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A delightful series of five circular maps was engraved by William Kip about 1602. Each little roundel was signed by him and also has the initials of the publisher Hans Woutneel. All have lettering within their borders and diameters of about 85/90 mm. They are very close copies of the 1589/90 thematic set of Jodocus Hondius (see 1589):

Typus orbis terrarum
Europæ acedemia
Galliae descriptio ...
Leo Belgicus
Angliæ descriptio ...

The map of England is undated and is scarce. It is found in Matthew Simmons' *Direction for the English traveller*, London, 1635 and 1636 (see 1635a). In the title of the map, *Angliæ descriptio* is corrected to *Angliæ descriptio* on 1636 copies (see below).

The other four maps are even rarer than Hondius' originals: the world and Europe are both dated 1602, whereas France and the Low Countries are both undated.

In 1970 one of each was sold: the world alone, by Sam Eisler of Collectors' Treasures, Amersham; the other four were in a bound set of proofs of the county maps of Pieter van den Keere (see 1617) and were sold by Tony Campbell, then at Weinreb & Douwma Ltd., London.

Another example of the world map is inserted in the British Library's 1657 edition of *A Book of the names of all parishes* (see 1643). An article by Edward Lynam, who was The Superintendent of the Map Room at the British Museum 1931-50, appeared in *The Geographical Journal*, volume 89, 1937: *A Woutneel map of 1602*.



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