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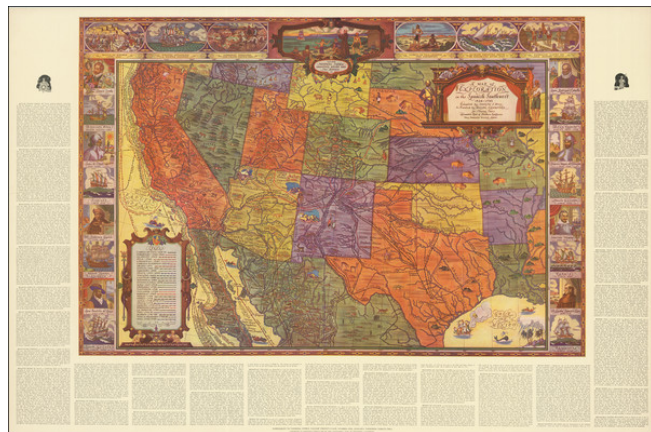
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A Map of Exploration in the Spanish Southwest 1528-1793

Stock#: 79204
Map Maker: Automobile Club of Southern California & Townsend Hanna
Date: 1932
Place: Los Angeles
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 32.5 x 22 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine large vintage pictorial map for the southwestern United States, highlighting the routes of early travelers by sea and by land. The map spans from California in the west to the Mississippi River in the east, with extensive detail throughout. This map was published by the American Club of Southern California as a supplement to their issue of *Touring Topics*, at the time the most popular periodical for West Coast motorists.

The map includes a vast array of imagery, showing the natural wonders of the West as well as Native Americans scattered throughout. The routes of dozens of early explorers, from Coronado to Drake to Father Kino and beyond, are shown. Around the map are images of the explorers, their exploits, and their ships. Text around the sides of the map details the explorative history.

This map follows the mid-century zeitgeist of mapping the Spanish-era colonial period in the American Southwest. Comparable maps include the mapping of the [old Ranchos of Los Angeles](#), and of course the famous [Roads to Romance](#) map that portrays the Mission-era of Southern California. This period was a time of rediscovery of California's roots, moving past the late-19th- and early-20th-century focus on the search for an Anglo-American heritage.

In all, a fine map from the golden age of American pictorial mapping.

Detailed Condition:

Very minor tear in leftmost margin.