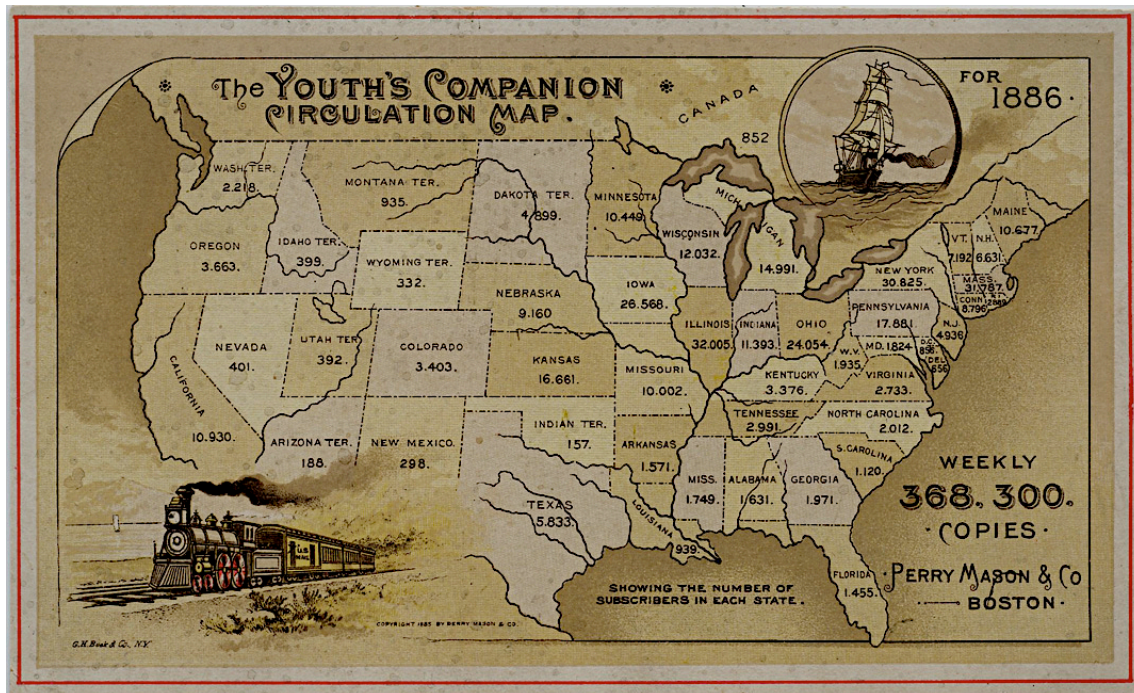
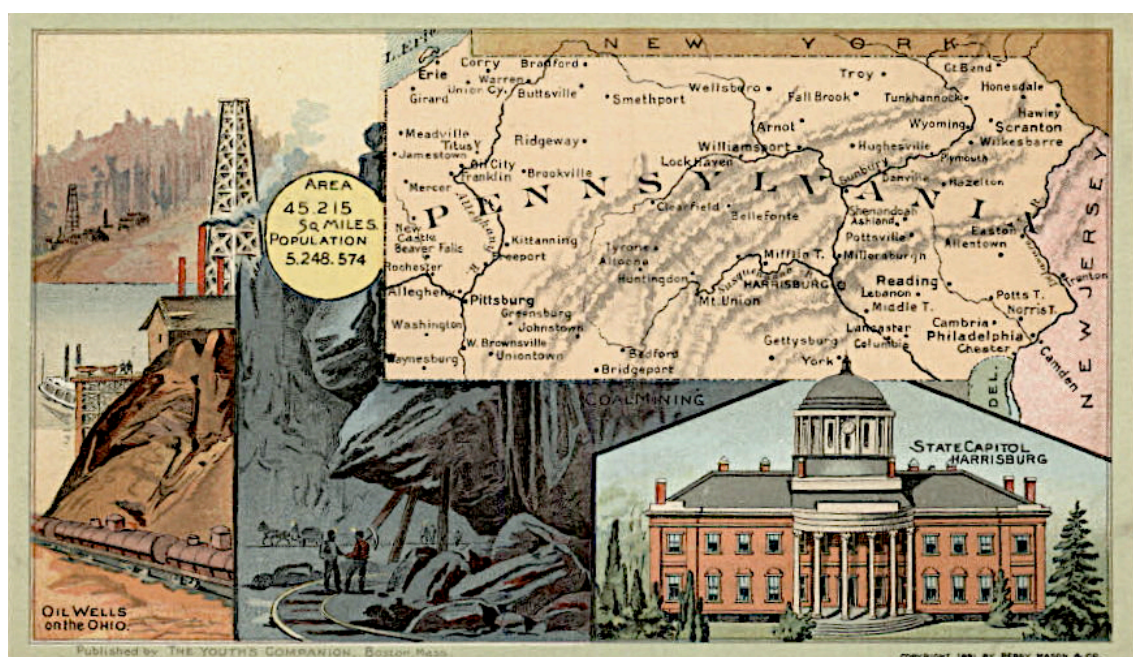


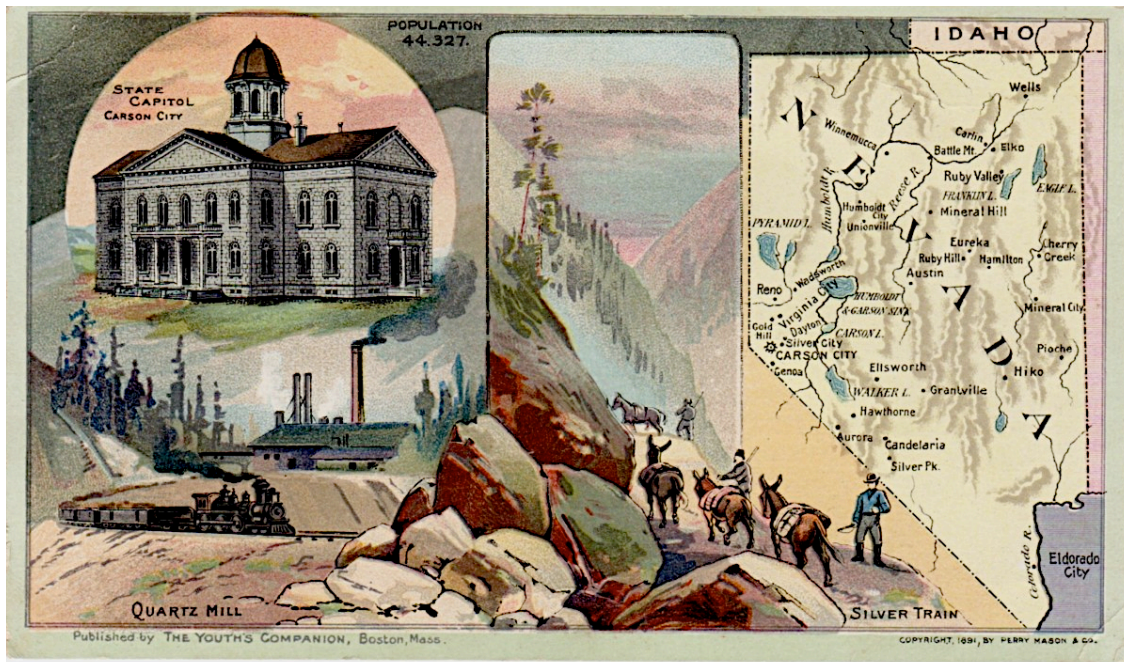
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Perry Mason



The Youth's Companion weekly magazine for children and the family was published for many years by Perry Mason & Company of Boston. The author Erle Stanley Gardner was a big fan and borrowed the name of the firm for his famous fictional detective. The magazine issued many trade cards and following the success of the Arbuckle Brothers' geographical ones (see 1889), it was decided to copy them and print a new version.





These forty-nine chromolithographic cards, with maps of the states and territories of the United States of America, are very similar in design to Arbuckles' but larger, being in the region of 145 x 95 mm. They incorporate attractive vignettes of State Capitols and appropriate agriculture, industry and scenery. The area and populations figures are given too, together with the imprint of the magazine and 'Copyright 1891, by Perry Mason & Co.'. However, the text on the reverse now gives various information about each state, including its history. It also says that the full set 'will be sent, post-paid, to any one on receipt of \$1.00', though it was half-price to subscribers. Today these cards are very much rarer than those of the Arbuckle Brothers.

set of cards with Maps of the States. Boston, Massachusetts, *The Youth's Companion*, 1891.

