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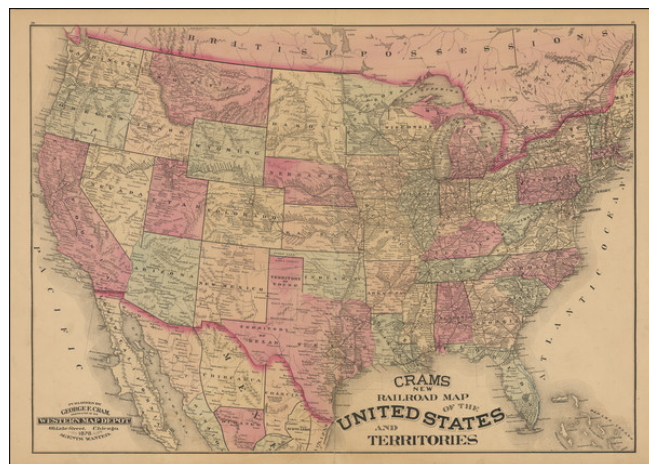
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Cram's New Railroad Map of the United States and Territories . . . 1878

Stock#: 101219
Map Maker: Cram

Date: 1878
Place: Chicago
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 30 x 21 inches

Price: \$ 975.00



Description:

One of the Rarest 19th-Century Atlas Maps of the United States.

Shows the Ephemeral Territories of Bexar and Young in West Texas.

Rare map of the United States, depicting elaborate networks of railroads, published by George F. Cram in Chicago in 1878.

The Midwest is a veritable spider web of rail lines, but in the West, only the Union Pacific has fully crossed the nation. Unconnected lines in Washington and Oregon are illustrated.

Territories of Bexar and Young

Interestingly, in Texas, the map names "Territory of Young" and "Territory of Bexar". These were placeholder organizing structures used before the land was subdivided into counties. The use of "Territory of Bexar" is anachronistic for 1878, as all of that land had been divided into counties four years earlier. In fact, much of what is shown as "Territory of Bexar" was never in the Bexar Land District, having immediately been divided into Presidio and El Paso Counties, when county division reached that far west for the first time in 1850. For some reason, both of these "Territories" show up on maps primarily in the late 1870s.

Rarity

This is among the rarest of the 19th-century atlas maps of the United States. We have never offered it for sale before (1992-2024).



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No examples listed in OCLC. We note only the David Rumsey copy.

Detailed Condition:

Lithograph with hand-color on 19th-century wove paper. Archivaly backed with a thin layer of tissue.