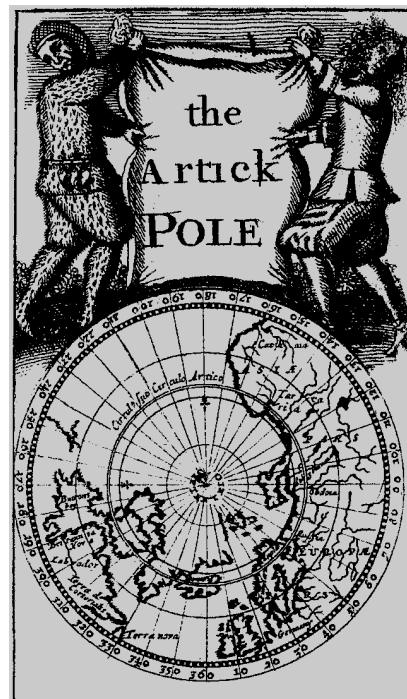
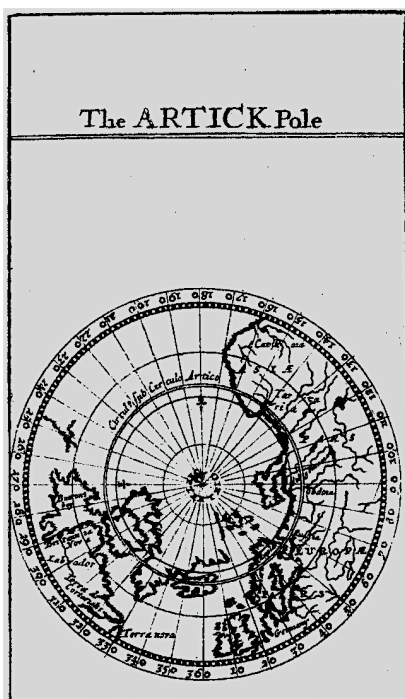


In addition to those featuring maps of counties (see 1676a & 1676b), two more packs of geographical playing cards, relating to the countries of the world, were being sold by John Seller in London about 1676. One had topographical notes* (see footnote) and the other pack featured maps. Soon afterwards the plates for both were altered and the prints, minus the card values, were pasted onto the pages of a little *Book of geography*.



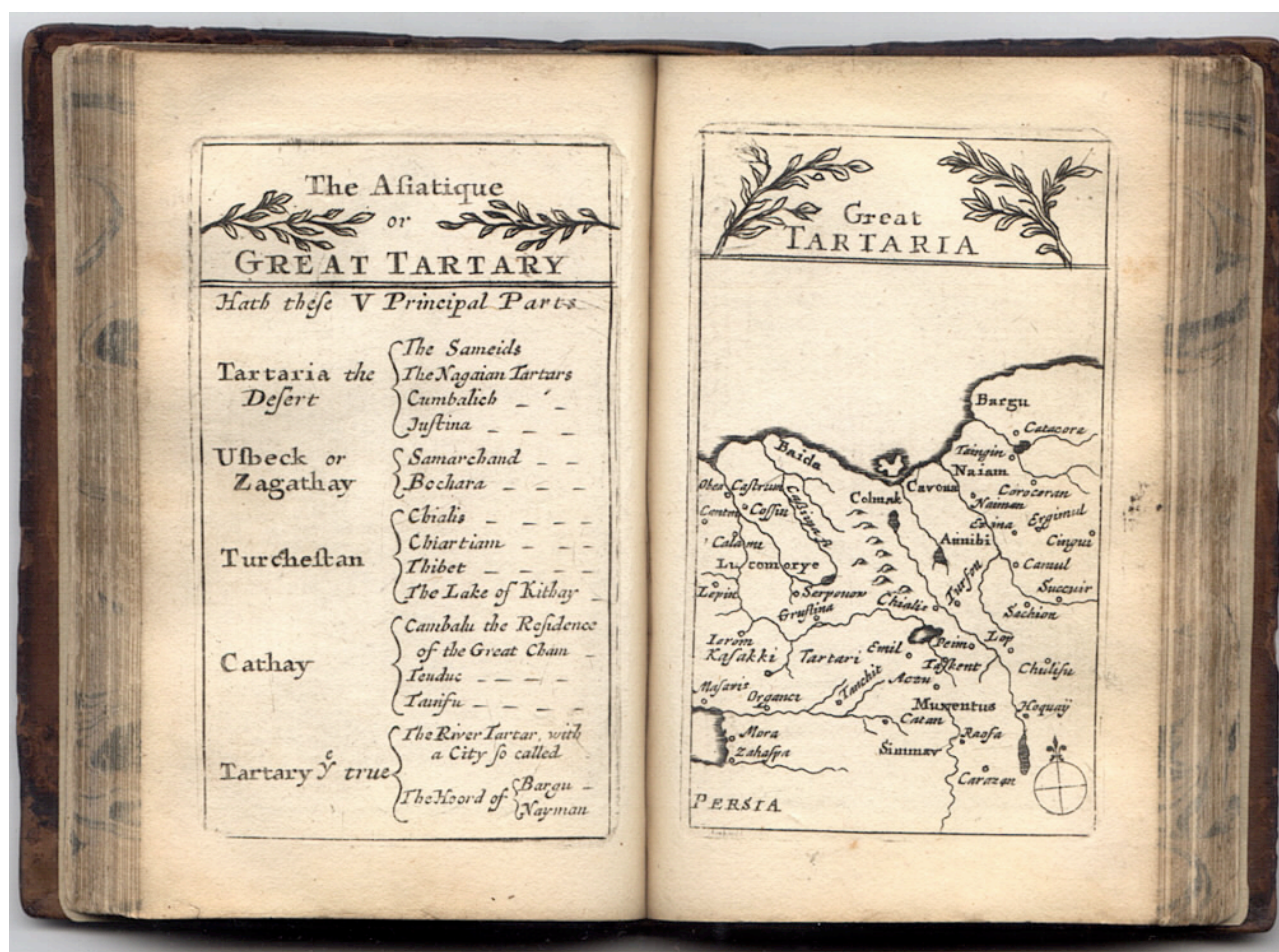
The title-page was engraved and signed by James Clark who may well have engraved all the other plates which measure about 54 x 93 mm. The fifty-two maps were titled:

Europe; Great Britain; Italia; Turkie in Europe; Germany; The IX Chiefe Islands in ye Mediterranean Counted in Europe; France; Sweaden; Poland; The's Countries Border on France; Spain and Portugal; Moscovia; Denmark.

Asia; China; Persia; Turkey in Asia; The Empire of the Great Mogul; The Peninsula of India without ye Ganges; The Main Land of India within the Ganges; The Peninsula of India within ye Ganges; The Asiatick Islands; Great Tartaria; Georgia; Arabia; The two Chief Islands in ye Mediterranean Reckon'd in Asia.

Africa; The Higher and Lower Ethiopia; Nubia; Land of Negro's; These Islands Belong to Africa; The Higher Ethiopia; Biledulgerid; Barbaria; Congo; Zaara; Ægyptus; Guinea; The Lower Ethiopia.

America; Mexico; The English Empire; Brasilia; Terra Firma; New Mexico; Paragua; The Chief Islands of ye Antilles and Lucayes; Canada or New France; Florida; Mexico or new Spain; The West Coast of South America; The Artick Pole.

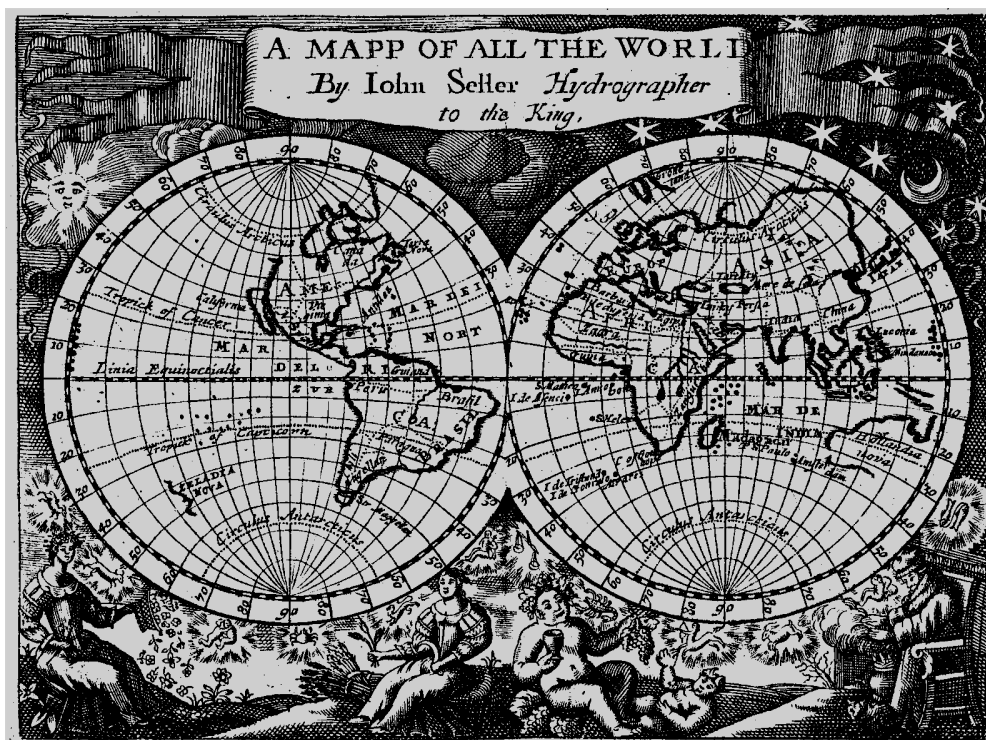


About 1678 the plates were modified yet again for a new edition entitled *Atlas minimus*, with the words 'Atlas minimus or' inserted above the original title. The atlas was only about 120 x 80 mm. in size. All of the maps were printed normally and no longer pasted in, with a frontispiece having Clark's monogram and a very attractive new miniature double-page world map (below). Most of the title panels were decorated and their wording sometimes changed too:

Great Britain = Great Britain and Ireland; Sweaden = The Kingdom of Sweaden; China = The Kingdom of China; Land of Negro's = The Country of the Negro's or Blacks; Mexico = Mexico or New Spain; The English Empire = The English Empire in America; Brasilia = Brazil.

A second issue in 1678 has his shop in Pope's Head Alley added to its imprint (see above) and Wales is now named on the map of Great Britain and Ireland. The contents of individual copies do not vary as with so many of Seller's atlases, though they were published both with and without forty-eight pages of text entitled *A Geographical description of the world*.

Just a few of these maps also appear in John Seller's *A Pocket book*, which he published from about 1676 onwards. It was republished about 1700 by Jeremiah Seller, Charles Price and Philip Lea. This work contains many plates of tables, some of Seller's small maps and just four miniatures from the *Atlas minimus* series: Europe, Asia, Africa and America. Only the last edition also contains the first state of the world map from the same series.



After John Seller died in 1697, *Atlas minimus* was republished by John Senex and Charles Price, with the title-page retouched accordingly (see above). Their names replaced that of Seller on the world map too. The order of the other maps was also changed and there were just fifty in this final edition.

pack of playing cards. London, John Seller, (1676).

Book of geography. London, John Seller, (1677).

Atlas minimus. London, John Seller, (1678), (1678); John Senex & Charles Price, (1706).

*The cards with topographical notes were derived from some French ones issued in 1669. This pack has four extra cards, with a map of a continent on each one. It was soon closely copied in Germany and England. Seller's maps of the four continents are similar to these maps.

Les Tables de géographie. Paris, Pierre Du Val, 1669.

Die Geographia in ein carten spiel. Augsburg, Johann Stridbeck Junior, (1670).

