



Nova et integra universi Orbis descriptio, by Willem Nicholai, 1603

Complete set of gores on two sheets by Nicolai. Copperplate engravings, each sheet ca 26 x 25.5 cm. An extremely rare and important set of gores for a terrestrial globe, important for the early exploration and mapping of the world. This is the second example known. The other copy is in the Leiden University Library. The set is complete and consists of 12 engraved gores on two sheets, 6 gores to each sheet, numbered 1-6 and 7-12, each sheet 260 x 255 mm. The gores are intended for a terrestrial globe with a diameter of 165 mm (6½ inches). The title cartouche is in gore 11, east of North America. The impression with place, author and date is in a cartouche on gore 12, east of South America. Willem Nicolai's engraving is similar to a set of undated gores by Joannes Oterschaden (#423), but it is not known how they are related.



Silver Terrestrial Globe by Johannes Oterschaden (fl. 1580-1603), 2.5 inches diameter



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