



A double hemisphere world map with California as an island

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 Typus Orbis Terrarum.

Frankfurt c.1641. Coloured. 175 x 255mm.

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A finely coloured map of the world, showing the 'islands' of California and Korea, an indistinct Cape Horn and a Great Southern Continent. Under the map are representations of the Four Seasons, with a salamander for fire, eagle for air, flowers for earth and a pair of unrealistic dolphins for water. In the top corners are depictions of the sun with a human face and a crescent moon. The map is from Merian's edition of Tommaso Garzoni's 'La piazza universale di tutte le professioni del mondo', a work first published in Venice in 1585. Usually the map has 'pag. 369' top right; here it is only just visible.

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