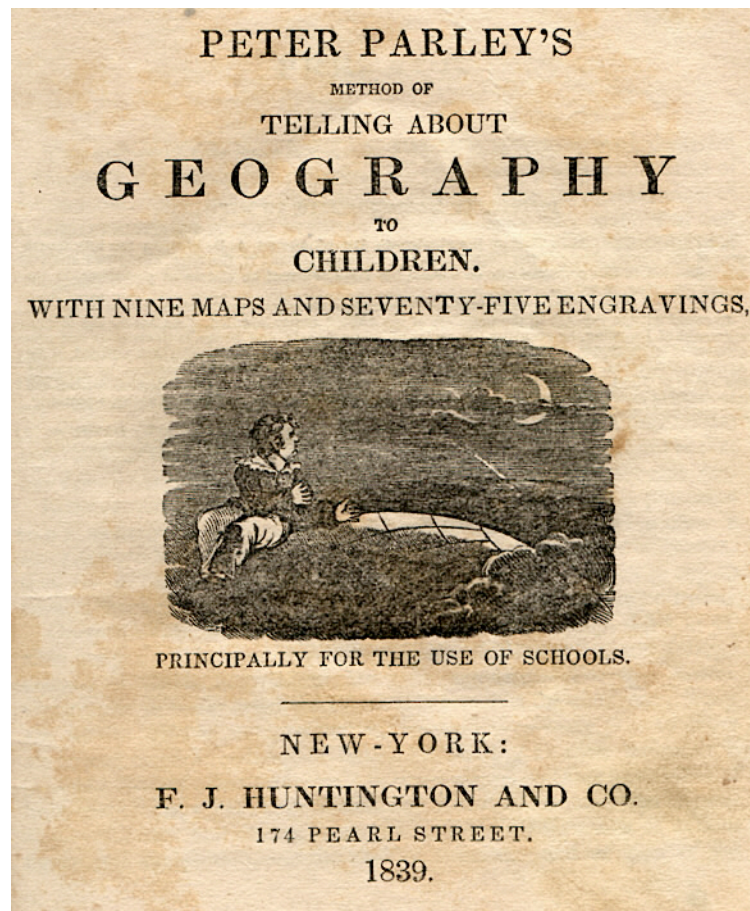


1829

Samuel G. Goodrich

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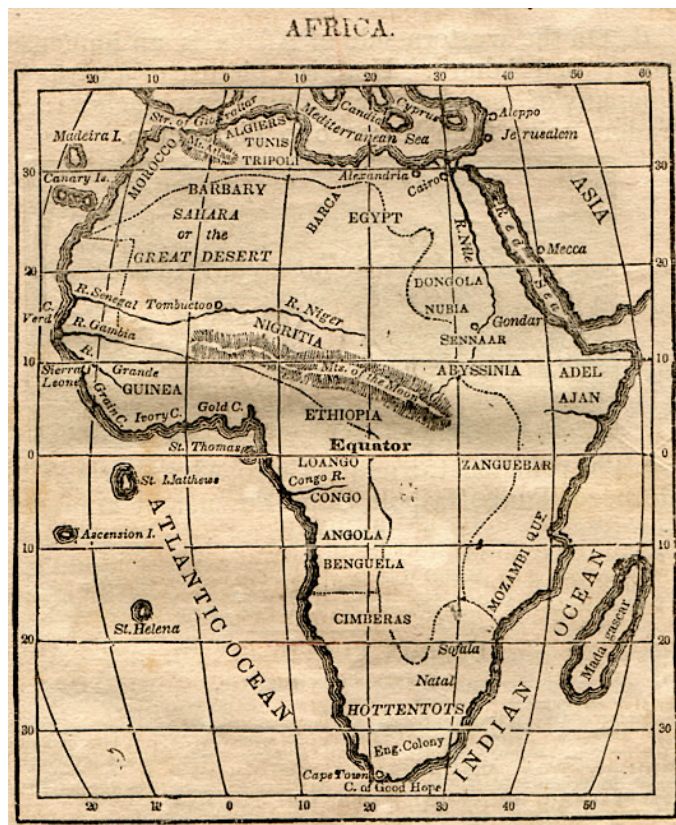


Peter Parley was the pseudonym which Samuel Griswold Goodrich (1793-1860) used for a very popular series of children's books. They were very widely copied and in his autobiography he described his problems with counterfeiters: *Recollections of a lifetime*, published in New York and Auburn by Miller, Orton and Milligan in 1856.

*Peter Parley's Method of telling about geography to children* first appeared in 1829 and was a best-seller, being reprinted almost annually for fifteen years. It contained nine wood engraved maps 90/5 x 95/100 mm., which were printed within the text with their titles above the top border:

*(picture of the World, or the Earth); Western Hemisphere; Eastern Hemisphere; (Eastern Hemisphere reversed); N. America; S. America; Europe; Asia; Africa.*

At the request of his publishers, Goodrich then produced a new edition (see 1845). In its preface it was claimed 'nearly one million of copies have been published in the United States' and 'nearly a dozen close imitations of it have appeared in this country' (see 1833c). Apparently, pirated editions were published also in England (see 1835a), Greece, Australia and Persia.



*Peter Parley's Method of telling about geography to children: with nine maps and seventy-five engravings, principally for the use of schools.* Hartford, H. & F.J. Huntington, 1829, 1830, 1831; F.J. Huntington, 1834, 1835; New York, F.J. Huntington and Co., 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841; Huntington & Savage, 1842, 1843, 1844.

