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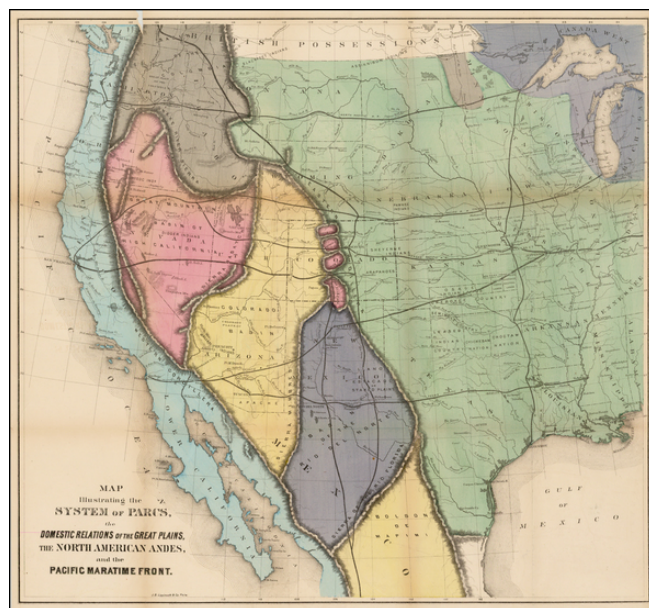
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Map Illustrating The System of Parcs, the Domestic Relations of the Great Plains, The North American Andes and the Pacific Maritime Front

Stock#: 21880
Map Maker: Gilpin
Date: 1873
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking map of the Western United States, primarily illustrating the various regions and mountain systems West of the Mississippi River.

Gilpin's striking map of the West was included in his *Mission of the North American People . . .*, first published in Philadelphia in 1873. William Gilpin was a key figure in westward expansion and ardent supporter of the transcontinental railway. He believed that North America was at the height of a progression of empires, and that each movement westward carried the empire to increased greatness. Gilpin saw the Pacific Railroad as the means by which to fulfill the "untransacted destiny" of the American people. Gilpin invoked the German geographer Alexander von Humboldt's notion of the "isothermal zodiac" as further support for his vision of the American future. The map is divided into regions with a system of Parcs following the Continental Divide and the railroads cutting bold lines across the map. Also includes details of the Indian Reservations and forts, and nice detail in Texas.

Detailed Condition:

Splits at top margins, with a small portion of the image missing