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**The Klondyke Nugget By S.F. Cody**

**Stock#:** 33974  
**Map Maker:** Allen & Sons  
**Date:** 1898 circa  
**Place:** Belfast  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 30 x 20 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

Nice example of this rare promotional poster, advertising the Klondyke Nugget, a popular stage play at the end of the 19th Century.

The Klondyke Nugget was written and performed by S.F. Cody at the end of the nineteenth century. Samuel Franklin Cody (1867-1913). Born Samuel Franklin Cowdery, he lchanged his surname to capitalize on the fame of Buffalo Bill Cody, including copying the famous western entertainer's clothing and facial hair style.

Born in Texas, Cody started his acting career in the Forepaugh Wild West Show. He acheived great fame as an aviator, when he became the first man to conduct a powered flight in England, and later developed



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large kites that were used for artillery spotting during World War I.

Cody's claimed to have been a gold prospector in Dawson City, during the Klondike Gold Rush, which became the story line for his Klondyke Nugget. Cody plays the role of George Exelby, Lela Cody, his wife, the part of Rosie, and her son, Edward LeRoy plays Joe Smith. All three are depicted on this poster, which also features a large gold nugget, and shows scenes from play including scenes in camp, on the trail, and other frontier Alaska scenes.

OCLC locates 1 copy (Yale).

**Detailed Condition:**

Minor repair at upper left, just affecting the printed image.