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## Map of California Roads For Cyclers (with Cycling Atlas)

**Stock#:** 45820  
**Map Maker:** Blum  
**Date:** 1896  
**Place:** San Francisco  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 28 x 20.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *One of the Most Sought After California Pictorial Maps*

Fine example of one of the rarest and most sought after of all California pictorial maps, with a large inset map of Southern California.

The map is richly embellished with cycling related advertising.

One of the great rarities of California maps, this remarkable cycling map was published to be included in a rare California cycling guide, with distance tables, club directory, advice on proper dress, and many advertisements, both for cycles and cycling supplies, and for establishments at which to eat and sleep while on a junket. The most notable of the maps is the color relief map of California surrounded by advertisements. The guidebook is rare--the map of California virtually unobtainable, as most examples do



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not include the map.

Full color map surrounded by advertisements. Bike paths shown in red and labeled with abbreviations. The first abbreviation of the two tells the road condition. Conditions are: G (good), F (fair), P (poor), and V.P. (very poor). The second abbreviation is for the grade of the road. Grades include: L (level), R (rolling), H (hilly), and M (mountainous).

The map is accompanied by a complete original example of:

*The Cyclers' Guide and Road Book of California Containing Map of California in relief with principal Roads, Seven Sectional Maps showing all available Roads for Cyclers from Chico to San Diego, and a Map of Golden Gate Park. 1896. Price, One Dollar. Compiled and Published by Geo. W. Blum, 330 Pine St., S.F. Edward Denny & Co., Agents. (on verso) Copyrighted 1895 By Geo. W. Blum, San Francisco, Cal.*

*80 pp. With 8 folding maps, including color relief map of all of California surrounded by advertisements. (narrow octavo) 18x10 cm. (7x4"), brown cloth lettered in gilt.*

This is the first example of the map we have ever seen on the market. We are not aware of any other example of the map or guidebook (with map) offered for sale at auction or in a published dealer catalog. While OCLC locates 9 examples, most lack the large folding map.

Provenance: William Reese Co. May 1982. Warren Heckrotte Collection, PBA Galleries, March 2016

**Detailed Condition:**

Minor loss at lower left margin. Comes with complete cycling atlas.