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Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg

Date: 1596
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 13.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Two Views of Prague by Braun & Hogenberg

Fine old colored example of this scarce pair of views of Prague, from Part 5 of Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitas Orbis Terrarum.*

This view of the city from the north shows on the right the Hradcany castle, with the Lesser Quarter (Mala Strana) below, from where the Charles bridge leads into the Old Town. The Lesser Quarter was charted as an independent town in 1257, the old town having already received its own, separate charter in 1230.

The Gothic Teyn church with its two towers can be seen on the left, directly above the bend in the Vltava River. Nearby stands the town hall, with Prague's famous astronimical clock, the Orloj. The clock was first installed in a simple form in 1410, making it the third-oldest astronimical clock in the world. The present plate offers a detailed view from the south of the all-dominating Hradcany. The wide steps that formerly led from St Matthew's gate up to the fortress complex can be seen on the left. Towering above its surroundings in the centre is St Vitus's cathedral, which was begun in 1344 and houses the tombs of Charles IV and his son Wenceslas IV. Further right lies the twin-tower Romanesque church of St George, directly attached to St George's monastery from the mid-12th century. On the far right is the Black Tower.

This pair of views appeared in Part 5 of Braun & Hogenberg's work, and is therefore more rarer than first view of Prague from this work, which is paired with a view of Eger.

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