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Atlas geográfico e histórico de la República.

Stock#: 61572
Map Maker: Garcia y Cubas
Date: 1858
Place: Mexico City
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size:
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Edition of the First Great Scientific Atlas of All of Mexico.

Large folio. Original brown half calf (rebacked preserving original backstrip), blue paper boards. "C. Reyes" in small gilt lettering on upper cover. (Both covers moderately rubbed and scratched.)

[4], 24 pages; 33 double-page lithographic maps and plates on 32 sheets (Colima misnumbered "XXIII", as always, the second general map of Mexico unnumbered), all but one with original outline coloring: 2 plates relating to Mesoamerican pictorial manuscripts; 31 maps of Mexican states and territories, each map measuring approximately 36.4 x 28 cm (14-1/4 x 11 inches). This copy wholly rebound, with text and maps rearranged, seemingly on request of an owner. The maps are mostly, but not exclusively, rebound in alphabetical order.

Antonio Garcia Cubas is regarded as "el fundador de nuestra geografia como ciencia" (Diec. Porrua). Glass, p. 680 (citing the plates and commentary for Mapa Siguenza and C6dice Boturini, both of which are important for Mesoamerican geography).

This early lithographed atlas of Mexico includes the work of Mexican pioneer lithographers Iriarte, Decaen, and Salazar. The illustrations are signed "Mun ozguren" and come from the lithographic shop of Iriarte & Cia., while the letterpress typography is by Lara. The atlas was created during the Golden Age of Mexican lithography (see Mathes, Mexico on Stone, pp. 17-32). The design and execution of the atlas are handsome, with the middle of each double-page spread being occupied by the map of a specific state or territory, surrounded by statistical and historical information about the region, including subjects of



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borderlands interest, such as Native American tribes and incursions.

The large general map of Mexico by Salazar is one of the finest maps of Mexico created in the nineteenth century, with a spirited Mexican eagle atop cactus at top center, and especially beautiful lithographed views on either side (Popocatepetl, Orizava, Cascada de Regla, Palenque, Mitla, Uxmal, etc.).

The maps of the states that border with the United States are especially interesting for clearly delineating the changing boundaries over time. For instance, the map of Sonora shows the demarcation of the Treaty of Mesilla in 1853 (Gadsden Purchase). The map of Chihuahua shows the boundary line before and after the Gadsden Purchase. The Tamaulipas map shows the new boundary at the Rio Grande, as well as the older line of demarcation at the Nueces. The plates from Mapa Siguenza and C6dice Boturini are accompanied by the notes of Jose Fernando Ramirez of the Museo Nacional.

Detailed Condition:

Moderate foxing on plates 3 (Chihuahua), 12 (Jalisco), and 13 (Guanajuato). Water stains upper text section of plates 7 (San Louis Potosi), 16 (region "Mexico"), and 28 (Tlaxcala). but not affecting the maps. Ink stain on text surrounding plate 22 (Chiapas). Otherwise, a very good collection of double page hand colored maps.