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Atlas geográfico e histórico de la República.

Stock#: 69705
Map Maker: Garcia y Cubas
Date: 1858
Place: Mexico City
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14.7 x 21.7 inches (binding size)
Price: SOLD



Description:

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

Antonio Garcia Cubas is regarded as "el fundador de nuestra geografia como ciencia" (Diec. Porrúa). Glass, page 680 (citing the plates and commentary for Mapa Sigüenza and Codice 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 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



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older line of demarcation at the Nueces. The plates from Mapa Siguenza and Codice Boturini are accompanied by the notes of Jose Fernando Ramirez of the Museo Nacional.

Detailed Condition:

Large folio. ¼ black leather over blue cloth boards (somewhat worn). [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). (Maps with minor worming to upper centerfold and occasionally to blank margins.)