannes.

Typus Orbis Terrarum; America noviter delineata; Asia; Nova Europae Descriptio; Africæ nova Tabula.

Amsterdam, 1632, Latin text edition. Coloured. Five plates, Each c.190 x 260mm.

£3,750

A fine set of these scarce miniature maps of the world and four continents from Cloppenburg's edition of Mercator's 'Atlas Minor', which was slightly larger in format than other Dutch pocket atlases of the period. These plates are unsigned, but they were probably engraved by Pieter van der Keere, whose name appears on many other plates in the atlas. The world map is of particular importance. In the bottom right is a partial coastline marked 'T'lant van Eendracht', which records the landing of Dirk Hartog in Shark's Bay in 1616, making this the first appearance of Australia on an atlas map. It also has highly decorative borders, with the Four Elements represented by a cornucopia, bird of paradise, salamander and a sea monster in the corners. In the upper cusp are two scenes from the Garden of Eden, with Adam and Eve with the Serpent on the Tree of Life, and their expulsion from the garden. In the lower cusp is the Last Judgement. First published in 1630, there was a third edition in 1636 before a hiatus until an edition in 1673, suggesting the plates were suppressed.

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