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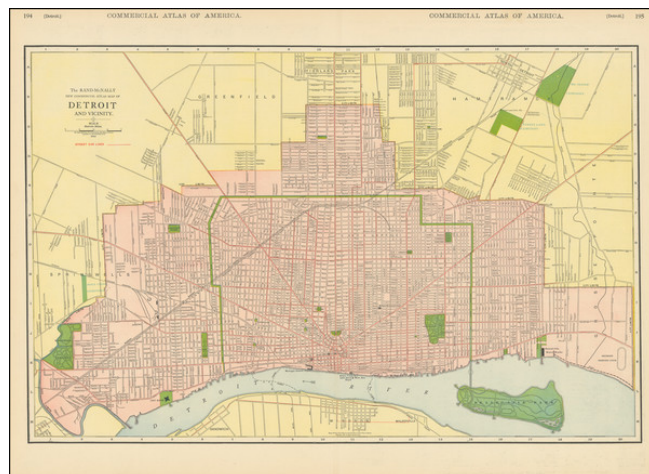
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Map of Detroit and Vicinity

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Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1912
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 26 x 19.5 inches
Price: \$ 195.00



Description:

A fine example of this highly detailed map of Detroit, from Rand McNally's *Indexed Atlas of the World*, perhaps the best large format late 19th Century Atlas published in America.

The map paints an informative picture of the city's expansion and transformation during the 19th century. At the start of the 1800s, Detroit was primarily a small trading outpost, with its strategic location on the Detroit River making it a vital hub for the fur trade.

As the century progressed, so did Detroit, evolving from a modest settlement into a significant industrial city. This growth is clearly seen in the map, with the city's boundaries extended far beyond their early 19th-century limits. A grid of roads, both major and minor, crisscrosses the city, reflecting the city's growing urban infrastructure.

Significant landmarks, such as the Michigan State Capitol and City Hall, are clearly marked, demonstrating the city's political development. The proliferation of churches, schools, and public buildings indicates a rapidly growing population and the rise of civic society. The map also denotes numerous factories and warehouses, especially near the river and the railway lines, indicative of Detroit's burgeoning industrial sector.

Of particular note during this period was the development of urban transit lines. By 1880, Detroit had a well-established system of horse-drawn streetcars, which were later replaced by electric streetcars in the 1890s. The 1893 map clearly depicts these transit lines, which not only connected the central areas of the city but also reached out into the rapidly growing suburbs. This extensive network of urban transit played a significant role in shaping Detroit's growth, enabling both residential expansion and easy access to the

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city's industrial areas.

By 1900, Detroit was a city transformed. It had moved far beyond its early days as a frontier town, becoming a bustling, industrial city. Its factories produced goods for markets across the country, its streets were lined with substantial buildings and residences, and its transit system efficiently moved people throughout the city and its surroundings. The 1893 map provides a vivid snapshot of this critical period in Detroit's history, charting its remarkable growth and development during the 19th century.

Detailed Condition: