



In the decade prior to the arrival of *Pears' Cyclopaedia* (see 1897), a much smaller work only 135 x 105 mm. was available. It sold for six pence in cloth but one shilling in leather and was very popular, with sales of 800,000 copies by 1896. The compiler was Eli Lemon Sheldon, an American banker who moved to London and subsequently adopted the pseudonym of Don Lemon. After the index at the end is a sixteen page atlas, having maps printed back to back with the seas pale blue. There are two half-page city plans each 83 x 58 mm., followed by seven small maps which are made up of a pair of single-page ones, each 75/80 x 120/5 mm. (see above). It ends with a single-page city plan.

*Paris and environs; Berlin and environs; The British Isles in relation to the Continent; Europe; Asia; Africa; North America; South America; Australia and New Zealand; Environs of London.*

Uncoloured versions of the maps, but not the plans, were issued in 1893 in *Blaine's Handy manual of useful information and atlas of the world*, which was compiled by William H. Blaine of the Lancaster University and published in Chicago by E.A. Weeks & Co.

The success of Sheldon's cyclopædia led its publisher to create a series of similar cheap little books and number thirty-six of these was a world gazetteer by John Francon Williams. At the end of this was a revised version of the same atlas with slightly larger maps, but the plans were unchanged except for the added imprint of George Philip & Son.

All these maps and plans were in fact supplied by George Philip & Son, i.e. George Philip (1800-1882) and George Philip (1823-1902). The earlier set were taken from *Philips' Handy-volume atlas of the World*, London & Liverpool, 1887, with index and notes by J. Francon Williams. The later maps were from the new and enlarged edition of 1895, with plates, notes and index by Ernst Georg Ravenstein.

Williams also edited *The Young geographer's pocket atlas of the world*, London & Liverpool, George Philip & Son, (1890). This contained sixty-four single-page plates, 86 x 137 mm. in size, with four having two maps.

*Everybody's pocket cyclopædia.* London & New York, Saxon & Co., (1888-).

*Everybody's gazetteer and atlas of the World.* London W.R. Russell & Co. Ltd., (1900).

