



18th Century Engraving By Seba: Snakes



120 EUR

Signature : SEBA ALBERTUS (1665-1736)

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper

Width : 325 mm

Height : 510 mm

Description

Plate from the work published between 1734-1765: *Locupletissimi rerum naturalium thesauri accurata descriptio et iconibus artificiosissimis expressis per universam physices historiam, opus... ex toto terrarum orbe collegit, digessit, descripsit et depingendum curavit Albertus Seba...*

Albertus Seba is a Dutch zoologist and pharmacist, famous for his cabinet of curiosities. The income from his pharmacy gave him a solid fortune, which he devoted to natural history, purchasing specimens from the New World and distant lands. He sold his first collection to Tsar Peter I the Great in 1717 (which constituted the embryo of the future museum of Saint Petersburg). The Seba Thesaurus is a splendid

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publication, on the border between art and science. The animals are depicted in artistic poses and the shells form decorative patterns. These prints represent a pinnacle in the art of naturalistic illustration. They will often be used by other authors after him, notably Linnaeus.

Some scattered foxing in the borders, slight yellowing on the right along the copper mark.

Copper width: 285.00

Copper height: 430.00

Sheet width: 325.00

Sheet height: 510.00