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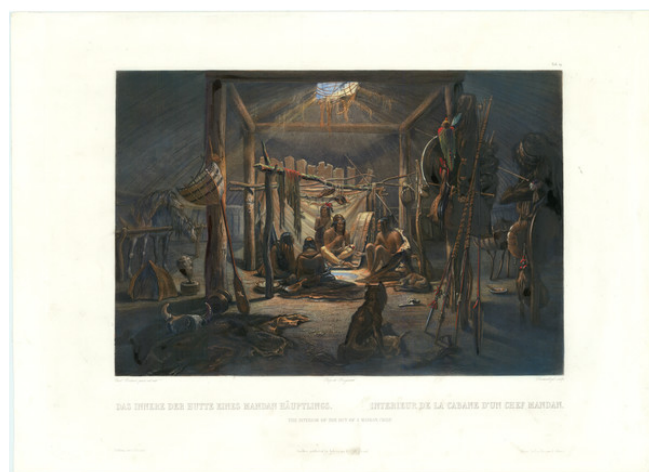
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## The Interior of the Hut of a Mandan Chief. Das innere der hutte eines mandan häuptlings. Interieur de la cabane d'un chef mandan. (Tableau 19)

**Stock#:** 94167  
**Map Maker:** Bodmer  
**Date:** 1839 - 1842  
**Place:** Paris, Coblenz and London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 16 x 14 inches Including Text  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Karl Bodmer's evocative illustration, *The Interior of the Hut of a Mandan Chief*, provides an intimate glimpse into the daily life of the Mandan people, specifically the home of the respected leader Dipäuch, during the 19th-century expedition of Prince Maximilian zu Wied-Neuwied.

This tableau was created after multiple visits to Dipäuch's home, during which Bodmer was allowed to carefully observe and sketch the interior. The diligent work reflects not only the high degree of trust established between the artist and the Mandan leader but also the attention to detail of the artist.

The scene is a representation of typical activities within a Mandan home, corresponding with descriptions found in Maximilian's journals. Bodmer's commitment to capturing a truthful and accurate representation of the Mandan people's domestic life is evident throughout the illustration. However, there are a few discrepancies, such as the inclusion of five dogs in the print, which were mentioned by Maximilian to be scarce.

This print masterfully combines documentary aspects with a sense of artistry. The dramatic use of light and shadow in the composition elevates the illustration from a simple record to a compelling work of art that was designed to engage European audiences of the time. The artist's ability to incorporate picturesque elements while staying true to the reality of the Mandan people's life contributes to the lasting value and allure of this exceptional piece.

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**Detailed Condition:**

Aquatint, etching, and roulette, hand-colored and heightened with gum arabic. With the Bodmer blindstamp below center imprint line. Smudge to the address in the Ackermann imprint.