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## Cracovia. Minoris Poloniae Metropolis

**Stock#:** 41356  
**Map Maker:** Braun & Hogenberg  
**Date:** 1617  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19 x 12 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Fine dark impression of this important early view of Cracow, first published by Braun & Hogenberg in *Theatri praecipuarum Totius Mundi Urbium Liber Sextus Anno MDCXVII*, the rare 6th and final volume of their monumental work of City Views of the World.

The view is based upon an earlier view by E. Vander Rye and was engraved by Georgius Hoefnagel. The view is one of the 500 plates later acquired by Jan Jansson, who re-issued the views as part of his town view work of 1657.

The view shows Crakow as it appeared in final years of it's reign as the capital of Poland. The city from the south, looking north across the Vistula River. George Braun wrote of Kraków in 1617:

*Cracow has a very big marketplace on which stands a splendid town hall. Here justice is administered and important official acts are performed. . . . But the castle is so big that it can be considered a town in its own right. It is surrounded by such splendid buildings and palaces that even the finest castles and houses in Italy could be more beautiful or more magnificent. . . . But because the dukes and kings understood that to preserve the Christian religion it is also necessary to cultivate equally the good liberal arts and sciences and to promote diligence to the greatest possible extent, Casimir III set up a university in his city of Cracow, which was named after him in 1361, with the approval of Pope Urban V, and appointed scholars from Paris and Prague.*

The present example is a fine dark impression, with not text on the verso.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Left and right margins expertly extended with old paper.