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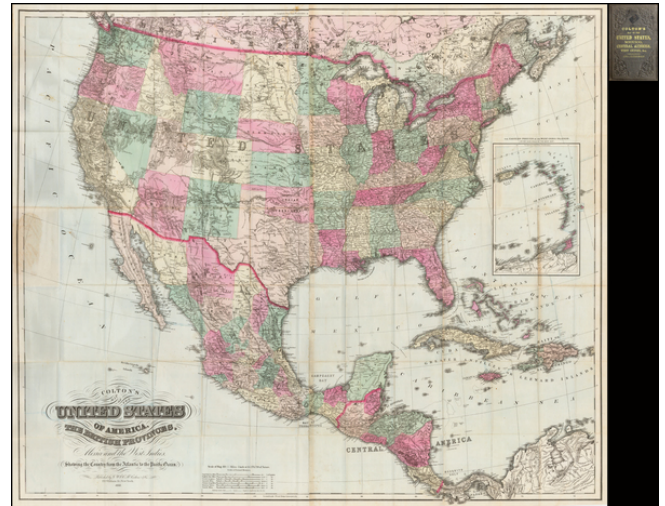
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Colton's Map of the United States of America, The British Provinces, Mexico and the West Indies. Showing the Country from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean 1868

Stock#: 47431
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1868
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 38.5 x 44.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the earliest printed maps to show the Territory of Wyoming.

Rare separately published map of the United States, published by G.W. and C.B. Colton in 1868.

The map focuses on the topographical features of the Western United States, as well as railroads, roads, rivers, forts, towns and places of interest.

Colton's 1868 map of the United States is the first edition of this new format map. By this date, the majority of the Western Territories were established, with the exception of the division of the two Dakotas, with Wyoming having gained Territorial status in July of 1868.

The map shows the course of the Northern Pacific Railroad along its original proposed route, pre-dating the start of construction of the line by 2 years. The eastern terminus of the Northern Pacific is here shown in Duluth, Minnesota.

Wide swaths of the West are still largely unknown, with 1868 being the mid point of the period of the Indian Campaigns in the Plains under the command of General Phillip Sherman, which would lead to the wider exploration and settlement of the upper plains and the relocation of Native Americans from vast swaths of lands in the Transmississippi West.

The 1868 edition of this map is apparently quite rare. While we have located several examples of the 1869



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and later editions in the same size and format, this is the only example of the 1868 edition we have ever seen.

Detailed Condition:

Pocket map with original embossed brown cloth covers.