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The Arctic Region Showing Exploration towards the North Pole

Stock#: 81754
Map Maker: National Geographic Society
Date: 1910
Place: Buffalo, NY
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 17.5 x 17.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Possibly the Earliest Map of Peary's Discoveries Produced for an English Speaking Audience

Polar map produced in the year following Peary's voyage to the North Pole, showing his route to arrive at the top of the world. Depicting Peary's many poleward journeys, including his 1909 journey that became the first successful attempt to reach the pole, this map may be the first map produced for a general American audience to show Peary's route.

This map was produced by National Geographic, then a society of the leading American explorers. The map also shows the routes of many voyages dating back to the early 19th century, and illustrates the coastlines of the region in magnificent detail. Three inset maps appear, showing Smith Sound, Franz Josef Land, and Spitzbergen. Coasts are colored according to the nation that explored them.

This is the 1910 edition of the map, which appeared as an illustration to a text that discussed Peary's voyage to the Arctic. It had previously appeared in 1907 under a slightly different title in a *National Geographic* publication. There is also an extremely uncommon separately-issued 1909 edition with "disputed regions" shown.



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Detailed Condition:

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