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## Colton's Map of the World on Mercator's Projection

**Stock#:** 94600  
**Map Maker:** Colton  
  
**Date:** 1873  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 25.5 x 17 inches  
  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

*Colton's Map of the World on Mercator's Projection*, published in New York in 1873, provides a captivating snapshot of the world during the late 19th century. The map is distinguished by its representation of various exploratory routes undertaken by renowned 18th- and 19th-century explorers like Cook, Furneaux, and Vancouver. Additionally, it displays geopolitical borders that were in flux during the period, offering a comprehensive view of the world's political landscape.

As an era of exploration, the 18th and 19th centuries saw numerous voyages, the routes of which this map diligently traces. From Cook's iconic voyages that revolutionized Western understanding of the Pacific to the journeys of the USS *Vincennes* and La Perouse, these explorations played a critical role in shaping the geographic and scientific knowledge of the time.

The map's color-coding by country and region provides a clear visualization of the world's geopolitical divisions. While some borders mirror today's nations, others denote political realities that have since changed, underlining the continual transformation of global politics and territorial sovereignty.

Notably, the map includes preliminary signs of the Antarctic Coast, signaling the expansion of geographic knowledge towards the world's extremities. While the world's shape on the map may be close to today's understanding, this feature highlights the ongoing exploration and discovery that characterized the period.

### Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color.