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### Winter Village of the Minatarres

**Stock#:** 94024  
**Map Maker:** Bodmer  
**Date:** 1839 - 1842  
**Place:** Paris, Coblenz and London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 13 x 13 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

A captivating scene from the winter of 1833-1834, "Winter Village of the Minatarres" by Karl Bodmer, presents a glimpse of life at an Hidatsa settlement during Prince Maximilian zu Wied-Neuwied's travels in the interior of North America. The image was published as part of a series in Paris, A. Bertrand; Coblenz, J. Holscher; and London by Ackermann & Co. between 1839 and 1844.

During their stay at Fort Clark on the banks of the upper Missouri River, Prince Maximilian and Bodmer visited one of the Hidatsa winter villages (likely Eláh-sa) after a nine-hour trek. The largest settlement on the Knife River, the village consisted of around eighty households tightly clustered in the protective woodland. The scene depicts figures gathered in the foreground, wrapped in buffalo robes, observing two young men playing the hoop and pole game—a popular and widespread game among North American Indigenous peoples.

Swiss-born Karl Bodmer was commissioned by Prince Maximilian zu Wied-Neuwied to document his travels in North America, focusing on the Plains Indians. From 1832 to 1834, alongside David Dreidoppel, they journeyed across the continent, visiting important German settlements and key scientific communities. Bodmer's illustrations display exceptional skill and provide a detailed account of a way of life that was soon to disappear.

#### Detailed Condition:

Original printing, with the blindstamp below Ackerman's imprint.