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The First Battle Between "Iron" Ships of War.

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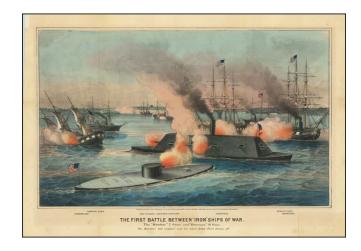
Date: 1862

Place: n.p. (Connecticut)
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 17.75 x 10.75 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

This hand-colored lithograph from 1862, published by Henry Bill, depicts the first naval battle between ironclad ships in history, known as the Battle of Hampton Roads.

The lithograph shows the Union ironclad vessel, the USS *Monitor*, armed with two guns, engaged in combat with the Confederate ironclad, the CSS *Virginia* (formerly the USS *Merrimack*), which was armed with ten guns. The CSS *Virginia* was eventually disabled and the entire Confederate fleet was driven off, according to the caption on the lithograph.

The view also includes illustrations of the Union steamer, the USS *Minnesota*, and the Confederate steamers, the CSS *Jamestown* and the CSS *Yorktown*, as well as the Union frigate, the USS *Cumberland*.

The Battle of Hampton Roads, which took place on March 8-9, 1862, marked a significant turning point in naval warfare as it demonstrated the effectiveness of ironclad ships in combat.

The view is scarce. There is another version, which seems more common, more readily illustrated online.

Detailed Condition: