

Herman Moll's Atlas. *The World* described, or a new and correct set of maps, showing the several empires, kingdoms, republics, principalities, etc., in all the known parts of the earth, wherein the errors of the ancient geographers are corrected according to the latest observations of travellers, as communicated to the *Royal Society of London*, and the *Royal Academy of Paris*. EACH MAP is engraved on copper by HERMAN MOLL, geographer, and printed on two sheets of elephant paper, whereby the scale being large, admits of showing the cities and chief towns in the most distinct manner. To render these maps the more acceptable several of them are ornamented with remarkable prospects, plans, etc. *This rare and picturesque old volume was formerly adorned with heavy brass clasps, portions of which still remain, title and Western Hemisphere missing and some of the maps bear the imprint of age, but on the whole, and the American portion in particular, is in fair condition.* Tall folio, half rough calf. 16.50. Circa, 1715-20.

Short Collation of the American Portion. 1. A new and correct map of the WHOLE WORLD, shewing ye situation of its principal parts, viz: —The Oceans, Kingdoms, Rivers, Capes, Ports, Mountains, Woods, Trade Winds, Monsoons, Variation of ye compass, Climat s, etc., with the most remarkable tracks of the bold attempts which have been made to find out the NORTH EAST and NORTH WEST Passages, with inset of CHART, shewing ye degrees of the variation of ye compass as they were observed in ye year 1700, in ye ATLANTICK and INDIAN OCEAN; and you will see in ye map ye variations of ye compass markt over ye GREAT SOUTH SEA, as they were found in 1709-10, also inset of THE NORTH POLE. The letter "A" in this draught is the place which all adventurers aimed to come at, in order to make ye N. WEST PASSAGE, and CALIFORNIA, to ye SOUTH SEA. etc., and "B" is that for ye North-East passage, Iapon to the East Indies, etc. 28x48in. [Title by Kirkall, Tracks of Hudson and James, going out and returning.] 2. North America, dedicated to Lord Sommers, with insets of ten harbour plans (including Boston, New York and Charlestown) 23 x 38 in. [Title by Vertue, engraving of the manner of the New-found-land codfish industry; tracts of Hudson, James and the Galleons; several places are named as newly by the French in 1712]. 3. New and Exact Map of the DOMINIONS of the King of Great Britain on ye Continent of North America, containing Newfoundland, New Scotland, New England, New York, New Jersey, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia and Carolina, with insets of South Carolina, Louisiana, plans of Charles-Town and small key-map; 24 x 41 in. [Title with Douglas arms, dedication dated 1715, fine views of "ye CATARACT of NIAGARA, some make this waterfall to be half a leagu' while others reckon on it no more than a hundred fathoms." "ye Industry of Beavers," account of the continental posts and the fishing rights, the Iroquois, fortifications of Charles-Town, etc.] 4. The North Parts of America CLAIMED by FRANCE, with insets of Mouth of Mississippi and Harbour of Annapolis Royal: 40 x 25 in. [Title with Bromsall Arms, and very quaint note by Moll, dated 1720, capital engraving of the Indian Fort of Sasquesabanok (Penna.) Really a map of North America, on a French basis, shewing the English colonies crowded to the sea, the French touching the Atlantic in S.C. and Georgia. Most valuable as an illustration of French N.A. at its greatest extent]. 5. New Map of the WEST INDIES or the Islands of America in the North Sea, insets of four harbours; 40 x 23 in. [Title with view of shipping the treasure; map devoted chiefly to the proceedings of the Spanish "Gallions and Flota." 6. SOUTH AMERICA; 38 x 23 in. [Dedicated to Earl of Sunderland, engraving by Vertue, view of Potosi. Attack on rival maps, about 200 words.] 7. The Coasts, Countries, and Islands within ye limits of ye SOUTH SEA COMPANY four coppers, together, 19 x 26 in. The detached plates are Chiloe, Guaiquil and Baldivia, insets on large plates of Magellan, Pepys Island, Juan Fernando, Acapulco and others. [Arms of Earl of Oxford and Moll's dedication, tracks of Marlborough and Dampier.]

This is by far the finest series of Moll's maps, and no collection of early and rare American books can be complete without them, the above being of the largest size, each map being coloured and nearly six feet square.