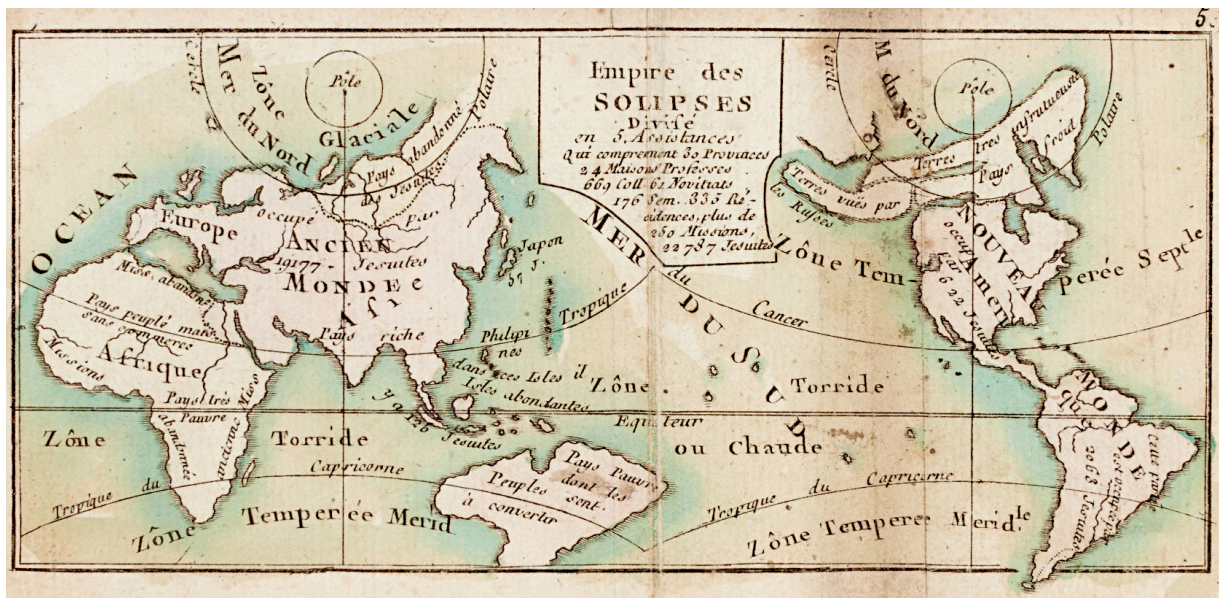




The third miniature atlas by Louis Denis was an unusual one of the world, containing forty-one maps with hand colour. The first of these, plate number 5, is a folding map of the world, 160 x 70 mm., entitled *Empire des solipses* (see below) but the rest are single-page. These measure about 95 x 70 mm. and mostly have their long titles in panels like the world map, although all but four\* have additional short titles outside the top border:

*Assistance d'Italie; Rome; Sicile; Naples; Milan; Venise; Assistance de France; France; Champagne; Lion; Toulouse et Aquitaine; Grece; Syrie et Perse; Asie; Amerique Septentrle.; Assistance d'Espagne; Toledé; Castille; Aragon; Boetique; Sardaigne; Partie Seple. de la Province du Mexique\*; Mexique; Nouv. Royaume\*; Prov de Quito\*; Perou; Papaguay; Amerique Meridionle.; I. Phillippines\*; Portugal; Assist. d'Allemagne; Haut Rhin; Bas Rhin; Flandre Belgique et Pr. Unies; Gaule; Angleterre; Pologne; Autriche; Lithuanie; Boheme.*



This innovative work is a little oblong volume about 90 x 120 mm. and it is a very rare item today. Its interesting thematic maps show the influence of the Jesuit order across the globe at that time. It would seem likely that there were three variant issues, with one having forty-five engraved leaves numbered (some wrongly) at top right, as per copies in the Bibliothèque Nationale and the Library of Congress. Another issue had a different engraved title-page in front of the original one and there are examples in the Missouri Historical Society Library and the Newberry Library in Chicago. A third variant had the imprint of the publisher Antoine Des Ventes de la Doué and both the Library of Congress and the Newberry Library have this issue too. Denis' atlas was subsequently copied by Ambroise Dupont, who published his version six decades later, with forty three all new maps and an intriguing statement about the original (see 1826).

*Empire des solipses.* Paris, Louis Denis, 1764.

*Atlas géographique renfermant les établissemens des Jésuites.* Paris, Louis Denis, 1764.

*Atlas géographique renfermant les établissemens des Jésuites.* Paris, Antoine Des Ventes de la Doué, (176?).

