

Basic Detail Report

Title *Agave Barnumniana Humbugiensis*

Date probably 1850-1855

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

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)