

Jan van Jagen (1709-1800), a fairly prolific mapmaker, engraved some miniature maps (about 120 x 95 mm.) for the Huissteen publishing firm of Amsterdam (see 1794). For a decade these appeared each year in its almanac: *Historische, geographische, konst en reis almanach*.

However, when publication was taken over by Steven van Esveldt, who had no need of Jagen's services, he carried out the same work for another Amsterdam publisher, Theodorus Crajenschot (1745-1803).



For three decades Jagen continued producing similar maps but at the faster rate of one or two per year. Between 1759 and 1789 he engraved forty-four signed and dated plates, now with Crajenschot's imprint in the title cartouches, for his *Almanac curieux et utile de l'etat*. Two examples, for 1778 and 1779 were sold at auction in Leiden (Burgersdijk & Niermans, November 2009, lot 951).

This Crajenschot series includes a celestial chart (the only undated plate), a world map dated 1772 (copied from Christiaan A. Sepp's 1747 one for Arent van Huissteen, see 1794), Europe 1770, Asia 1771, Africa 1772, America 1771, North America 1779 (see above) and thirty-seven European countries, states and provinces. They are listed by Cornelis Koeman with full details of their titles, imprints and signatures: *Atlantes Neerlandici, volume vi, supplement*. Alphen aan den Rijn, Canaletto, 1985 (pages 12/15).

Some of the plates in this series, mostly relating to the Netherlands, are to be found bound into untitled composite atlases (see 1794). Possibly the earliest example is an oblong small 8vo one of about 1771, which includes thirteen maps dated 1762-1770 (Bubb Kuyper, November 2010, lot 4223). Two copies of another atlas (140 x 100 mm.) from about 1775 are known which include sixteen, trimmed and mounted (Leiden University Library, atlas 697 & Bubb Kuyper, November 2012, lot 4971). There are also references to an untraced atlas of seventeen of these maps:

Nieuwe geographische atlas der 17 Nederlandsche provintien. Amsterdam, Theodorus Crajenschot, (1780).

However, an untitled atlas of about 1790 (110 x 80 mm.) consists of all forty-four of the Crajenschot maps, with the two latest dated 1789, followed by an engraved mileage table and a printed contents list (see below). The pages have traces of sewing in the left margins, suggesting their removal from the original source to form this collection (Reiss & Sohn, October 2010, lot 3168).

REGISTER DER KAARTJES.	
N ^o .1 De Hemel Globe.	N ^o .24 Baronnie van Breda en Bergen op Zoom.
2 De Waereld.	25 Overmaaze, Valkenburg, Daalheim en Hertogenrade.
3 Europa.	26 De Zeven Vereenigde Nederlanden.
4 Groot Brittanje.	27 Gelderland.
5 Denemarken.	28 Zuid Holland.
6 Zweeden.	29 Westvriesland of het Noorderquartier.
7 Rusland.	30 Zeeland.
8 Poolen.	31 Utrecht.
9 Frankryk.	32 Overysfel.
10 Duitsland.	33 Vriesland.
11 Bohemen, Silefien, Moravien &c.	34 Groningen en Ommelanden.
12 Silefien en Lausnits.	35 Drenthe.
13 Hongarien.	36 Portugal.
14 De Beyerfche en Oostenryksche Kreits.	37 Portugal en Spanje.
15 Holstein, Meklenburg en Pommeren.	38 Italien.
16 Het Keurvorftendom Saxon.	39 Het Gebied van den Paus.
17 Neder Saxon, Westphalen en Hesfen.	40 Europisch Turkyen.
18 Het Hertogdom Kleef.	41 Asia.
19 De Tien Nederlandsche Provintien.	42 Africa.
20 Brabant, Limburg en Opper Gelder.	43 America.
21 Luxemburg en Namen.	44 Noord America.
22 Vlaanderen, Artois en Henegouwen.	45 Stedewyzer.
23 's Hertogeabosch, Grave en Kuik.	

Various maps were also added to some copies of Holtrop's pocket atlas (see 1794):

Zak-atlas, of Leidsman des reizigers / Atlas portatif, ou Guide du voyageur. Amsterdam, Willem Holtrop, (1794). (Leiden University Library, atlas 705 & The Romantic Agony, November 2017, lot 788).

Their final appearance was likely about 1835, in an untitled pocket atlas of the Low Countries. It contained fifteen maps, all now without their imprints and signatures (Leiden University Library, atlas 698 & Bubb Kuyper, November 2016, lot 2557).