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THE CONSTELLATIONS IN FRENCH

Globe céleste. calculé sur les Observations les plus nouvelles pour l'An 1700.

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Physical description
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Dimensions
Diameter: 150mm (5.5 inches).

Notes
Biography
Jean Baptiste Delure (c1660-1736) was an editor and publisher of prints and maps, as well as an engineer of mathematical and scientific instruments. He also manufactured globes, but only two are

recorded: the present celestial globe, and a terrestrial one of the same dimensions, produced in the same year. These were presumably designed as a pair.

Astronomy
Delure presents the cartography in French. The equator and ecliptic are both graduated and labelled. The constellations are depicted as mythical beasts and creatures. Below “L’hydre femelle” appears a magnitude table labelled “Grandeur et Figure des Etoilles”. The globe depicts 48 Ptolemaic constellations, as well as several non-Ptolemaic constellations.

Bibliography
Dekker and van der Krogt fig. 39; ‘Jean-Baptiste Delure’ (Bibliotheque Nationale, 2019).

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