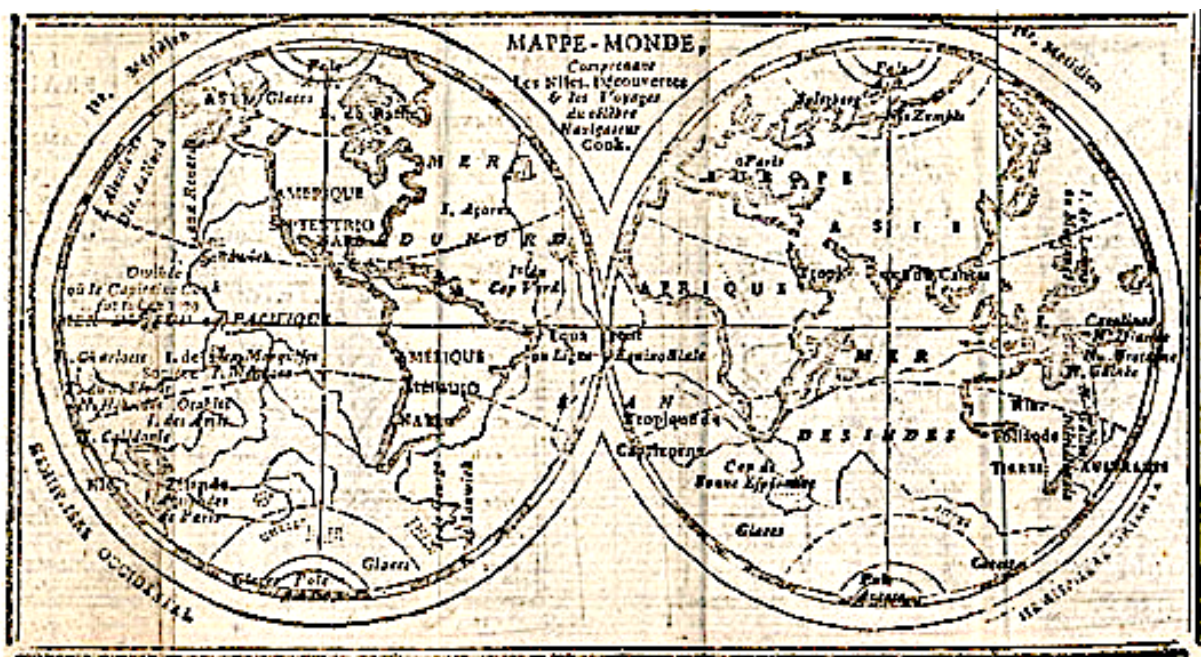


A tiny French almanac, about 100 x 60 mm., is the source of a set of seven miniature maps. The earliest edition would seem to be that for 1776 and it was issued annually for many years by Jacques-Denis Langlois and his son Philippe-Denis Langlois. The almanac for 1808 was probably the last and the son died in 1809. The one for 1779 was published in 1778, the only year to have a publication date, but it is not unreasonable to assume that they were all issued late in the previous year, just as diaries are today.

The maps were by the prolific French cartographer Louis Brion de la Tour (1756-1823), 'Ingénieur Géographe du Roi', who signed the world map. This is about 160 x 84 mm. but the others are 90 x 84. They were printed back to back on one sheet. This was bound in to provide two folding leaves: one each at the front and rear of this little book:

*Mappemonde ... Navigateur Cook; L'Afrique; L'Asie;
La France; L'Europe; L'Amerique meridionale; L'Amerique septentrionale.*



Over the years there were several versions of the maps with a few slight variations in title, but all leaving much to be desired and their positions changed too. In the first half of the nineteenth century various other publishers produced editions of this almanac, notably Louis Janet of Paris (see 1822).

Étrennes intéressantes des quatre parties du monde. Paris, Langlois père & fils and Dechamps, (1775-1791); Langlois père & fils, (1792-1796); Langlois fils & Demoraine, (1797); Langlois fils, (1798-1807).