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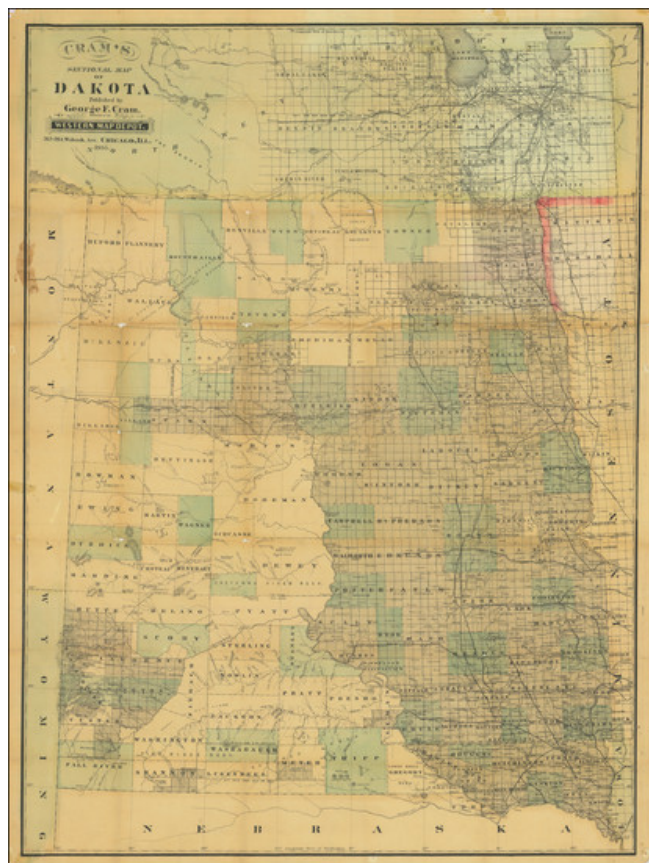
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### Cram's Sectional Map of Dakota

**Stock#:** 100816  
**Map Maker:** Cram  
**Date:** 1885  
**Place:** Chicago  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** See Description  
**Size:** 27 x 38 inches  
**Price:** \$ 2,800.00



#### Description:

A rare, separately issued pocket map of the Dakota Territory.

Though established in 1861, the Dakota Territory did not experience a rush of settlement until the 1870s. By then the wars with the eastern Sioux had concluded, and the surviving native Americans were being pushed into reservations; much land had been surveyed by the Federal Government; and the railroad had arrived. With cheap land available, security ensured, and rail access to the Great Lakes and from thence to eastern markets established, settlers began to pour in. In 1889 the Territory was divided into the new states of North and South Dakota.

This large and impressive map conveys a vivid picture of the Dakotas a work in progress. The most prominent features are the county lines and the grid of ranges and townships imposed on the eastern half of the Territory by the Survey of Public Lands. Superimposed on this are existing and proposed towns,



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forts, military and Indian reservations, the Territorial Highway, and the Northern Pacific and other rail lines. The map also provides a great deal of topographical information, including river systems, buttes, the Badlands, and "submarine fossils" in Cheyenne County.

**Rarity**

The map is rare, with OCLC locating only four in institutional collections and Antique Map Price Record listing two examples offered for sale in the past 30 years (one each of the 1881 and 1882 variants). Cram also published a New Sectional Map of Dakota in 1878, though that map was on a smaller scale.

We are aware of editions of this map published in 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1885.

**Detailed Condition:**

Lithograph with publisher's hand-applied color on delicate 19th-century wove paper. A nice example, having been removed from its covers. Usual weakness at fold lines, supported on verso with thin archival tissue. Minor losses throughout, as shown, supported on verso. Toning, as illustrated.