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A companion pocket version of John Speed's world atlas was often bound with the epitome of his *Theatre* (see 1619): popularly known as the 'miniature Speed'. An elderly Pieter van den Keere, who is thought to have died at Ghent in 1646, engraved and signed all twenty maps which again have average dimensions of about 123 x 85 mm:

*A New and accurat map of the world/Drawne according to ye truest Descriptions latest Discoveries; Asia; Africa; Europa; America; Ελλας/Greece; The Romane Empire; Germania; Bohemia; Gallia; A New mape of ye XVII provinces of Low Germanie; Hispania; Italia; Hungaria; Dania; Polonia; Persia; The Turkish Empire; China; Tartaria.*

Only those of the world and America are dated 1646, very neatly altered from 1642, which is when they were all probably engraved. In the oldest known copy of the atlas, these two plates are in an earlier state. The Burden collection of county atlases contains three rare variant issues, all with the *Prospect* bound with the county atlas:

- the only recorded copy of a 1646 edition, but with the *Prospect* dated 1626, has printed labels pasted over Keere's signature on two plates: 'by In Speed.' on the world and a decorative pattern on America;
- the only recorded copy of a 1646 edition with printed labels pasted over the imprints, stating Roger Rea's name and address and, in the case of the *Prospect*, the date 1662;
- a second copy of what was once thought to be an untitled 1665 edition, as that is the date of the *Prospect*, but in fact dated 1666.





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Some new maps were added to the final edition (see 1676).

*Prospect of the most famous parts of the world.* London, William Humble, 1646; Roger Rea, 1662, (1662), 1665 i.e. 1666, 1668; Thomas Bassett & Richard Chiswell, 1675 i.e. 1676.



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In 1662, 1676, 1678 and 1681, Henry Brome published four editions of *A Geographical dictionary*, which was an English version of Pierre Du Val's *L'A.B.C. du monde*. This little book contained a miniature map of the world by Peter Stent, 155 x 83 mm., and signed 'P. Stent excudit'.





In 1687 a fifth edition was published by Charles Brome with a new map (see below). This was a very close copy of Keere's world map (see above) but with less coastal hatching and the word 'Western', just to the west of the Cape of Good Hope, also lacks an 'e'. This new map subsequently appeared in the second edition of Edmund Bohun's *Geographical dictionary* of 1691. Possibly engraved by John Sturt, who signed the frontispiece, it appeared yet again in the third edition of 1693, but now with both of the upper and lower panels cut off.

