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[Hand Drawn by Hastings Crossley] Atlas of Modern Geography (Inscribed to Miss Frances Irwin From Hastings Crossley)

Stock#: 101470
Map Maker: Crossley
Date: 1858
Place: Bonn
Color: Pen & Ink with Wash Color
Condition: VG
Size: 5.5 x 7.75 inches
Price: \$ 2,400.00



Description:

School Boy Atlas Drawn by An Interesting Irish Classics Scholar

Unusual school boy atlas, drawn by noted Irish classics scholar Hastings Crossley as a 12 year old student in Bonn, March - May [18]58 (and gifted to Miss Francis Irwin).

The maker, Hastings Crossley, would go on to become a well-regarded scholar. The recipient, Miss Francis Irwin, is likely in actuality Crossley's brother Francis, with the last name Irwin being that of their mother (Elizabeth Helen Crossley (née Irwin)).

The atlas includes 24 maps, including a world map, 5 maps of the continents, 14 maps of European countries and regions, 3 asian regional maps and a map of the United States.

The atlas is quite unusual for a student production, as it includes a remarkable amount of wash color. The maps are well executed, but the color is definitely the main event, along with an elegant style of topographical shading employed on the mountains (see for example Switzerland map).

The map of North America is somewhat scrambled, with Mexico still holding Texas and Upper California, but the names of several early Western Territories are shown, as is New Albion in Oregon Territory, which runs up into the yet to be named British Columbia. A clear open Northwest passage is also shown, with the atlas dated shortly after the discovery of the passage.

The United States is shown with all the newly formed territories up to Kansas, other than the absence of



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Nebraska Territory, a curious omission. While filled with curious choices and spelling errors, it is an interesting rendering of the states and territories.

Detailed Condition:

Hand written dedication page, title page, contents and 24 hand drawn double page maps, most in wash or outline color.