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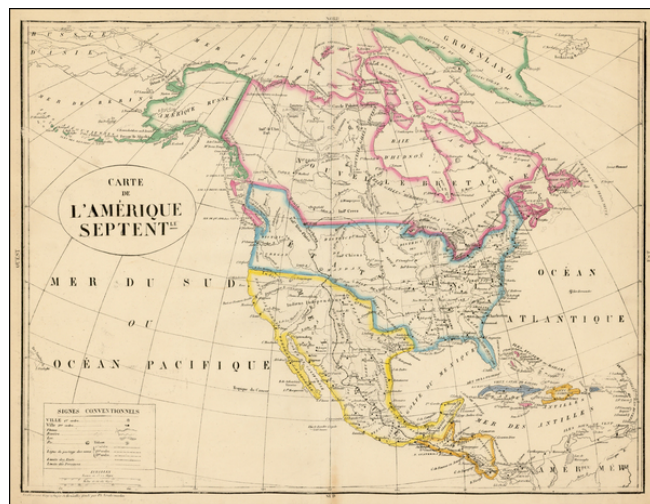
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Carte De L'Amerique Septentle.

Stock#: 34813
Map Maker: Vandermaelen
Date: 1830 circa
Place: Brussels
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 26 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare map of North America, published in Brussels by Philippe Vandermaelen.

The present map is a rare (unrecorded?) single sheet map of North America, published by Vandermaelen, who is perhaps most famous for his 6 volume world atlas, the first world atlas prepared on a uniform scale and the first atlas to employ lithography. While we have never seen the map before and can find no bibliographic records for the atlas, it may have been intended as a key sheet for Vandermaelen's 4 sheet map of North America. { { inventory_detail_link('19906') } }

Vandermaelen 4-sheet map of North America was first issued in 1831, to compete with the large format maps of by Arrowsmith, Tanner, Wyld and Brue. The 1831 map provided a detailed look at North America, most notably, the hydrographical features of the Transmississippi West and the location of the many Indian Tribes west of the Mississippi River.

The present map shows one relatively unique feature, the 3 orders of "Ligne(s) de partage des eaux," which loosely translated shows the primary mountain ranges which divide the watershed's of North America and Mexico. One line can be seen running from Alaska to Mexico and generally coincides with the Continental Divide. a second line runs east and west from Mt. King to Nova Scotia, dividing the Rivers flowing north and east toward Hudson's Bay and The St. Lawrence from those flowing southward toward the Mississippi River. Another line tracks the Alleghany and Appalachian Mountains. Curiously, a line is shown running west and parallel to the Colorado River.

This hydrographic theme seems to be common to both the this map and the 4 sheet map, hence our



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Detailed Condition: