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The Independent Gold Hunter On His Way To California. I Neither Borrow Nor Lend.

Stock#: 65136
Map Maker: Kellogg & Comstock
Date: 1849 circa
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 8.5 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Iconic Gold Rush Image

Rare edition of the class "Gold Hunter" image, published by Kellogg & Comstock.

"The 'gold hunter' is a well dressed man, laden with gold mining tools, scales, link sausages, fish and a pot for a hat. In the background a road sign reads: 'To St Louis 350 miles. To California 1700 miles'. The 'gold hunter' is wearing the trade marks of the California digger - the thigh length boots, the colt navy pistol and bowie knife.

The present edition credits "Kelloggs & Comstock" and "Ensign & Thayer" in Buffalo.



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The discovery of gold on January 24, 1848 by James W. Marshall at Sutter's Mill, in Coloma, California started the beginning of the Californian Gold Rush. The discovery of gold in California, closely followed by the discovery in Australia, attracted thousands of miners and their families resulting in an influx of people and wealth to both countries and dramatically changing their societies and environments. The coverage of the Gold rush was a popular story in America, Australia and England as many people were keen to discover their fortune on the gold fields too..."

Rarity

The Kellog & Comstock editions are of the map are far rarer than those by Nathaniel Courier.

Detailed Condition:

Minor loss at top left corner.