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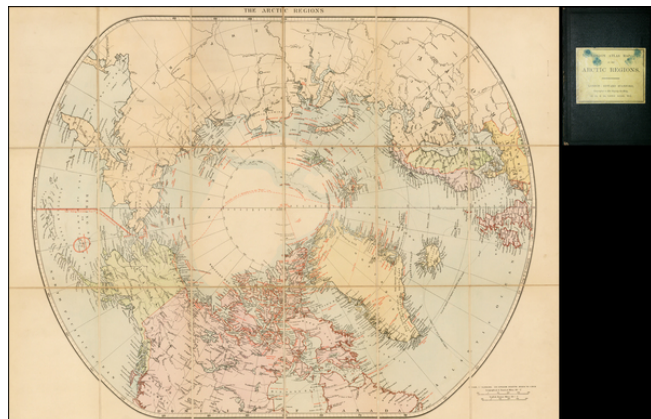
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### The Arctic Regions

**Stock#:** 35172  
**Map Maker:** Stanford  
  
**Date:** 1915 circa  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 25 x 20 inches  
  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Edward Stanford's rare map depicting the entire Arctic Region, featuring the furthest-most points reached by numerous exploring expeditions.

This fascinating map embraces the entire Arctic regions of the World, within a unique ovoid presentation. Centered on the North Pole, it variously extends as far south as 50 to 55 degrees North. All countries are distinguished by their own colors, and major geographic and oceanic features are labeled.

Most interesting, is the labeling of the furthest-most points of literally dozens of expeditions of discovery, along with the corresponding dates (printed in red). These extend chronologically from Sebastian Cabot's supposed visit to northern Newfoundland in 1497 to Bob Bartlett's voyage to Bering Sea in 1914. All the great names are mentioned, including Frobisher, Davis, Hudson, Baffin, Barents, Bering, Franklin, Nordenskjold, Ross and Peary, amongst many others. The American portion of the Bering Sea is labelled with information on the seasonal fishing restrictions. The amount of information featured on the map is truly extraordinary, and is unrivalled by any Arctic map of comparable size.

The map was issued around 1915 by Edward Stanford, then Britain's leading map publisher, in an effort to capitalize on the great contemporary interest in Polar expeditions, seen as the 'last frontier' in global exploration. Stanford had good connections with academic institutions such as the Royal Geographical Society and government bodies such as the Admiralty, so was always able to gain the most accurate information. The present map was one of Stanford's series of progressively updated maps of the Arctic Regions, the first of which was published around 1894, and the last issued in the 1930s.

This map is rare, as are all other issues of Stanford's Arctic series. We are aware of no examples of the present issue appearing in dealer's catalogs or at auction during the last 25 years. We can find only one



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example in institutional collections, at the Bibliothèque national de France (Paris).

**Detailed Condition:**

Chromolithographed map, dissected and laid on linen, with original green cloth covers and printed label.