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For all its small size, 130 x 105 mm., George Knight's atlas has a rather grandiose title in which he describes himself as 'teacher of English, history, geography &c & author of a pronouncing dictionary &c.' The engraved title-page is signed by William Murphy, the man responsible for the sixty-four numbered maps. These are all single-page with outline hand-colour and they measure about 110 x 80 mm., with 'Drawn & Engraved by W. Murphy, Edinr.' at the foot. In his preface, Knight explains his system of teaching geography by the use of maps, with each one having an outline map without names exactly opposite, and this is the format of his atlas, with their titles in two-line panels:

*The World; The World; The World on Mercator's Projn; The World on Mercator's Projn; Europe; Europe; Asia; Asia; Africa; Africa; North America; North America; South America; South America; England and Wales; England and Wales; Scotland; Scotland; Ireland; Ireland; Spain and Portugal; Spain and Portugal; France; France; United Kingdom of Holland and the Netherlands; Holland and the Netherlands; Austria; Austria; Italy; Italy; Prussia; Prussia; Switzerland; Switzerland; Confederate States of Germany; Germany; Denmark; Denmark; Sweden and Norway; Sweden and Norway; Russia; Russia; Turkey in Europe; Turkey in Europe; Turkey in Asia; Asia Minor Syria &c.; Hindoostan; Hindoostan; China; China; East India Islands; East India Islands; United States; United States; West Indies; West Indies; Modern Egypt; Ægyptus antiqua;*

*Romanum Imperium; Italiæ antiquæ media pars; Græcia antiqua; Palestine or the Holy Land; Chorographia Romana / Chorographia Atheniensis.*

The detailed maps on the verso have notes on areas and populations adjacent to their titles and often within the panels. The last few maps relate to the ancient world.





*An Atlas of all the empires, kingdoms, states, &c in the world, ancient & modern, consisting of sixty four maps, including outlines for the use of learners; ... by George Knight .... Edinburgh, Stirling & Kenney; London, Whittaker & others, (1832).*