



An 18th century world map with 'Terrestrial' and 'Maritime' hemispheres

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 Nouvelle Mappede Monde dediee au progres de nos connoissances.

Venice: M. Remondini, 1784. Coloured. 490 x 680mm.

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A double-hemisphere world map, taken from an unusual angle: Paris is at the centre of the right sphere, so that Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and most of South America appear together: the left sphere contains Patagonia, Australia and the East Indian Islands. Thus Santini could name the two halves 'Hemisphere Maritime' and 'Hemisphere Terrestre'. Australia and New Zealand are only shown partially (despite captain Cook's discoveries the previous decade); the erroneous 'Mer de L'Ouest' appears in northwest America, with a large 'I. Nouvelle' just south of the Bering Straits; and Jesso is part of mainland Asia. Brothers Francesco and Paulo Santini were the editor and engraver respectively of their 'Atlas Universel', first issued in 1776, before selling the plates to Remondini in 1781.

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