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(Arctic Exploration) Nord Polar Karte von V. v. Haardt

Stock#: 101311
Map Maker: Haardt von Hartenthurn
Date: 1898
Place: Vienna
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 67.75 x 59.75 inches
Price: \$ 12,500.00



Description:

The Most Comprehensive Wall Map of Arctic Exploration of the 19th Century.

Published Less Than a Decade Before the North Pole was Reached.

Vincenz von Haardt's 1898 large format map of the North Polar regions, published in Vienna by E. Hoelzel, is a significant chromolithographed wall map chronicling the history of Arctic exploration with remarkable detail. Starting with Martin Frobisher's voyages in the late 16th century (1576-78), the map traces the evolution of Arctic exploration over more than three centuries, leading up to contemporary expeditions of its time.

The map systematically records the progress of Arctic exploration, from the early endeavors of explorers like Willem Barents in 1594 and Henry Hudson in 1607, through the 18th and 19th centuries with voyages by explorers such as Alexander Mackenzie in 1789 and Sir Edward Parry in the early 1820s. The 19th century is particularly well-represented, highlighting pivotal expeditions like those of John Franklin in 1826 and Frederick William Beechey.

The map also includes the path taken Peary in 1891-92 and 1895. The late 19th century is marked by Fridtjof Nansen and Otto Sverdrup's expeditions in 1895, as well as other journeys like those of the "Balaena" in 1897 and the "Helgoland" in 1898, demonstrating the continued fervor for polar exploration. The map also illustrates Andrée's Arctic balloon expedition of 1897, a failed Swedish attempt



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to reach the North Pole, which resulted in the deaths of all three explorers.

Incorporating extensive scientific data, the map reflects the empirical and intellectual traditions of the time, influenced by figures like the Humboldt brothers. It features detailed scientific observations such as ice coverage, ocean currents, temperature variations, and magnetic fields, offering a comprehensive view of the North Polar regions as understood at the brink of the 20th century.

Insets

The map includes eight thematic insets, clockwise from upper right: Precipitation; Isotherms in July; Magnetic Conditions; Isobars and winds in July.

Selection of Labeled Voyages

- "Fox" 1858
- "Rescue" 1851
- "Resolute" 1855
- Frobisher 1576-78
- Hall 1860-62
- "Hope" 1897
- Parry 1822
- Parry 1821
- Dease & Simpson, August 1839
- Collinson, Winter 1852-53
- Wynnias, May 1851
- McClure, Winter 1850-51
- Richardson, August 1848
- Mackenzie, July 1789
- Pullen, August 1849
- Collinson, Winter 1853-54
- Franklin, August 1826
- Kellett, July 1849
- Berry, ("Rodgers"), 19 September 1881
- Onatzevitsch, 14 August 1876
- Kotzebue 1816
- Wrangell, March 1823
- De Long, August 1867
- Kosmin, July 1823



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- Anjou, April 1822
- Untergang, "Jeannette", 13 June 1881
- Nansen and Johannessen, 7 April 1895
- Sverdrup, 16, 1895 ("Fram")
- Weyprecht and Payer, 1873-74
- Jackson, 1894-96
- "Balaena" 1897
- Leigh Smith 1881
- "Helgoland", 1898
- Pike, ("Victoria") 1897
- Kukenthal 1889
- Hudson 1607
- Barents, July 1594

Rarity

OCLC records a handful of institutional examples dated to 1898, 1899, or 1900. The map is very rare on the market, this being the first time we have handled it (1992-2024).

We previously offered [the 1895 Antarctic companion map](#) in 2013.

Detailed Condition:

Color lithographed wall map segmented and mounted on contemporary linen. Excellent condition.