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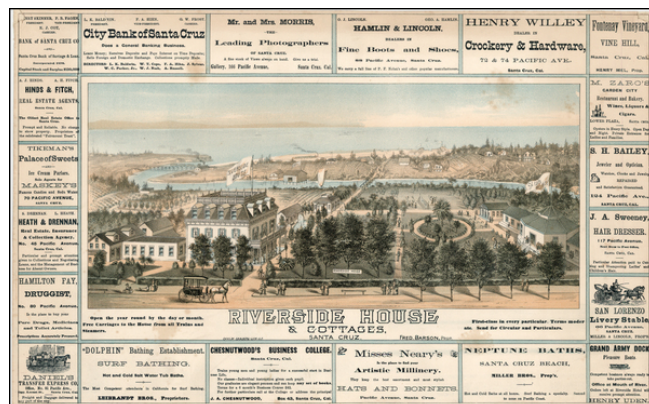
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Riverside House & Cottages, Santa Cruz (Birdseye View of Santa Cruz)

Stock#: 20937
Map Maker: Saalburg
Date: 1878
Place: San Francisco
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare birdseye view of Santa Cruz, centered on the Riverside resort hotel with Victorian-style building, park, recreation area (people strolling, playing croquet, and Badminton), and club house; path leading to river and boathouse; ocean and beach in distance.

Most notable is the location of the Narrow Gauge Railroad Tressle crossing the River, squarely centered on the future home of the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, which would be built in 1907. The railroad, built in 1880, linked Santa Cruz to Los Gatos and brought early tourists to the seaside resort town. Includes 20 text advertisements of various sizes, each bordered in blue. The lithographer, Charles W. Saalburg, was no longer active in San Francisco by the late 1880s, which helps date this piece. The 20 advertisements include the Fontenay Vineyard, M. Zaro's Garden City restaurant and bakery, the Misses Neary's artistic millinery, the "Dolphin" bathing establishment, Tikeman's Palace of Sweets, etc.

Saalburg was born in 1865 and went on to a career as an illustrator. This is apparently his only birdseye view and his lithography is quite rare. Fred Barson was the proprietor of the Riverside House from about 1885 to 1898. The view is very rare. Dating is based upon Yale/Beinecke catalog entry.

Detailed Condition:

Minor tears, just into printed image and minor loss at corners, expertly restored in facsimile. Minor soiling.