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[San Francisco Street Car Scene] Strasse in St. Francisco mit einem Dampf-Omnibus

Stock#: 91168
Map Maker: Hildebrandt
Date: 1865 circa
Place: Berlin
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 10.75 inches
Price: \$ 1,400.00



Description:

San Francisco Street Cars Before The Cable Car System

Scarce view of San Francisco Bay by German artist Eduard Hildebrandt (1818-68).

This view looks up California Street past Montgomery Street, centered on a steam-powered trolley. On the right are the Parrott Building and St. Mary's Cathedral, to the left is Grace Church. In the background is Nob Hill.

One of a suite of approximately 34 lovely chromolithographed plates of scenes apparently made while on a circumnavigation, mounted to the publisher's board.

Hildebrandt was already a finely regarding artist by 1838. He moved to Paris in 1842 to continue his work. Inspired by Humboldt, in 1864-1865, Hildebrandt travelled around the world, visiting the Middle East, India, Singapore, Siam, Macao, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Japan and the United States. He created watercolors along the way, many of which were translated into chromolithographs and published around 1864 by R. Wagner in Berlin.

The original watercolors were exhibited in London in 1866 and at an exhibition at Crystal Palace in 1868. creating a series of paintings which would be converted to chromolithography after his death in 1868.

Detailed Condition: