



## Raven's Perch Media Colophon

The perched-raven colophon of Raven's Perch Media recalls this bird's habit of gathering and caching objects. Details are from "Camp – Colorado Plateau" by Heinrich Balduin Möllhausen; lithograph by J. J. Young after original artwork by Möllhausen. (Joseph C. Ives, *Report Upon the Colorado River of the West, Explored in 1857 and 1858*, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1861, [Part I] General Report, Plate VII.) The complete plate is shown below.

The scene depicts a wintry camp south of the Grand Canyon just southwest of the place where several members of the party descended into Cataract Creek (Havasu Canyon). Möllhausen sketched and described the scene on April 10, 1858, while he was perched in a nearby tree. He noted (in translation here), "a couple of ravens croaked morosely on the bare branches of a dried-up fir tree as they waited impatiently for our departure, so that they could scout around the abandoned camp site for fat morsels." (Translated from Balduin Möllhausen, *Reisen in die Felsengebirge Nord-Amerikas bis zum Hoch-Plateau von Neu-Mexico*, Hermann Costenoble, Leipzig, 1861.) His original watercolor painting is now in the Amon Carter Museum of American Art (see <https://www.cartermuseum.org/collection/character-high-table-lands-1988146>).

