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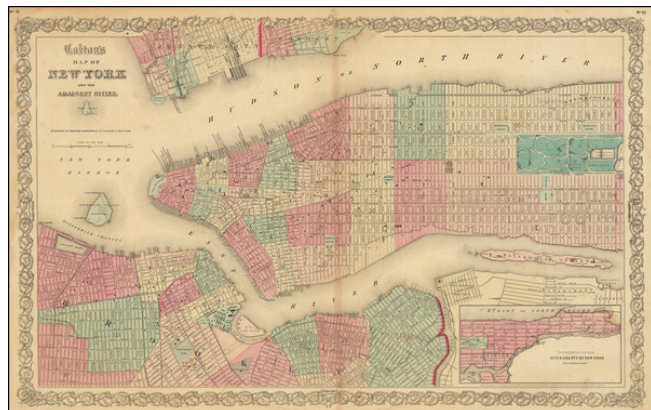
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Colton's Map of New York And the Adjacent Cities

Stock#: 84856
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1859
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 26 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Finely detailed map of New York City, extending north to 87th Street, published when the city was mostly concentrated at the southern tip of Manhattan.

The map shows parks, streets, wards, buildings, rail lines, wharves, and many other features. Inset shows Harlem.

Also shows much of Brooklyn, Hoboken and Jersey City. Nice detail in Central Park, which was still being constructed when this map was published. The avenue names on the Upper East and West sides are still all numbered and Avenues A and B extend through the former. Lexington Avenue only reaches to 65th and Madison Avenue, between 4th Ave. (Park Ave.) and 5th Ave., is not mapped. Manhattan Square sits on the site of the American Museum of Natural History. Much of Broadway is still Bloomingdale Road. Sheep Meadow in Central Park is labeled "Cricket Ground". The Metropolitan Museum has not yet been built. Crystal Palace Distributing Reservoir, built for the 1853 Exhibition, can be seen in the location of present-day Bryant Park. Blackwell's Island, now Roosevelt Island, is home to a prison, workhouse, insane asylum, and hospital. In Brooklyn, Washington Park would become Fort Greene Park in 1867. The northern end of the Gowanus still appears as a proposed canal. Atlantic Avenue is still Atlantic Street.

J.H. Colton was one of the pre-eminent American map publishing firms in the mid-19th Century.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Minor foxing. Some discoloration at centerfold.