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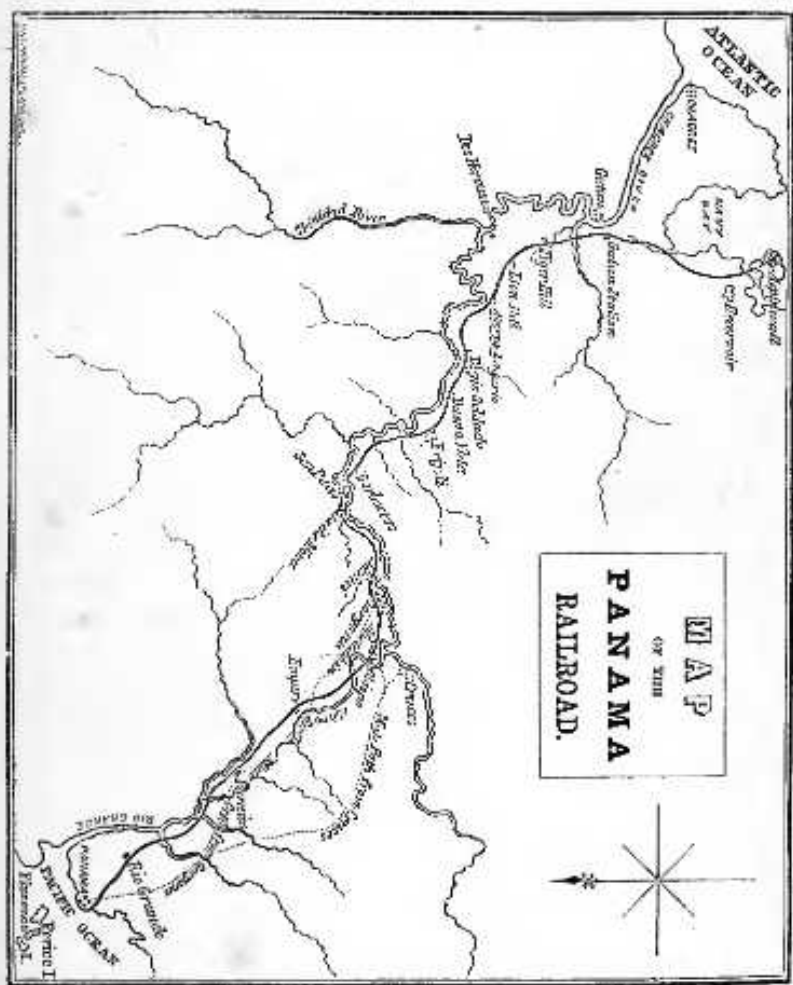
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IN preparing the "Hand-book of the Panama Railroad," the endeavor has been to present,

1. A full and reliable history of the road, from the inception of the original contract to the present day, and such an account of its present condition and business regulations as would be likely to interest and benefit the traveling and commercial public.

2. All necessary information for the shipper and the traveler concerning the various lines of steam and sail communication connecting with the road.

3. A brief account of the present condition, commercial and other resources, of the countries bordering the Pacific coast, and doing business with the United States and Europe over the Panama Railroad, with such information in regard to the expenses connected with commercial transactions in those countries as it has been thought would prove serviceable to the mercantile and shipping interests.

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