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In the preparation of the following list of editions of Ptolemy's Geography, I am under special obligations to George H. Moore, LLD., superintendent of the Lenox Library; Mr. G. C. Hurlbut, librarian of the American Geographical Society; Mr. William Kelby, of the New York Historical Society; the officers of the Astor Library; Gen. Rush C. Hawkins, Mr. Charles H. Kalbfleisch, and Mr. S. L. M. Barlow, of New York; Mr. James C. Pilling, of the Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.; Henry A. Homes, Ll.D., librarian of the New York State Library; Mr. Justin Winsor, librarian of Harvard University; and Mr. John Nicholas Brown, of Providence.



TOLEMY (C.) [Cosmographia. Translated by Jacobus Angelus of Scarparia, and edited by Angelus Vadius and Barnabas Picardus of Vicenza. Colophon: En tibi lector Cosmographia Ptolemæi ab Hermano leuilapide Coloniensi | Vicenciæ accuratissime impressa. Benedicto Triuisano: & Angelo Micha- ele præsidibus. | M.CCCC.LXXV. Idi. Sept. | Sm. folio. BM., J.C.B., C., L.

Sept. | Sm. folio. BM., J.C.B., C., L. Colation: 143 leaves, the first of which is blank (sig. as in ten, bb in eight, as in ten, ba in even, c-g in eights, in it en, A-g in eights, and G in ten). Sig. as it as blank leaf. The dedication, "Beatissimo Patri Alexandro JQ vinto Pont. Max. Angelva," begins on the recto of sig. asa, and ends on the verso. The text (with 39 lines in a full page) begins on the recto of sig. asa with the table of chapters, and ends on the verso of Gro with the brief epistle of the editors and the colophon.

The first edition. Hain, Hoffmann, Brunet, Graeste, and some other bibliographers, mention 143 printed leaves or 144 in all. This I believe to be an error, as the apparent omission or loss of a leaf between signatures a and bo occurs in all the copies that I know of, and is not an imperfection. Mr. Murphy's copy sold for Sa6. Priced by Lecters, 1878, 150 francs; Henry Stevens & Son, 1885, £10 tos. The above translation of Ptolemy's Geography was made from the original Greek, and dedicated to Pope Alexander v. about the year 1409. For more than a century after it was first printed, and during the most important period of maritime discovery, the work was considered to be the highest authority on the subject of geography in general; and it was frequently augmented by supplementary maps and descriptive text, illustrating the progress of the science and the gradual discovery of the American shores. This edition, and several of the following, are included in order to make the list more complete. For the purpose of comparison they are all entitled to a place in an American library.

PTOLEMY. [Cosmographia. Translated by Jacobus Angelus, and edited, with the emendations of Georgius Gemistus, by Domitius Calderinus of Verona. Colophon: Numeros Matematicos inexplicabile ferme ter re astrorumque opus Claudii Ptolemaei Alexan drini Philosophi Geograph iam Arnoldus Buckinck e Germania Rome tabulis as neis in picturis formatam impressit. Sempiterno ingenii artifi ciique monumento. Anno Dominici natalis. M. CCCC. LXXVIII, VI. Idus Octobris, | Sedente Sixto. IIII, Pont. | Max. Anno eivs. VIII. Folio. вм., ј.с.в.

LXXVIII. VI. Iadvi Octobrii., Ocaenia olixio. IIII. Polit. Max., Anno etvs. VIII. Folio.

Rm., J.C.B.

Collation: 124 leaves, one of which is blank—comprising the dedication and text in 69 leaves, followed by one blank leaf (the first gathering in eight, the succond in ten, the third in eight, the fourth in ten, the fifth, sixth and seventh in eights, and the eights in ten); and 27 maps on 54 leaves. Without signature marks or catchwords. The prefatory dedication to Pope Sixtus Iv., with the heading "Clavidi Pholemedi Alexandrini Philosophi Cosmographia," fills the verso of the first leaf, recto blank. The text in double columns, with 50 lines in a full column, begins on the recto of the accord leaf, and ends on the verso of the sixty-ninth leaf with the colophon and register. The 27 double-page copperplate maps, sometimes colored, comprise: the general map of the world according to Ptolemy; Prima Evrope Tabvla (Ibernia Britannica Insvola and Milos Insvola Britannica); Servada Evrope Tabvla (Ibernia Britannica Insvola and Milos Insvola Britannica); Tertis Evrope Tabvla (Britan Gallita, Logdunania Gallita, Alexandria Gallita, Alexandria Gallita, Alexandria Gallita, Alexandria Gallita, Septima Evrope Tabvla (Sardisia Insvola and Scilita Insvola); Octava Evrope Tabvla (Radisia, Septima Evrope Tabvla (Mardisia, Marcinala Gallita, Alexandria); Sevina Britannia Gallita, Septima Evrope Tabvla (Mardisia Insvola); Octava Evrope Tabvla (Radisia Insvola); Octava Evrope Tabvla (Radisia); Septima Evrope Tabvla (Mardisia); Tertia Asia Cabvla (Martisia); Sevina Africa Tabvla (Africa Tabvla (Martisia); Sevina Evrope Tabvla (Martisia); Sevina Martisia; Artisia (Gyresa, Martisia); Sevina Africa Tabvla (Martisia); Sevina Asia Tabvla (Gyresa, Martisia); Sevina Asia Tabvla (Gyresa, Martisia); Sevina Asia

Asiae Tabvia (Taprosana Invola).

This remarkable edition contains the first printed atlas, and the first collection of maps engraved on copper. It may also claim the honor of containing the earliest known specimens of copperplate engraving for books, although that distinction has been often awarded to Antonio Bettinis. "Monte sancto di Dio," printed at Florence in 1477, which is indeed the earliest with a date. The maps are the finest that appeared in any of the early editions. They were commenced about the year 1472 by Conrad Sweynheym, the first printer in Rome, who spent nearly three years in supervising the engraving. The work was not completed and published, however, until 1478, several years after his death. The preface gives the following account of the origin and progress of the edition: "Qua in re ne librariorum inscitia tue Sanctitatis aures offenderet. Domitius Calderinus Veronensis cui huius emendationis proolnits demādata fuerat eam cură suscepit afferens cum uctustissimo greco manu gemisti Philo-

emanus a quo formandorú Rome librorú ara primú profecta est. Occasione hine sempta posteritati consulena animum primum ad han doctrinam capeacendam applicuit. Subinde mathematicia adshittis uiris quemadmodum tabulis nesi imprimentur edocuit, trienaniog in hac cura consumpto [sic] diem obit. In cuius uigiliard laborumq partem no inferiori ingenio as studio Arnoldus Buckleine de Germania uir apprime eruditura di imperfectum opas succedena ne Domiti Conradigo obitu corum uigilia emédationaque sine teatimonio perinen neue uitorú eruditorú censuram fugerent imments abbilitatis machinamenta ezamusim ad unum perfecti; "et. The maps, origilial y designed by Agathodiemon of Alexandria in the fifth century or earlier, were copied from the Greek manuerțito of Ptolemp preserved at Vienna, with the addition of some names from the text, and a Latin translation of the Greek inscriptions. They are each in two plates, printed (with one exception) on leaves of separate abeets, which are placed face to face in pain, and arranged in six gatherings of four sheets each, and one of three sheets at the end, comprising 54 leaves in all. The inscriptions were not engraved, but were made with a punch and mallet. A specimen facsimile is given in Dibdina's "Bibliotheca Spenceriana," v. 538. They were reprinted, from the same plates, in the Romane editions of 1490 and 1507-8. The "Registrum foliorum huiss libri," printed on the final page, fails to mention one of the chects in the last gathering beginning with the word diem, which may account for the error of Laire ("Specimen Typographia Romana;"), v. 1411 in stating that the volume is complete in 68 folios. From the title given by Graesse it would seem that in some copies the word pictorii in the eighth line of the colophon was spelled pictorii. It is one of the rarest and most valuable of all the editions. Mr. Perkina's copy sold in 1873 for £80. Priced by Quaricko, 1879, £80; Ellis, 1884, £110.

PTOLEMY. [Cosmographia. Translated by Jacobus Angelus, revised by Hieronymus Manfredus and Petrus Bonus, corrected by Galleottus Martius and Collamontanus, and edited by Philipby Garbottus various and Colaminants, and edited by impose Beroaldus. Colophon: Clavdii Ptolamaei [sic] Alexan drini Cosmographiae Octa wi et Vitimi Libri Finis. Hic finit Cosmographia Ptolemei impressa opa dominici de lapis ciuis Bononiësis Anno. M. CCCC. LXXI. [error for M. CCCC. LXXXII] Mense Ivnii. XXIII. Bononie Registrum bvivs libri Primum uacat Beatissimo patri Quis cosmographiae ... | Folio. BM., BD.

Collation: 114 leaves, two of which are blank—comprising the dedication and text in 59 leaves, preceded by a blank leaf (sig. A in ten, B-C in eights, D in four, a in ten, b in eight, c and E in sixes); the tables on one leaf, followed by a blank leaf; and 26

b in eight, c and E in sixes; the tables on one leaf, followed by a blank leaf; and a6 maps on 52 leaves.

The dedication, "Beatissimo Patri Alexandero Qvinto Pont. Maz. Anlgelva," begins on the recto of the second leaf (marked A), and is followed on the recto of the third leaf (marked A). Dy the text in double columns, with 57 lines in a full column, which ends on the recto of sig. E6 with the colophon, register, and "Epistola & tabula Textua & figurati," verso blank. The "Tabulas Cosmographica secundum dimensiones Prolemed" fills the recto of the next leaf, and the list of maps entitled "Tabulae Circurae ver Figurati et Sitve infar Scriptorum V3 Sives" fills the verso, ending with "Finis." The following leaf is blank. In some copies these two leaves were placed after the maps. The first leaf of the first signature is blank, and the second, third, fourth, and fifth leaves are marked respectively A, Ai, A3, and A4; and the first two leaves of the second signature are both marked Bs. The 26 double-page copreplate maps, sometimes colored, are mostly numbered on the upper margins, and according to the printed list, which precedes them, comprise: Mappanvnoil Tabula 1. car. 2. (not marked); Iberaise insulae, Albionis britaniae, Nonc uero anglise, ta. 2. car. 4. (marked

Prima Tabvia); Ispanise, Lusitanise, Taragonensis, Betticae situs, ta. 3. car. 6. (marked Tabvia 2); Aquitanise, Gallise lugdunensis, Gallise belgicae, ta. 4. car. 8. (marked Tabvia Tavia); Germaine paruse, Germaine magnet, a. 5. car. 10. (marked Qustat Tabvia); Retiae & uindelicae, Norici, Pânonise superioris, Pânonise inferioris, Illyridis aut Ilburnise, Dalmatise, ta. 6. car. 12. (marked Tabvia Quinta); Retiae & uindelicae, Norici, Pânonise superioris, Pânonise inferioris, Illyridis aut Ilburnise, Dalmatise, ta. 6. car. 12. (marked Tabvia 9); Unital; Italiae, Corsicae, ta. 7. car. 14. (not marked); Sardinise, Siciliae, ta. 8. car. 16. (marked Tabvia 5); Sarmatise, Tawiacae cheronosi, ta. 9. car. 18. (marked Tabvia 8); Iazigum metanastram, Dacise, Mysise superior, Mysise inferior, ta. 10. car. 20. (marked Tabvia 9); Thracise, Cheronosi, Maccdoniae, Epiri, Achaise, Peloponesi, Orteate insulae, ta. 11. car. 22. (not marked); Mauritanise tingitanicae, Mavitanicae cassariésis, ta. 12. car. 24. (marked Tabvia 12); Cyrene, Marmaricae ilibyae, Toto ex egypto, ts. 14. car. 28. (marked Tabvia 12); Libyae interioris ta. 15. car. 30. (not marked); Sarmaticae sistaicae, Cochhióis, Iberliae, Albaniae, ta. 17. car. 34. (marked Tabvia 16); Sarmaticae sistaicae, Cochhióis, Iberliae, Albaniae, ta. 17. car. 34. (marked Tabvia 16); Sarmaticae sistaicae, Cochhióis, Iberliae, Albaniae, ta. 17. car. 35. (marked Tabvia 17); Cyrri insulae, Syriae, Phoeniciae, Palastinae iudeae, Petraese, Mesopotaniae, Arabise desertae, Babioniae, ta. 18. car. 36. (marked Tabvia 17); Cyrri insulae, Syriae, Phoeniciae, Palastinae iudeae, Petraese, Mesopotaniae, Arabise desertae, Babioniae, ta. 18. car. 36. (marked Tabvia 21); Saryinae, Medics, Suuinae, Pensidis, Partinae, Carmaniae desertae, Hyrcaniae, ta. 19. car. 35. (marked Tabvia 21); Cyrri insulae, Syriae, La. 20. car. 40. (marked Tabvia 21); Arabise fabiciis, Carmaniae, ta. 20. car. 40. (marked Tabvia 21); Arabise fabiciis, Carmaniae, ta. 20. car. 40. (marked Tabvia 21); Arabise fabiciis, Carman

engraving as not less praiseworthy than that of printing.

The date of 1462 is certainly an error, as printing was not introduced in Bologna until 1471; besides, no specimens of the typography of Dominicus De Lapis are known dated earlier than 1476 nor later than 1482. According to Audiffiedi ("Specimen Hite,-Crit. Edit. 1417, "pp. 13, 153) the same type, evidently new, appears in Galeottus Martius "Refvtatio Obicctorw in librum de Homine," and in Benedictus de Nurias "Opus ad sanitatic observationens," printed by De Lapis at Bologna in 1476 and 1477 respectively; and a comparison of these two works with the Ptolemy proves that the latter must have been printed several years later, as the type used in it is somewhat worn and damaged, while a number of improvements are evident in the use of initial letters, signatures and register, and also in the presswork. Moreover, Philippus Beroaldus, the editor of the work, was not born until 1453; and probably the first book edited by him, "Luril Floif Gestorm Romanorwe geithoma," was printed at Parma about 1473, during his residence in that city. He was certainly at Bologna in 1482, and remained there until his death in 1505. From these facts it would seem probable that the book was printed about the year 1482; and this opinion was adopted by Raidelius, Meerman, Heinecken, Audiffredi, Panzer, Dibdin, Hoffmann, Hain, and

others, and has been followed by most modern bibliographers. The error has been explained by supposing that the letters "tx" may have dropped out accidentally, or been misplaced in the line below. Bernhart (in Aretin, "Beyträge,") suggested the year 1480, which is also worthy of consideration. De Buse ("Bibliographe Instructive," No. 4193) and Gamba ("Observation!"), relying mainly on the appearance of the typography and the engraving of the maps, proposed the year 1472 as the true date. Breitkopf ("Ueber den Druck der geograph. Charten," p. 6) supposed that an "t" might have been put in by mittake instead of an "t," and that the date was intended to read McCCCLIXLE, i.e. 1491. The uncertainty of the date, and the fact that the maps were among the earliest printed—being the first of the kind produced at Bologna—have together rendered this volume famous; and it is now the rarect of all the editions. See Gamba, "Observacioni su a cidizione della Geografia di Tolomoe fatta in Bologna colla data del McCCCLIXLE," Bassans, 1795(") Bernhart, "Beyträge zur enabera Bestimmung des Druckjahres von der Komongraphie des Prolemias mit der Jahrashi 1462a, nebat Untersuchungen über die ersten in Metall gestochenen Landkarten," in Aretin's "Beyträge zur Geschichte und Literatur," v. 497 ff., 609 ff., Hoffmann "Lexicon Bibliographicum," in. 491–31 Dibdin, "Bibliothecs Spenceriana," n. 293–300.

PTOLEMY. [Cosmographia. Translated by Jacobus Angelus, and edited by Nicolaus Donis. Colophon:] Clavdii Ptolomei viri A lexandrini Cosmographie | octavus et ultimus liber | explicit | Opus Donni Nicolai Germa | ni secundum Ptolomeum | finit. | Anno M CCCC-LXXXII. Avgu sti vero Kalendas. XVII. | Imprisvom [sic] Vime per Ingeni osum virum Leonardum | Hol prefati oppidi civis . . . | Folio.

Ingeni orum vurum Lenardum [Hol prefati oppidi crus: ... | Folio.

Collation: 133 leaves—comprising the dedication and text in 69 leaves (tig. a in ten, beg in eights, and h in eleven); and 32 maps on 64 leaves.

The dedication, "Beatisimo Patri Pavlo Selvando Pontinki Mazimo. | Donis Nicolava Germanva," containing a large ornamental woodcut of the letter N, representing the presentation of the book to the peps, begins on the recto of the first leaf, and is followed on the verso of the second leaf by the text in double columns, with 44 lines in a full column, which ends on the verso of the sitzy-inital leaf with "Hine sequentre tabule." The 32 double-page woodcut maps, sometimes colored, are on separate sheets, each with a page or two of descriptive text printed on the back within ornamental woodcut borders, and arranged in the following order: a map of the world according to Ptolemy; Prima Evrope Tabula (Historia, and Albina Insvila Britannia); Secunda Evrope Tabula (Historia) and modern map of Pronine; Oyarta Evrope tabula (Magina Germina); a modern map of Pronine; Oyarta Evrope tabula (Magina Germina); a modern map of India; Septima Evrope tabula (Maria Germina); a modern map of India; Septima Evrope tabula (Maria Manante, Davia (India); a modern map of India; Septima Evrope tabula (Maria Manante, Davia (India); a modern map of India; Septima Evrope tabula (Maria Manante, Davia (India); Prima Librie Tabula (Maria Maria; Libia et tata Egipt); Oyarta et vitima affrice tabula (Germata Regrep); Nona Evrope tabula (India Interior); Preima Aibrie tabula (Maria Admine); Tertia Affrice tabula (Germata Regrep); Adminatio; Quarta at Tabula (Maria, Albaria and Ammana Mairi; Quarta Attatica); Certa Asie Tabula (Advia, Ambaria and Remente Mairi; Quarta Attatica); Certa Asie Tabula (Advia, Paria), Ambaria and Remente Mairi; Quarta Attatica); Septima Asie tabula (Sirbia intera Imavom Man, Bactimano, Segdiana, and Secha Regrio; Octava Asie Tabula (Sirbia intera Imavom Manana, Advia (Advia Erropamisva, Drangiasa, Arababia),

tabula (India extra Gangem, and Sina Regio); and Dvodecima et vitima Asie tabula (Ingirobana Invol.). The last map fills but one page, and the following leaf contains on the recto two colomans of text printed from booktrpe, and ends on the verso, in the second colomn, with the colophon. The map of the world is inscribed at the top Insulpina us uper Jobanat, Schimare de Amambain. These maps were referent, corrected and improved, some time between 1464 and 1473, by Nicolaus Donia, a Benedictine monk of the convent of Reichenbach in Bavaria, who dedicated the work to Pope Paul n. He also added the five modern map, one of which contain the first printed representation of Greenland, laid down as a peninsula of northern Europe under the name of Egyrondam. South of this the same name is also given to a province or country adjoining norberja. The copy described above is in the Lenox Library.

Bernhard (in Aretin, "Beyringe," v. 531) as cited by Hoffmann, describes in detail two varieties of this edition, in one of which the recto of the colophon leaf was printed from a woodcut block with the last map, while in the other the same page was printed from a woodcut block with the last map, while in the other the same page was printed from a woodcut block with the last map, while in the other the same page was printed from a woodcut block with the last map, while in the other the same page was printed from a woodcut block with the last map, while in the other the same page was printed from a woodcut block with the last map, while in the other the same page was printed from a woodcut block with the last map, while in the other the same page was printed from a woodcut block with the last map, while in the other has an advantage of a different pattern. In other respects, however, the two impressions were alike, even to the typographical error Improvem in the colophon. According to Panzer, Brunet and Van Pract, an index and a brief treatise, both written by Donia, were afterwards added to some copies. The index in 29 leaves was

PTOLEMY. [Cosmographia. Translated by Jacobus Angelus, and edited by Nicolaus Donis. Colophon:] Impressum Vime opera et expensis l'usti de Albano de Venetiis per provisorem suum Iobannem Reger. In no. Domini. M. CCCC. LXXXVI. | XII. Kalendas. Augusti. | Folio.

Collation: 204 leaves—comprising the index in 42 leaves (sig. A-B in eights, C in ten, and D-E in eights); the text in 74 leaves (sig. a in ten, and b-i in eights); 32 maps on 64 leaves, and the treatise "De locia" in 24 leaves (sig. A-C in eights); 32 maps on 64 leaves, and the treatise "De locia" in 24 leaves (sig. A-C in eights). The second edition of Donis's Ptolemy. The index begins on the verse of the first leaf, recto blank, with "Nota ad inseniendum igitur regiones," followed on the recto of the second leaf (sig. A.3) by "Registry Malphabeticy" in double columns, which ends on the verse of E8. The dedication, "Beatissimo Patri Pavlo Se[cvndo Pontifici Maximo, [Donis Nicolava Germanys," with the elaborate wood vot initial (as in the preceding edition), begins on the recto of sig. 21, and is followed on the next leaf by the