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Mappa Maris Mediterranei Fluxus currentes et Naturam Motionum explicans [Map of the flow and motion of the Mediterranean Sea explaining its currents and nature.]

Stock#: 90931
Map Maker: Kircher
Date: 1665
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 13.5 inches
Price: \$ 575.00



Description:

Fascinating hydrographic map of the currents of the Mediterranean and Black Seas, from an early edition of Kircher's *Mundus Subterraneus*. This map appeared on page 152 of Book I, with "Derpano" on the coast of Sicily, later corrected to "Drepana", when the map appears on page 163.

Kircher was a proponent of the "reversed hydrologic cycle" and subterranean circulation. Oceans were thought to feed mountain springs by subterranean rivers, through which the water was desalinized and met through seabed whirlpools; precipitation was not considered a principal force. Similarly, the fiery core of the earth was thought to channel up through volcanoes. Kircher believed these systems as working in parallel to those of the human body for bodily heat and blood flow.

Detailed Condition:

Some foxing, most prominent at top and bottom extremities of centerfold.