

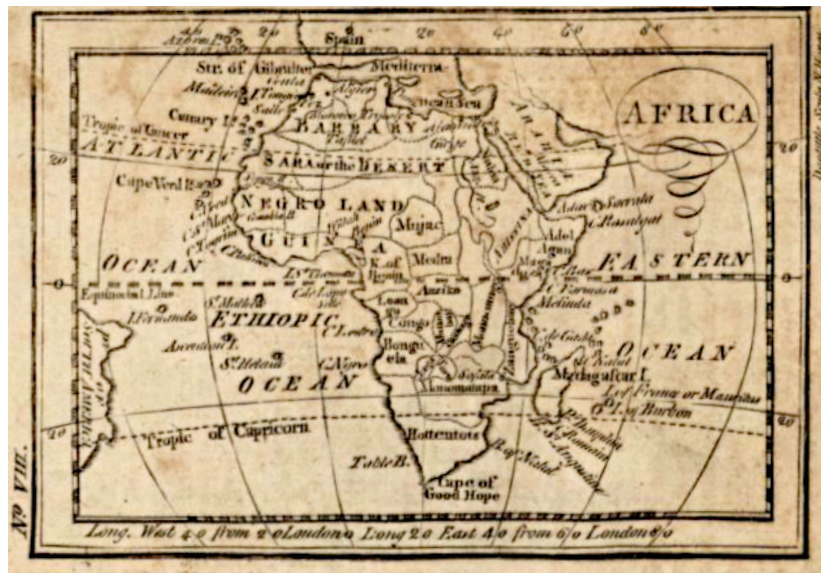
Geography made easy is the title of a little textbook for children written by Jedidiah Morse, which became a bestseller and ran to many editions. The plates in the earliest of these include some miniatures engraved by Amos Doolittle (1754-1832), a prolific American engraver whose output included many maps.

The first edition of 1784 contains 'two correct and elegant maps, one of the world, and the other of the United States'. The first of these is a miniature and both appeared again in the next edition. This is 'illustrated with eight neat maps and cuts ...' which consist of the same folding map of the United States and seven miniatures: a diagram showing ships disappearing over the horizon to confirm that the world was round, together with a chart of the solar system (see below) and five maps:

The World agreeable to the last discoveries in the South Seas; The Solar System; South America; Europe; Asia; Africa.



All of these miniature plates are signed by Doolittle, though not the 1784 issue of the world map. The one of Europe has the longest version at its foot: 'Engrav'd for Morses Geography by Doolittle N. Haven'. They are about 100 x 70 mm., but 70 x 115 mm. for the chart, and he copied them all from those of Richard Turner (see 1780).



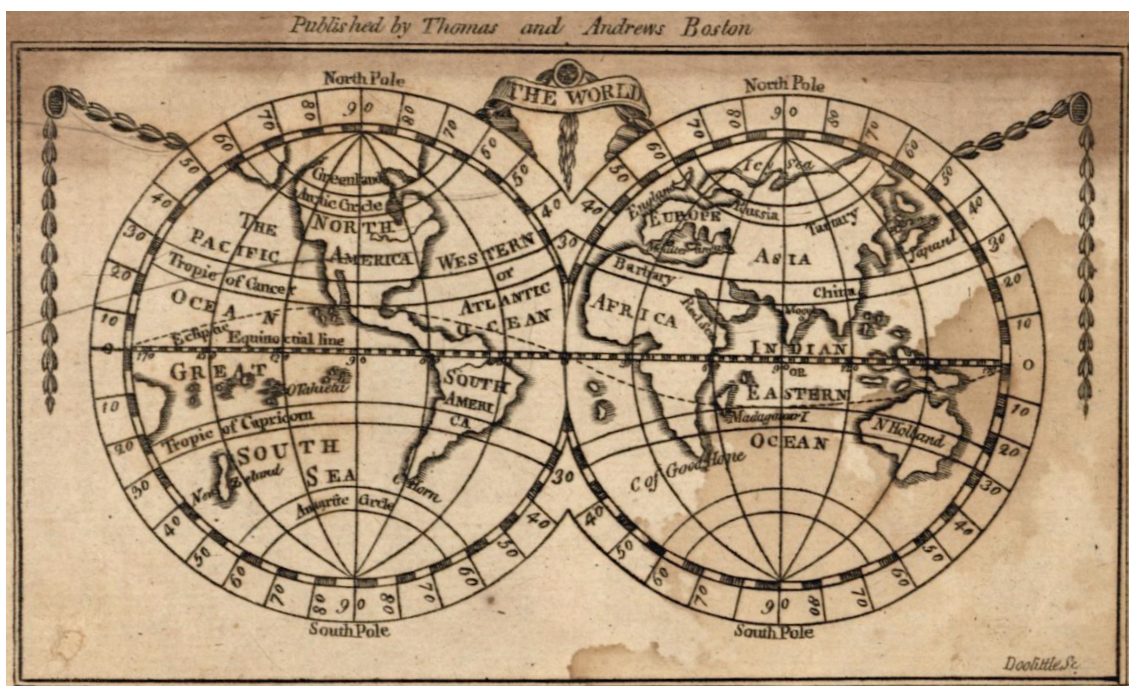
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The third edition has a completely different set of six unsigned maps: a folding one of the United States and five miniatures (140/50 x 80 mm. & not illustrated here):

The World; South America; Europe; Asia; Africa.

The fourth and fifth editions were 'illustrated with maps of the countries described ...' and these were the same folding one of the United States and yet another set of plates:

The World; Europe; Asia; A Map of the travels & voyages of St. Paul; The Journeyings of our Saviour Jesus Christ; Africa; Palestine or the Holy Land.*



These seven new maps measure about 150 x 80/90 mm. and all but one* are signed by Doolittle. The world map also has the imprint 'Published by Thomas and Andrews Boston' above the top border.

The sixth edition of *Geography made easy* published in 1798 had just two folding maps of the World and North America, as did the many later ones published in the next century. However, Doolittle subsequently engraved some more miniature maps for a Bible atlas (see 1819b).



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