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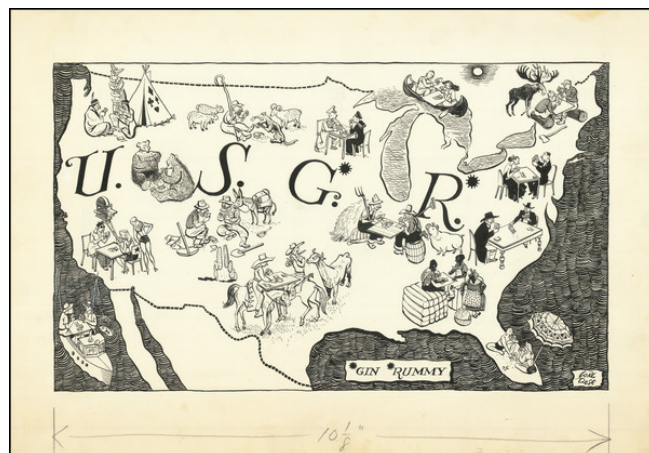
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### U.S.G.R. [United States Gin Rummy]

**Stock#:** 83954  
**Map Maker:** Rose`  
**Date:** 1945 circa  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Pen & Ink  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 15.25 x 9 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

#### ***Original Artwork For Carl Rose Pictorial Map of the United States at the Height of The Gin Rummy Fad***

Interesting pictorial map of the U.S.G.R. (United States Gin Rummy), drawn by Carl Rose, at the height of America's obsession with Gin Rummy.

Carl Rose was a well regarded cartoonist in the middle of the 20th Century, receiving the National Cartoonists Society's Advertising and Illustration Award for 1958. Several of Carl Rose's printed maps survive, including his 1940 *New York World's Fair* map and 1949 *The U.S. A Political Map* . . .

The map illustrates people across the country, from all ethnic groups and walks of life, playing the popular card game, Gin Rummy. Popularized during the depression, the game was ubiquitous part of American culture during World War II.

#### **Gin Rummy**

The game of Gin Rummy dates to the early 20th Century. Popular sources suggest that game was invented in 1909 by Elwood T. Baker, a Brooklyn Whist teacher. In 1952, *Culbertson's Card Games Complete* notes

*The principal fad game, in the years 1941-46, of the United States, Gin Rummy (then called simply Gin) was devised in 1909 by Elwood T. Baker of Brooklyn, N. Y., a whist teacher; the name, suggested by Mr. Baker's son, played on the alcoholic affinity of rum and gin; the game was resurgent 1927-30, then dormant until 1940, then adopted by the motion-picture colony*



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*and the radio world, who gave it the publicity essential to a fad game. Gin Rummy is a two-hand game and is hardly worth playing, except by addicts, in any other form.*

**Rarity**

We have been unable to find a printed version of the map.

**Detailed Condition:**