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Santa Barbara

Stock#: 77715
Map Maker: Harper & Brothers
Date: 1887
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 7.75 x 4.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fantastic view of Santa Barbara, published at the end of the 1880s, with a backdrop of mountains. Published only seventeen years after English became the language of record of the city, it shows only a loose collection of ranch-style white houses, with farms throughout and the Mission visible in the distance.

In 1887, Santa Barbara was coming into its own, this was the year when the railroad reached the city. Following this, the city would grow rapidly, supplanting the picturesque small town seen here. Oil would be discovered soon after in the Summerland Oil Field, again changing the economy of the city.

This view originally appeared in Harper's Weekly as part of an article penned by Edwards Roberts. Slightly earlier in the newspaper's history (starting in 1871), Charles Nordhoff had repeatedly advertised Santa Barbara as an attractive holiday destination, a theme which other columnists emulated.

Detailed Condition: