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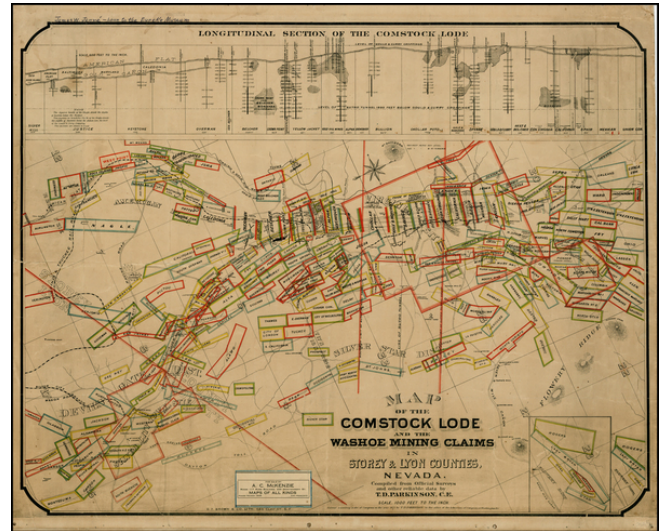
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## Map of the Comstock Lode and the Washoe Mining Claims in Storey & Lyon Counties, Nevada. Compiled from Official Surveys and other reliable data by T.D. Parkinson, C.E. . . 1873

**Stock#:** 23244  
**Map Maker:** Brown & Co.  
**Date:** 1873  
**Place:** San Francisco  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 31 x 26 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Rare lithographic map of the Comstock Lode measuring 31 by 26 inches, with individual mining claims outlined in hand color.

While this rare map was normally issued in a folding case as a pocket map, this copy was mounted on canvas and affixed to rollers (no longer present) at an early date.

The Comstock Lode, discovered in the late 1850s in the area that is now Virginia City, Nevada, produced prodigious quantities of silver and gold. While located in the dry, desert area of the Eastern Sierras, vast reservoirs of underground water regularly flooded the mines. Adolf Sutro conceived a long drainage tunnel that would run nearly 2,000 feet below the surface. The 16-foot tunnel was completed a few years after this map was published, about the time the Lode reached peak production. Across the top of the map is an inset titled "Longitudinal Section of the Comstock Lode," which depicts the depths of claims and the route of the Sutro Tunnel.

Scarce. OCLC records two copies of this edition (Yale, Huntington Library) and one dated a year earlier (Stanford) and we have seen an example published in 1875. A previous owner has penned a presentation to a museum in the upper left margin (outside the map border) and there is a subsequent discreet withdrawn stamp nearby.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Laid on linen. Minor soiling. Pastedown bookseller's advertisement at lower center