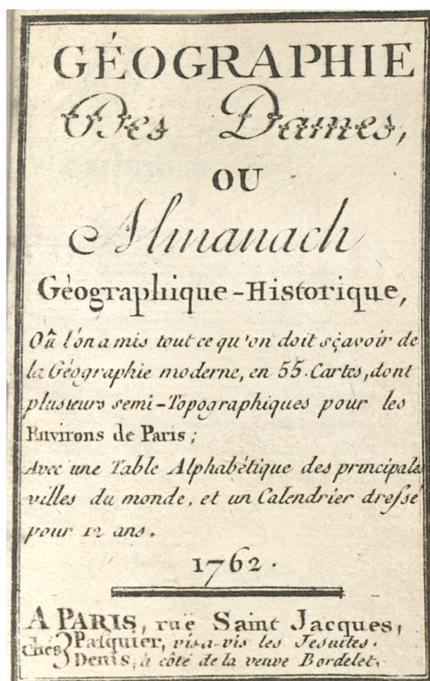


Jacques Jean Pasquier (1718-1785) published a pocket atlas of Paris for which Louis Denis engraved the plates: *Plan topographique et raisonné de Paris*. It was about 175 x 100 mm. and there were four editions from 1758. It was copied in 1767 when Louis-Charles Desnos published a rival *Almanach des environs de Paris*, which also had small plans and went to four editions.

However, Pasquier and Denis were partners in another much smaller book, only about 110 x 65 mm., which contained both miniature maps and plans, usually found with contemporary hand-colour. Of the several almanacs with maps which appeared at about this time, the lovely *Géographie des dames, ou Almanach géographique-historique* has possibly the most interesting contents of all. After the title-page come a dedication to ladies; a preface; a calendar; seventeen plates relating to astronomy and geography; an atlas of the world; an atlas of Paris and its environs; a fifty-six page world gazetteer.



The world atlas consists of two single-page maps of the Eastern and the Western Hemispheres measuring 55 x 90 mm., followed by eleven double-page ones which are twice the size, the last of which is of the whole British Isles rather than just England:

*Ancien Continent; Nouveau Continent; Carte d'Asie 1762; Carte d'Afrique 1762; Amérique Septentrionale 1762; Amérique Meredionale 1762; Carte d'Europe 1762; Carte de France 1762; Carte d'Espagne 1762; Carte d'Italie 1762; Carte d'Allemagne 1762; Carte des Pays Bas 1762; Carte d'Angleterre 1762.*



The atlas of Paris has a general index map, plus twenty-three double-page sectional plans and was copied by Jean Lattré (see 1764c). Denis was undoubtedly responsible for all the plates in this charming little geographical compendium for ladies, with his characteristic engraving of information in the margins outside the borders of his maps. It was in print for two decades but the date on the title-page was raised and two lines inserted, stating four prices according to the paper used. However, the date stayed at 1762 except when altered with a pen and the calendar was either omitted or changed.

*Géographie des dames, ou Almanach géographique-historique* Paris, Jacques J. Pasquier & Louis Denis, 1762-

