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La Conquete Du Pole

Stock#: 46938
Map Maker: Anonymous
Date: 1910 circa
Place: n.p.
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Whimsical look at the race to discover the North Pole.

The Americans, Germans, English, Spanish, Norwegians and French are seen vying for the top of the World, with a flag bearing a questionmark at the Polar Summit.

The map was almost certainly issued in the first decade of 20th Century, at a time when the first person to reach both the North and South Pole was being hotly contested. A French Silent Film entitled *À la conquête du pôle* was released in 1912, directed by and starring Georges Méliès. The film, loosely inspired by contemporary events and by Jules Verne's *Voyages Extraordinaires*, follows the comic misadventures of an international group of explorers on an expedition to the North Pole, where they encounter a man-eating frost giant and a dangerous magnetic needle. This would not appear to be a promotional piece for the film, as the primary characters in the film included a Russian and a Chinese Character.

Detailed Condition:

Mounted on Linen