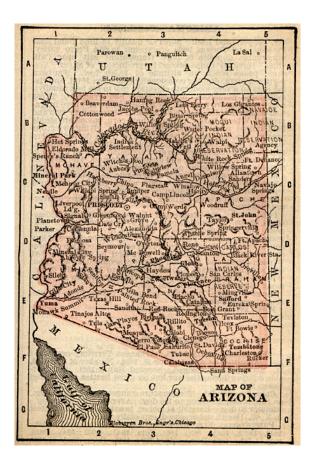


The Western World Publishing Company of Chicago issued a number of newspapers and guides, including a handbook of useful information by William W. Nutting, priced at fifty cents. Within the text it featured cerographic maps about 72/5 x 110 mm., with full printed colour: orange, with adjacent areas in yellow. They are thought rather likely to have been drawn by George F. Cram. The maps then appeared in other works including a couple of pocket-books by George W. Conklin and Thomas F. Edison, both available in hard or soft covers. They now had the imprint of Blomgren Bros. and Co., Engravers of Chicago, added just above the bottom border on all but two of them*. Although they came printed in orange, pink or green, the adjacent areas were no longer coloured.



The series consisted of six maps of America, Mexico, Central America, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and forty-four of the American states. Their order varies in the different publications, though the sequence of the states is usually alphabetical for the most part:

Map of North & South America*; Map of Mexico; Map of Central America and the West Indies*; Map of Manitoba; Map of Ontario; Map of Quebec; Map of Alabama; Map of Alaska; Map of Arizona; Map of Arkansas; Map of California; Map of Colorado; Map of Connecticut; Map of Dakota; Map of Delaware; Map of Florida; Map of Georgia; Map of Idaho; Map of Illinois; Map of Indian Territory; Map of Indiana; Map of Iowa; Map of Kansas; Map of Kentucky & Tennessee; Map of Louisiana; Map of Maine; Map of Maryland; Map of Massachusetts; Map of Michigan; Map of Minnesota; Map of Mississippi; Map of Missouri; Map of Montana; Map of Nebraska; Map of Nevada; Map of New Hampshire and Vermont; Map of New Jersey; Map of New Mexico; Map of New York; Map of North & South Carolina; Map of Ohio; Map of Oregon; Map of Pennsylvania; Map of Rhode Island; Map of Texas; Map of Utah; Map of Virginia & West Virginia; Map of Washington Ty.; Map of Wisconsin; Map of Wyoming.





From 1889 Dakota's title became *N. & S. Dakota* and Washington lost *Ty.* from its title. The maps appeared in two colours again (see below) and without imprint in a little cyclopedia by K.L. Armstrong from 1891. In 1896 a new uncoloured map with no imprint was added to the series simply titled: *Cuba*.

Forty-seven of the maps (all the states and Cuba, Ontario & Quebec) also appeared without the Blomgren imprint in limp covered pocket atlases. They had 'Copyright, 1896, by J.T. Edson' on their title-pages and were published by several firms: National Publishing Company, Chicago; Phenix Insurance Co. of Brooklyn; The Werner Company, Chicago, New York; Luckey, Platt & Co., Poughkeepsie, New York; and probably others.



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