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St. Petersburg [Санкт Петербург]

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Map Maker: SDUK
Date: 1877
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Highly detailed town plan of St. Petersburg, showing streets, buildings, rivers, parks, public squares, churches, bridges, and a host of other details. Large vignette of the Winter Palace, Admiralty, War Office, Statue of Peter I, Isaac's Church, and the Isakiefskoi (Issakievsky) Bridge in the foreground. This was a temporary pontoon bridge until the Annunciation Bridge was built downstream in 1843-1850 and the Palace Bridge was built 50 meters upstream in 1912-1916; bridges across the Neva were initially banned by Peter the Great. The Troitzkoi (Troitskiy), Goshpitalnoi, Strogonov, and Voskresenskoï (Voskresensky) pontoon bridges are also on the map.

A detailed map of Imperial Russia's premier center of culture and power. Incredibly useful for understanding the contemporary layout of this deltaic city that was built on the graves of 10,000 conscripts. 1830s St. Petersburg was at the height of the Empire's, and thus the city's, prominence. With the typical Russian lag, romanticist styles had not yet become popular in St. Petersburg. Thus, this map preserves a view of the city before both its Romantic rebuilding and Soviet-era expansion.

This map provides a unique and fascinating picture of 1830s St. Petersburg. It can act as a good companion to many works of classic Russian literature. On the map, one can trace the scandals of Vronsky and Karenina through the fashionable part of the city, or follow Raskolnikov and see how the back streets of the city may have looked around the time.



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Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Some soiling and minor foxing in right margin.