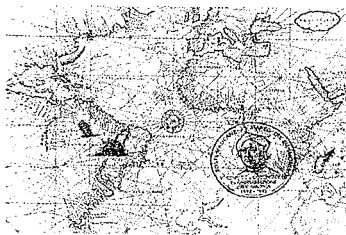


THE NAUTICAL CHART OF BATTISTA AGNESE OF 1542



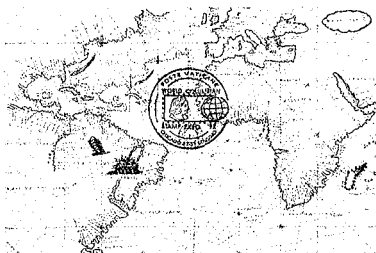
(A study on stamps and cancellations using the same post-card).

This map of the Old and New Worlds is found in the Vatican Apostolic Library. It is actually a nautical chart made by Battista Agnese in 1542.

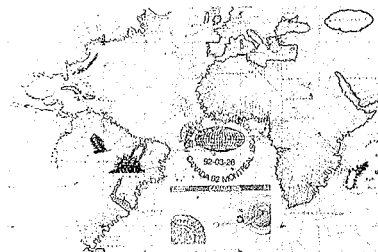
A post-card showing a reproduction of this map was produced on March 24, 1992 by the "Ufficio Filatelico e Numismatico Governatorato"

Vatican, (size 16x10,5 cm.). This post-card was used to realize the following Maximum Cards:

1) The Vatican, on the occasion of the 500 anniversary of the discovery and evangelization of America, issued on March 24, 1992 a Souvenir Sheet (plus a set of 5 stamps). The Souvenir Sheet shows exactly the same map of B. Agnese. The Maximum Card uses the 1.500 Lire stamp (and the remaining of the Souv. Sheet on the reverse side).



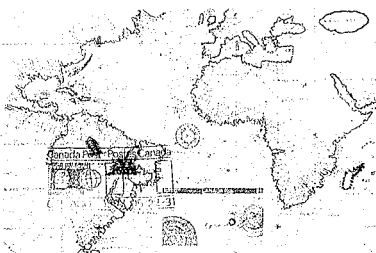
The cancellation is on the first day of issue (March 24, 1992), and shows a portrait of Christopher Columbus. This portrait (of the cancellation) is attributed to Ridolfo Ghirlandaio 1483-1561 (son of Domenico); and is found in the "Museo Navale di Pegli-Genova".

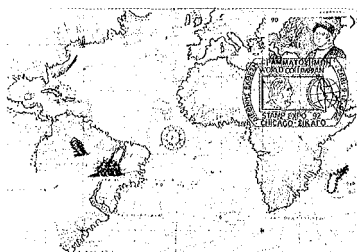


2) The 2nd Maximum Card is identical to the first, as far as the post-card and the stamp of the Souvenir Sheet is concerned. The difference is in the cancellation, which is for the World Columbian Stamp Expo '92, of May 22-31, 1992 in Chicago. The cancellation shows the official emblem of the Expo, that is a portrait of Columbus, known as the "Barber

Head" after its designer, the chief engraver of the U.S. mint. This same portrait first appeared on a half dollar gold coin minted in 1893 for the Columbian Exposition; and also on the \$ 5 U.S. stamp of 1893 and on similar issues by the U.S., Italy, Portugal and Spain on May 22, 1992. The cancellation also shows a globe (with the lines of prime meridian, equator and tropics).

3) The 3rd Maximum Card shows a 84 c. Canadian stamp issued on March 25, 1992 during the XI International Youth Stamp Exhibition, in Montreal. The stamp is entitled "ENCOUNTER" (La Rencontre), and is dedicated to the 500 anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus. The stamp depicts a map of the Old and New Worlds and draws also upon the meeting of Europeans





(represented by an astrolabe of the navigators) and the Amerindians (represented by an Aztec calendar).

The special cancellation of March 26, 1992 (not a first day) shows a modern map of the Old and New Worlds, in Homolographic (equal area) projection.

4) The 4th Maximum Card is identical to the above Canadian M.C., except for the cancellation, which is for the World Columbian Stamp Expo '92 in Chicago. The cancellation of May 22-31, 1992 shows a portrait of Columbus known as the "Barber Head", also shows a globe, plus the Canadian flag with the Maple leaf.

5) The 5th Maximum Card shows a 90 drachmae Greek stamp. The stamp depicts a map of the Old and New Worlds, the Santa Maria, and a portrait of Columbus by Ridolfo Ghirlandaio. The cancellation is again for the Expo '92 of May 22-31, 1992 in Chicago, depicting the official EXPO emblem, that is the Columbus portrait known as the "Barber Head" and a globe.

One final note, the (identical) post-card for the Greek Maximum Card was produced by Tsakos/Benos of Athens and is slightly smaller in size (15x10,5 cm.). Other Maximum Card, using the same post-card could possibly exist. Maximum Cards n. 2, 3, and 4 were realized by the author.

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