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Passing Events, or the Tail of the Comet of 1853

Stock#: 26387
Map Maker: Cruikshank
Date: 1854
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 16.5 x 9 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

An incredibly-detailed satire on the events of 1853, drawn by George Cruikshank for *Cruikshank's Magazine*.

This caricature appeared in the first issue of the magazine. The caricature includes references to the Russian-Turkish war that escalated into the Crimean War; Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; emigration to Australia; The World Temperance Convention in New York; Albert Smith lecturing on his ascent of Mont Blanc; the arrival of the first Great Anteater at London Zoo; 'spirit rapping' and 'table turning', both part of the modern spiritualism craze that arrived in Europe from America; and Captain McClure's transit the Northwest Passage.

Cruikshank had been a contributor to the *Comic Almanack*, which folded in 1853, prompting his decision to start his own magazine, which lasted only two months, January and February 1854 issues.

The original printing plate is held in the Graphic Arts Collection of Princeton University Library.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing