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Glossop's Hotel, Amusement and Business Map (with Glossop's Street Guide Stranger's Directory and Hotel Manual of Chicago. Every inch of the City Shown; Its history given from 1812 to 1884)

Stock#: 71667
Map Maker: Glossop
Date: 1884
Place: Chicago
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.5 x 10.75 inches (map size)
Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting map of the Chicago Business District illustrating hotels, amusement locations and businesses.

The map is in fact quite useful for tourists, with many hotels, theaters, opera houses, music stores, arcades, clothiers, toy stores, jewelers, drug stores and similar businesses shown.

The 'Strangers' Guides' of Frank Glossop provide a fascinating snapshot of the Windy City in the decades immediately following the Great Fire of 1871. This particular example was published in 1884, and includes 98 pages of maps, directories, contemporary advertisements, lists and views from points of interest throughout Chicago.

A fold-out map in the front of the guidebook shows a detailed plan of the Loop, where nearly every building is outlined and individually labeled. The subsequent single page maps show similar details for specific blocks throughout the city.



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Several single page railroad maps of regional routes, like the Wisconsin Central and Burlington Line, are also included.

Rarity

The Glossop Street Guides are very rare on the market. The last example offered in a dealer catalog was in 1949 (1881 edition, Long's College Book Co.) and the last example at auction was in 1929 (1891 edition, American Art Association).

OCLC locates one copy of the 1884 edition (Cornell) and reports editions of this book between 1881 and 1886.

Detailed Condition:

Original yellow paper covers attached with faint soiling and creasing. 96 pages with a 14 page supplemental. Lacking the street index in the back, but the fold out map (measuring 9.5" x 10.75") in the front is in near fine condition, with just minor wear along fold lines.