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## Cracovia Metropolis Regni Poloniae

**Stock#:** 25723  
**Map Maker:** Jansson  
**Date:** 1657  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 42 x 17 inches

**Price:** SOLD

### Description:

Fine full color example of Jansson's 2-sheet view of Cracow, from Jansson's rare town book *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*.

Taken from Braun & Hogenberg's view of the same title, this spectacular view incorporates 6 coats of arms and depicts the thriving city of Cracow on the Vistula River. The view is one of the most elaborate of all views for this work. The view shows provides a fine contemporary depiction of Cracow and the neighboring towns of Kazimierz and Kleparz and smaller villages beyond.

Apart from the buildings, often depicted with great care of architectural detail, it also shows the network of roads, rivers, suburban fields, gardens and broad pastures, as well as the details of everyday occupations of the inhabitants, such as raftsmen going on their raft down the Vistula River. In the foreground, a royal pageant is shown, with the king moving from Wawel Castle to his country residence in Lobzów.

The view includes a legend which names major landmarks, with an additional fifty described within the printed image. The latin names for the towns of Kleparz, Cracow and Kazimierz are set in banners above each town (Clepardia, Cracovia, Casimiria) Above Wawel, the royal residence, are (from the left) the Snake of the Sforzas, the Eagle and the Lithuanian "Chase".

One of the most spectucular printed views of Cracow available to collectors, offered here in beautiful full color.

### Detailed Condition:

2 sheet view, joined, as issued.

