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(Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean) Cornell's Outline Maps No. 7

Stock#: 85962
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1859
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 30 x 24.5 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

This 1859 map, titled *Cornell's Outline Maps No. 7*, produced by G. Woolworth Colton to complement Cornell's Series of School Geographies and published by D. Appleton & Co of New York, provides an engaging and instructive representation of Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. Notable for its use of numbered dots and stars scattered across the map, this geographical depiction presents an intriguing educational tool designed for scholastic study.

This map originates from an era marked by the vigorous expansion of public education in the United States. With the growing democratization of learning, educational materials such as Cornell's Outline Maps became pivotal instruments in classrooms, allowing students to engage with the world beyond their immediate environment. In this historical context, the map's focus on Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean underscores the increasing importance of these regions to the United States, whether through trade, territorial expansion, or diplomatic affairs.

The numbered dots and stars on the map, presumably correlated with corresponding textual information in Cornell's Series of School Geographies, serve as an interactive feature, potentially facilitating a better understanding of geographical features, historical events, or societal phenomena relevant to the regions depicted. This educational approach reflects an innovative pedagogical style for the time, focusing on interactive and visual learning.

As a work by G. Woolworth Colton, *Cornell's Outline Maps No. 7* exemplifies the cartographer's dedication to clarity, precision, and functionality. This map offers not only a snapshot of the geographic



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understanding of Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean in the mid-19th century, but also an insight into the educational practices and pedagogical approaches of the time. It stands as a valuable artifact of historical geography and the history of education.

Detailed Condition:

Linen backed wall map with damaged hanging rings at the top. Original hand-color. Wear and loss at the bottom, as illustrated. Minor dampstain.