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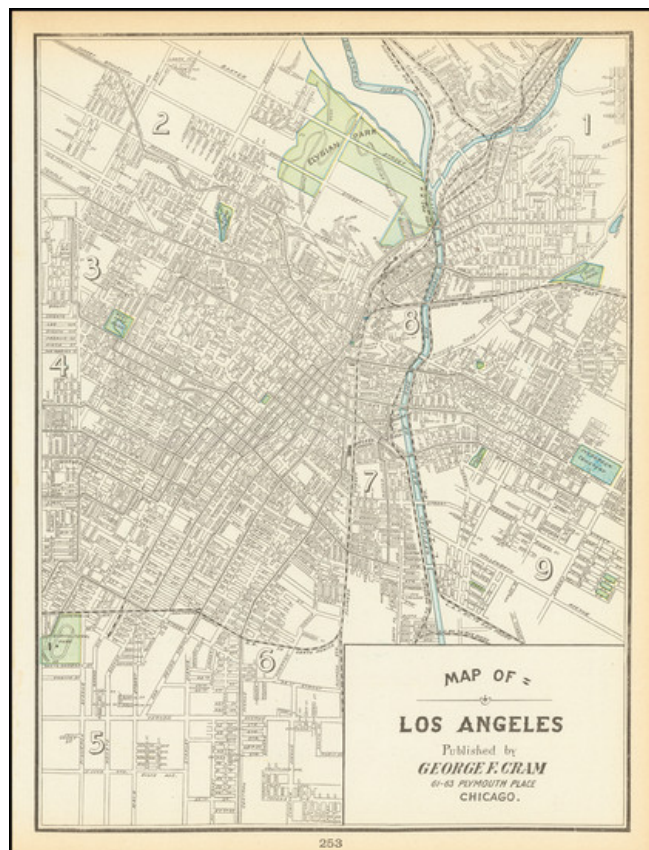
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Map of Los Angeles

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Place: Chicago
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Size: 9 x 13.5 inches
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Description:

One of the Earliest Obtainable Separately Issued Maps of Los Angeles

This is the rare Cram map of Los Angeles, showing the city roughly from Echo Park to Alameda. Detail is extensive on this street map, with many roads named in this region. To the north, densest development stops approximately at the Elysian Park, while in the south it stops at a small agricultural park with a track. This is, of course, the future location of the Coliseum, and the University of Southern California had already been founded.

Public transit lines, railways, the Los Angeles River, parks, cemeteries, and more are all visible on this extensive map. Detail is extensive, simple, and attractive.

The population of Los Angeles was just over 100,000 at the time this map was made, having boomed since the completion of the railroads in the 1870s and 1880s. The 1892 petroleum boom further helped the city



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grow, and would soon lead to it being one of the biggest oil producers in the world. The city was rapidly outgrowing its water supply, which would soon lead to one of the most fascinating parts in the city's history, the water wars. Those who sought to "either bring the water to L.A. or bring L.A. to the water" would have used a map very similar to this one in planning their underhanded deeds. China Town can be found just next to the old Ferguson Alley.

Detailed Condition: