

A geography textbook, which would seem to have been very popular as it went through several editions, has a question and answer format. According to the titlepage it was carefully revised and corrected by John Lodge Cowley, Geographer to his Majesty, from a work originally written by the late Mr. Hübner and faithfully translated, with additions and improvements. Johann Hübner (1668-1731) was a German scholar who pioneered the catechetical method of teaching geography, i.e. instruction in the form of questions and answers.

It is illustrated with thirty-three plates of various sizes and shapes. Many of these have John Cowley's name in the map title and some have the signature of the prolific engraver Emanuel Bowen. He engraved twenty-seven numbered plates but five of them, numbers 7, 10, 12, 20 and 22, contained several maps and the printed pages were subsequently cut up for insertion as appropriate.



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Each map has instructions to the binder, e.g. plate 8, *Italy*, has 'facing p. 87'. There are six small folding ones with Bowen's signature (the world and five continents) and twenty-seven miniatures: seventeen about 130 x 110 mm., nine have two tiny maps about 70 x 65 mm. each, one above the other, and *Mexico* (above) 132 x 72 mm. They are all nicely done but with titles which are often much longer than is usual with such items:

*A Map of Spain and Portugal by I. Cowley Geor. Royal*

*A Map of France by I. Cowley Geor. Royal*

*A Map of South Britain divided according to the Saxon Heptarchy and sub-divided into the 52 Counties of England & Wales by Eman: Bowen*

*A Map of Scotland divided into its Counties &c.*

*A Map of Ireland divided into Provinces and subdivided into Counties*

*The United Provinces / The Ten Provinces of the Austrian Netherlands*

*Italy with its Sovereignties &c. by I. Cowley Geor. Royal*

*A Map of Germany divided into Circles by I. Cowley Geor. Royal*

*Circles of Upper & Lower Saxony / Circles of the Upr. & Lowr. Rhine Franconia & Swabia*

*The Circle of Westphalia / Switzerland with its Allies & Subjects &c.*

*Hungary and Transylvania / Circles of Austria & Bavaria*

*A Map of Poland Prussia and Courland by I. Cowley Geor. Royal*

*A Map of Denmark / Bohemia Silesia Moravia & Lusatia*



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*A Map of Sweden Denmark & Norway by I. Cowley Geor. Royal*

*Russia or Muscovy in Europe by I. Cowley Geor. Royal*

*A Map of Turkey in Europe containing the Provinces of Moldavia Wallachia Bulgaria and Romania with Greece Crim-Tartary & the several Islands &c. by I. Cowley Geor. Royal*

*Part of the Turkish Dominions in Asia*

*A Map of Persia / Part of the Turkish Dominions in Asia*



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*Part of the East Indies containing the Mogul's Empire and the Peninsula on this side of the Ganges by I. Cowley Geor. to his Majesty (India)*

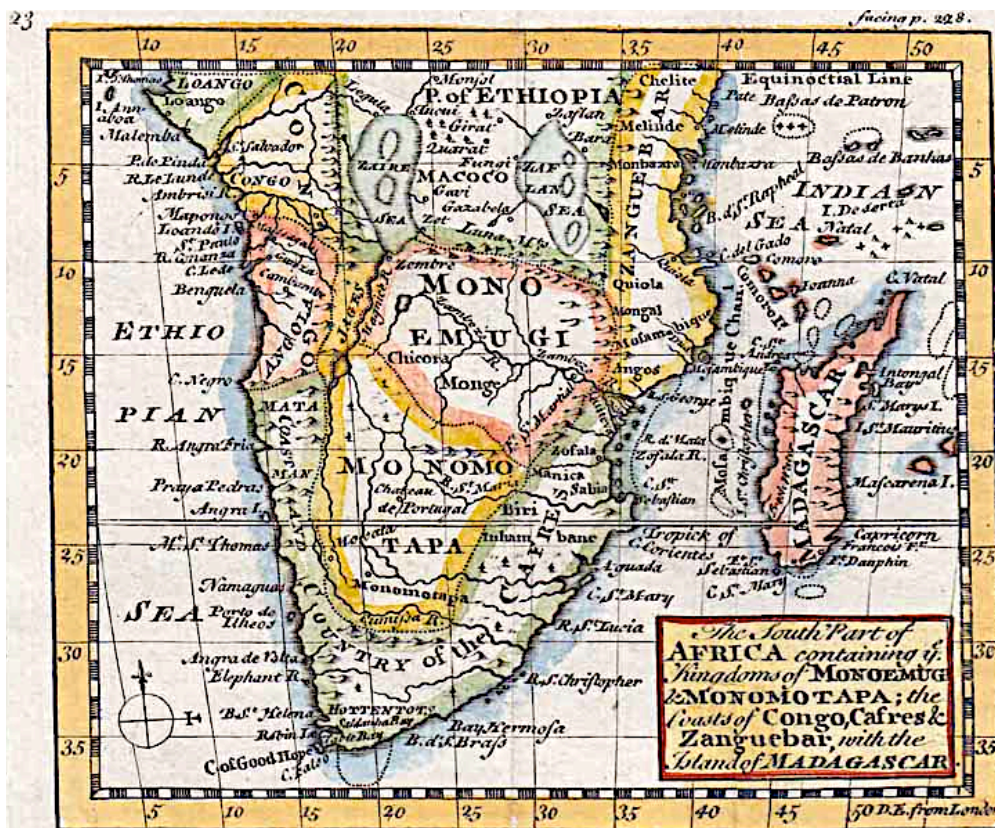
*The Northern Parts of Great Tartary the rest being annexed to the Maps of the East Indies, Persia &c. / China and Japan*

*Peninsula of India beyond the Ganges, also Part of the Asiatick Islands by I. Cowley Geor. Royal (Indo China etc.)*

*West Part of Barbary East Part of Barbary / Negroland and New Guinea*

*Nubia Egypt and the Coast of Abex / Abyssinia Ajan &c.*

*The South Part of Africa containing ye Kingdoms of Monoemugi & Monomotapa; the Coasts of Congo, Cafres & Zanguebar, with the Island of Madagascar*



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*Mexico or New Spain New Mexico &c.*

*A Map of the British Plantations Canada Florida &c.*

*A Map of the West India Islands with part of the Continent.*

*An Introduction to geography, by way of question and answer. London, Thomas Cox, 1738.*

*A New and easy introduction to the study of geography. London, Thomas Cox & James Hodges, 1742, 1746, 1753; Charles Hitch & others, 1761; H. Woodfall & others, 1767; J. Buckland & others, 1777.*