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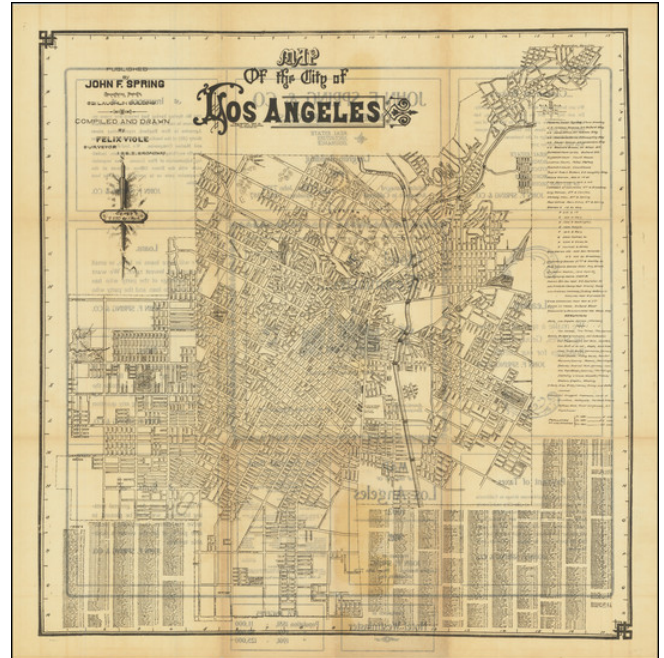
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[Felix Viole's First Map] Map of the City of Los Angeles

Stock#: 76620
Map Maker: Viole
Date: 1902
Place: Los Angeles
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.3 x 20.6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Felix Viole's First Map

Very rare early-20th-century map of Los Angeles, made by French born civil engineer and surveyor Felix Viole and published by John F. Spring.

This 1902 map is the first of Viole's of Los Angeles, which would be followed in 1904 by another map of Los Angeles and a mammoth birdseye view of the Los Angeles by Viole and Worthington Gates in 1905. His map of Los Angeles would later become the map of choice for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and would be widely copied between 1905 and 1918.

This first Viole map survives only in a single, heavily damaged example at Yale: <https://collections.library.yale.edu/catalog/15818693>

The map captures L.A. at the beginning of the 20th century, during a period of rapid change as it transformed from a Western backwater into a global metropolis. A note in the lower-right highlights the massive change in population that the city had seen over only 20 years prior. "Population of Los Angeles - In 1881 ___ 5,000 / In 1891 ___ 30,000 / In 1901 ___ 125,000" Interestingly, the verso of the map contradicts these numbers somewhat slightly: "Los Angeles Population 1881, 11,000 / 1891, - 50,000 /



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1901, - 125,000". Evidently, the tabulations were taken at different times of the year. Either way, it shows a population that was keenly aware of the fast-changing nature of the city.

The map includes many interesting details and printed annotations about, for instance, the locations of important public buildings in the city and the cities newspapers ("Monitor Mexicano (Spanish)... Searchlight (Colored)... B'nai Brith (Hebrew)...")

Rarity

OCLC records only one institutional copy, at Yale University.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map. Printed front and back. Minor toning.