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Burning Lake of Kilauea, Hawaiian Islands

Stock#: 35645
Map Maker: Schmidt Label & Litho. Co.
Date: 1884
Place: San Francisco
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of this rare chromolithographic view of Burning Lake of Mount Kilauea, which appeared as a supplement to the 1884 Christmas addition of the *Wasp Magazine*, published in San Francisco.

The view is a 14 color woodblock illustration printed by Schmidt Litho & Label Company of San Francisco, and is based upon a painting by the famous volcano artist, Jules Tavernier. Tavernier's fascination with Volcanos began in 1881, when he first illustrated the eruption of Mauna Loa for Harper's Magazine, a fascination which would change the course of his life and make him the most important of Hawaii's Volcano artists.

The view was prepared by Jules Tavernier. Jules Tavernier (1844-1889) was a French painter. He was born in Paris in 1844 and died in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1889. Tavernier was employed as an illustrator by *Harper's Magazine*, which sent him on assignment to California in the 1870s and would become one of California's most important artists of the period, although his distaste for his wealthy patrons (including Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins and William Ralston), along with his chronic asthma and mounting debts would drive him to leave San Francisco for Honolulu on a permanent basis in December 1884, just as the Kilauea view was being published.

In Hawaii, Tavernier would make name for himself as a landscape and portrait painter. Tavernier is considered the most important artist of Hawaii's Volcano School.

While offered as a supplement to the Christmas edition of the *Wasp*, the print is exceedingly rare. We locate only a single example, referenced in a French on-line University archive.

Detailed Condition:



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Laid on card stock, with a 19th Century French printer's label on the verso. Minor foxing and stain in lower right corner.