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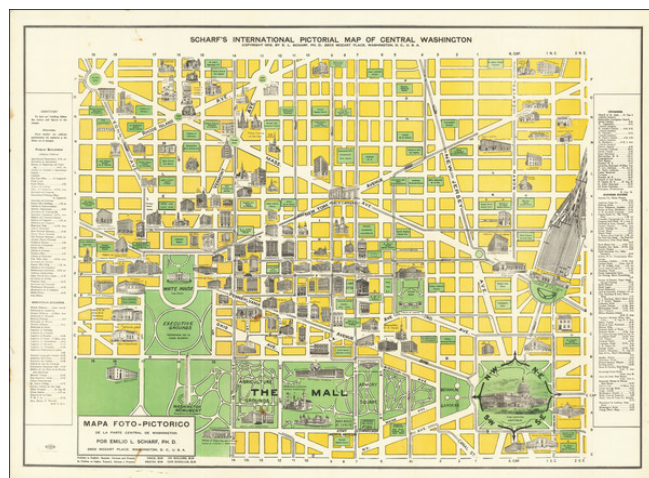
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Scharf's International Pictorial Map of Central Washington . . . 1919 / Mapa Foto-Pictorio De La Parte Central De Washington . . .

Stock#: 76772
Map Maker: Scharf
Date: 1919
Place: Washington, D.C.
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 27 inches
Price: \$ 1,700.00



Description:

The Father of Anti-Gravity Publishes A Pictorial Map of Washington DC

Impressive pictorial map of the Central portion of the City of Washington DC, published (in English, Spanish, German and French) by Emil Ludwig Scharf.

As noted in the biography below, Professor Scharf was, to put it mildly, quack scientist and minor con-artist, who in the late 19th and early 20th Century seems to have been a linguist and language tutor, working briefly for the Catholic University of America.

The defining moments of his infamy seem to have been his discovery of the formula for anti-gravity (*Washington Times*, April 3, 1904) and an attempt to obtain to solicit money for delivering catholic votes in a Kentucky Congressional race.

The Anti-Gravity Story can be seen here:

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While Scharf was clearly not a credible scientist or politician, he did manage to remain active in religious



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publication circles and this pictorial map, published in both English and Spanish (at least in the text in the vignettes), is actually a very credible effort at pictorial mapmaking.

Rarity

We note 2 examples of the 1919 edition (Library of Congress and University of Kansas) and 1 example of a 1926 edition (Library of Congress).

Detailed Condition: