

Basic Detail Report



AGAVE BARNUMNIANA HUMBUGIENSIS,

OR American Aloe.

Recently exhibited in Connecticut, where it suffered from exposure. It was originally found there, has been long preserved in a glass-house near the Park in New York, cultivated by the Institute, and lately by Messrs. Crocker.

The leaves are a deep green, bordered with gold. A new one is added every year, some 18, which decay rapidly before maturity, as have the two lower leaves in this specimen.

Flowers once in a century. Just flowered.

Title Agave Barnumniana Humbugiensis

Date probably 1850-1855

Primary Maker Croaker Jr.

Medium Lithography; printer's ink and watercolor on wove paper

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Description Caricature of P.T. Barnum as a plant. A plant, shaped like an agave

or an aloe, grows in a large round pot. A portrait of a man, P.T. Barnum, is at the

top of the central leaf. The leaves are inscribed, from left to right,

"ANNIHILATOR" "FEJEE MERMAID" "WOOLY HORSE" "MUSEUM" "JOYCE HEATH"

"TOM THUMB" "JENNY LIND" "MAINE LAW". A sketch map on the flower pot is

labeled "AMERICA" "EUROPE".

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 9 1/16 x 7 7/8in. (23 x

20cm) Sheet (height x width): 18 1/8 x 13 1/2in. (46 x 34.3cm)