

1890b

Alfred Clarey

The Parisian suburb of Asnières was home to the chromolithographer Alfred Clarey, whose output included two similar sets of trade cards with maps. Each set consisted of six cards, one having maps of the continents of the world and the other with maps of some French colonies:

*Europe; Asie; Afrique; Amère. Seple.; Amère. Méridle.; Océanie.*

*Algérie; Guadeloupe; Guyane frse.; Ile de la Réunion; Martinique; Sénégal.*



All of these maps are on drapes in the top half of the card with a figure in scenery below. The continental ones (see above left) incorporate Clarey's tiny monogram, which consists of an 'A' and 'C' on top of each other (see bottom right corner). However, the colonial ones (see above right) lack the monogram. The cards measure about 85 x 115 mm. and the printed area 78 x 109 mm. As well as those overprinted with advertisements, they are found as unissued stock cards with plain backs.

*(Cartes géographiques des continents du monde). Paris, Alfred Clarey, (1890).*

*(Cartes géographiques des colonies françaises). Paris, Alfred Clarey, (1890).*