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The Brewer's Horse

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Map Maker: Anonymous
Date: 1850 circa
Place: n.p. (United Kingdom)
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 7.75 x 6 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

The Brewer's Horse, a mid-19th-century lithograph, captures the essence of a bygone era with a notably large horse, barrels of beer as a backdrop, and a joyous man with a whip standing afore a warehouse. This depiction, rendered with an unaffected charm, offers insight into the role of the brewing industry during this period and its reliance on horse-drawn transport.

The mid-19th century marked a period of transformation for industries, and brewing was no exception. As urban areas grew, so did the demand for alcoholic beverages, especially beer. Breweries became central to local economies, and the large, powerful draft horses, such as the one depicted in this lithograph, played an indispensable role in transporting barrels to inns, taverns, and consumers. These horses, renowned for their strength, became emblematic of the brewery they served.

This lithograph not only serves as a testament to the importance of the brewing industry but also exemplifies the naive art style prevalent during this era. The simplicity and straightforwardness of the illustration provide a stark contrast to the more refined art styles of the time, offering a raw and authentic glimpse into daily life and industry. The cheerful disposition of the man holding the whip emphasizes the sense of pride and camaraderie that existed among those who worked in the industry, echoing the mutual dependence between man, horse, and brewery.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Trimmed and mounted to another sheet of paper.