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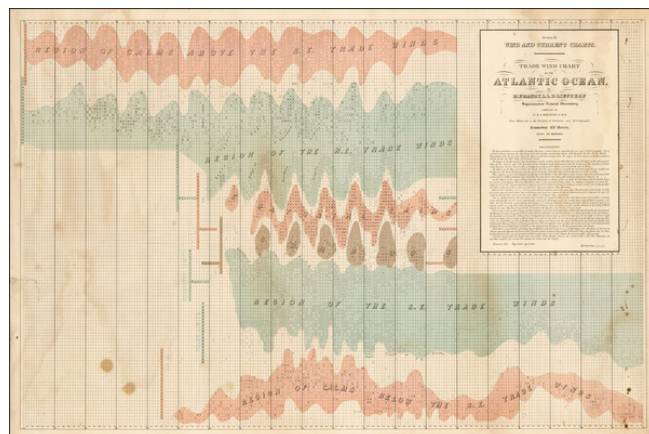
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Series B. Wind and Current Charts. Trade Wind Chart of the Atlantic Ocean . . .

Stock#: 36589
Map Maker: Maury
Date: 1858
Place: Washington
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 36 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

April 1858 edition of Matthew Fontaine Maury's rare separately issued chart focusing on the prevailing trade winds of the Atlantic Ocean.

This meticulous chart is intended to locate and describe the various trade winds of the Atlantic Ocean, with an extensive explanation inset. The chart was originally issued in January 1851 and reprinted in April 1858.

Maury's seminal work on the Oceans currents and related atmospheric phenomen was commenced in 1847, with the publication of his map of the currents of the North Atlantic (Schwartz & Ehrenberg 278) and culminated with *The Physical Geography of the Sea*, published in 1855. While preparing the charts Maury sought the cooperation of mariners from many nations, getting them to report to him their regular observations of winds and currents, which he either added or corrected on his own charts.

This was the Age of the great Clipper Ships, and their masters prized Maury's charts as by following their wind and current directions, they were able to cut many days off their voyages from North American ports to the Far East, as also the Clippers racing to and from New York and San Francisco.

Maury was the chief Naval Officer in charge of charts from 1843 to 1861. His work describing seasonal winds and currents was conceived largely outside conventional academic circles. Maury was made an honorary member of the Boston Marine Society, where his portrait was hung, and later turned upside down when he later elected to join the Confederacy during the American Civil War.

Detailed Condition:



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Some spotting and soiling. Two minor repairs in the top center.