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## 18th Century Engraving Of Corals From The Locupletissimi Rerum Naturalium Thesaurus After Alber

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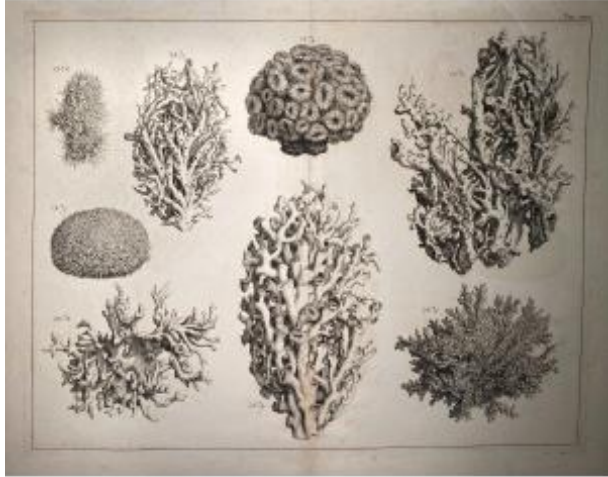
Signature : SEBA ALBERTUS (1665-1736)

Period : 18th century

Condition : Grande planche avec de bonnes marges, pli usuel  
médian

Width : 640 mm

Height : 490 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 provided him  
with a solid fortune, which he devoted to natural  
history, buying 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 in Saint  
Petersburg). Seba's *Thesaurus* is a splendid  
publication, on the border between art and

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science. The animals are figured 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.

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