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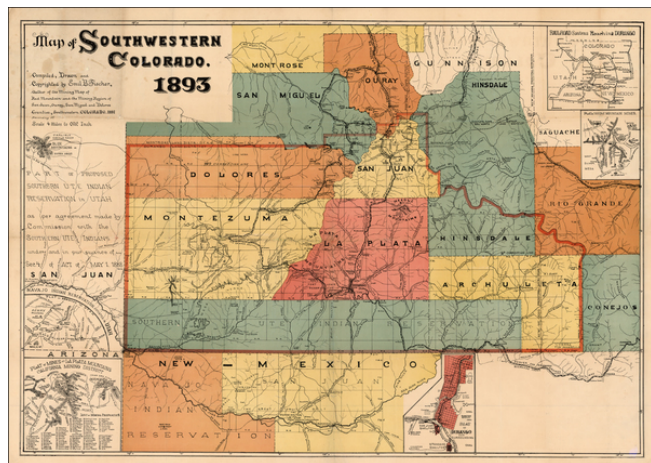
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Map of Southwestern Colorado. 1893. Compiled, Drawn and Copyrighted by Emil B. Fischer, Author of the Mining Map of Red Mountain an the Mining Region of San Jan, Ouray, San Miguel and Dolores Counties, Southwestern Colorado 1891 . . .

Stock#: 20385
Map Maker: Fischer
Date: 1893
Place: Durango, Colorado (?)
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 44 x 31 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare large format map of Southwestern Colorado, centered on the mining regions around Durango, Silverton and San Juan County.

Insets include (1) Railroad systems reaching Durango [from Denver, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque, and Phoenix]; (2) Plat of Needle Mountain mines; (3) Plat of Durango and surroundings; (4) Plat of mines at La Plata Mountains, California Mining District; and (5) Plat of San Juan Co., Utah. The map shows land districts, Indian reservations, railroads, irrigation canals, and part of New Mexico. Also shows the east boundary line of Ute ceded lands.

An interesting and rare map centered on the San Juan Mountains mining area. Fischer was a Silverton-based artist and map maker active from 1880 to his death in 1898. During the 1880s and early 1890s, the Red Mountain Mining District was one of the richest and most productive in the world, yielding millions of dollars of silver, gold, lead, and other minerals. The famous Million Dollar Highway from Ouray and Silverton Railroad from Silverton were built to service the mines. County boundaries are colored with mining district boundaries both colored and numbered. Large numbers of named mine sites, mills, towns, and other features illustrated with remarkable detail. Fischer produced several San Juan regional maps which during the frenzy of activity generated by the discovery of rich ore deposits at Red Mountain.

Fischer's work would remain the definitive cartographic source for the region until the USGS produced its first map of the Silverton area in 1897, based upon a survey conducted in 1895 (which covered a relatively small area), and thereafter its map of the Silverton Quadrangle in 1901, based upon its survey in



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1900-1901.

Beginning in 1883, Emil Fischer produced six regional maps of the San Juan mining district, all of which are very rare. Fischer's primary interest seems to have been his art, although he was an occasional prospector. In 1890, he was known to have done some survey work for the Rio Grande & Utah Railroad, but for the most part, his art and mapmaking work took up the bulk of his time.

Detailed Condition:

A few minor nicks and some soiling.