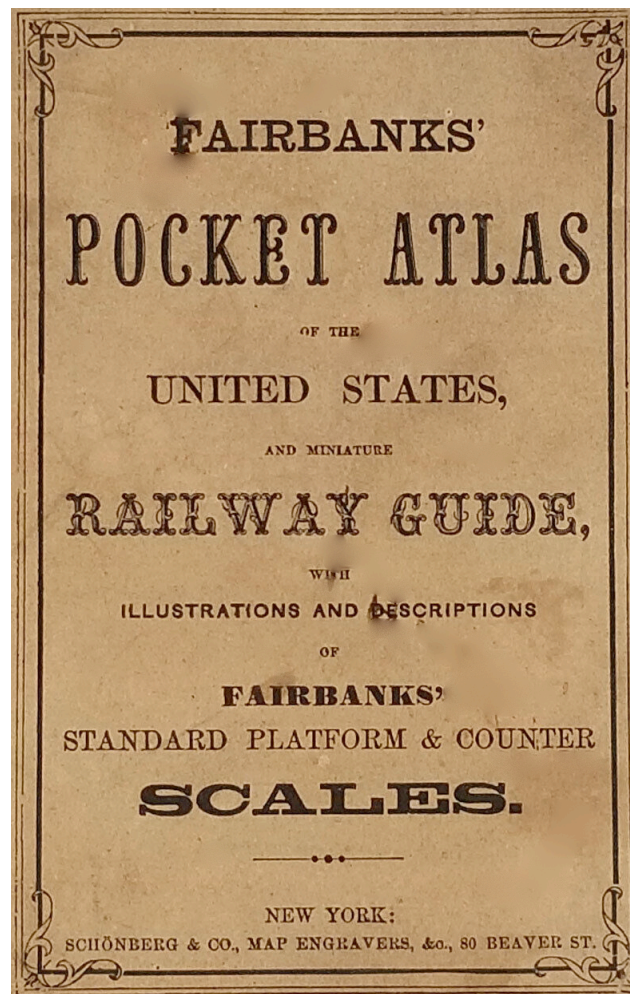


Schönberg & Co. engraved and published maps and atlases in New York between 1856 and 1867. Among these was a little paperback pocket atlas and railway guide about 150 x 100 mm., which was 'Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1859, by Fairbanks & Co.'. It was produced for E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., a major manufacturer of scales of every size and type. In addition to its maps, the atlas contains many 'illustrations and descriptions of Fairbanks' standard platform & counter scales'.



The twenty-nine coloured miniature maps of the states, plus one of Cuba, vary in size and shape with each having the imprint: Schönberg & Co. N.Y. They show the various railway lines, both completed and in progress, as in 1859 which was prior to the building of the transcontinental railroad. The rapid expansion of the railways in the USA is indicated in the Introduction: 'In 1838 we had less than 1,900 miles in operation, and on the 1st of January, 1858, 26,000, or half the railway mileage of the whole world'. The maps also incorporate mileage information together with statistics relating to the states:

Maine; New Hampshire; Vermont; Massachusetts; Rhode Island; Connecticut; New York and part of Canada; New Jersey; Pennsylvania; Delaware and Maryland; Virginia; N. Carolina; S. Carolina; Georgia and part of Florida; Alabama and part of Florida; Mississippi; Louisiana; Part of Texas; Arkansas; Missouri; Tennessee; Kentucky; Ohio; Indiana; Illinois; Part of Michigan; Wisconsin and part of Michigan; Iowa and part of Minnesota; California; Cuba and adjacent islands.

Some copies have an appendix on pages 60/1 listing 'changes since going to press', for example: 'Staten Island Railway, Stapleton S.I., to opposite South Amboy - 14 Miles - will be opened about January, 1860.' Due to the low survival rate of printed ephemera this little 'promo' is today a very scarce item.

*Fairbanks' Pocket atlas of the United States, and miniature railway guide.* New York, Schönberg & Co., (1859), (1859).

