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### **A New Universal Atlas Containing Maps of the various Empires, Kingdoms, States and Republics of the World With a special Map of each of the United States, plans of Cities, & c. Comprehended in seventy sheets, and forming a series of One Hundred and Seventeen Maps Plans and Sections**

**Stock#:** 69309  
**Map Maker:** Mitchell / Thomas,  
Cowperthwait & Co.  
  
**Date:** 1850  
**Place:** Philadelphia  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 13.75 x 17.25 inches  
  
**Price:** \$ 4,800.00



#### **Description:**

#### ***Scarce 1850 Mitchell Atlas with Map of the State of California***

#### ***Updated United States Map: Showing California Gold Regions & Unusual Territorial Configurations***

A notable edition of Mitchell's New Universal Atlas, issued in 1850, an important year in the history of United States territorial expansion. Includes a map of the freshly minted state of California: *Map of the State of California, the Territories of Oregon & Utah and the chief part of New Mexico*. Despite being an atlas of the world, most of the atlas is concerned with the United States. The atlas includes important early maps of Texas, and the American West, as well as many beautiful maps of individual states and an interesting updated map of the United States by Thomas, Cowperthwait & Co.

The titlepage of the atlas, which has a handsome engraved vignette depicting Columbus's first landing in the New World, is dated 1850. Our atlas conforms largely to Phillips 805 (dated 1851), having the two added maps (no. 36 Map of Minnesota and no. 37 Map of the State of California...) and with map no. 74 as frontispiece. This would suggest that the present atlas is a transitional edition, issued in late 1850, as the typical 1850 edition (described by Phillips 800) has only 72 maps (no California as a State or Minnesota).

#### **Notable maps:**

*A New Map of the United States of America.*



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*Fascinating example of Thomas, Cowperthwait & Company's map of the United States, showing some of the most unusual early Territorial configurations.*

*Oregon Territory still runs from California to Canada and the Rocky Mountains, immediately prior to creation of Washington Territory. Large New Mexico and Utah Territories appear for the first time, having just been established as territories in 1850. A strange notch incorporates Middle Park in Colorado into Utah. Massive Missouri or Northwest Territory predates Nebraska Territory and Indian Territory is in its largest and must unusual configuration.*

*Texas is filled with early roads, including Road from Ft. Smith to Dona Ana made by General Arbuckle. The Great Spanish Trail to Salt Lake is shown, as is Fremont's route. Lewis & Clark's route is noted. Many Indian tribes and early western forts. Large inset map (4 7/16 x 6 inches) of the Gold Region of California, which includes the legend San Joaquin Plains on lands where the Yosemite Valley was soon to be discovered. The Great Basin is labeled "Fremont Basin" and Crescent City is shown on the "Towalumnes River."*

*Map of the State of California, the Territories of Oregon & Utah and the chief part of New Mexico.*

*Map shows California as a state, despite the 1845 copyright notice in lower margin. Other interesting aspects of the map: the counties in Oregon, Utah and New Mexico have yet to be delineated. Also, the border with Mexico is in its pre-Treaty of Mesilla configuration, before the Gadsden Purchase, which took effect on June 8, 1854.*

*Map of Texas from the Most Recent Authorities.*

*A version of Thomas, Cowperthwait's Map of Texas. This excellent map of Texas was issued soon after the conclusion of the Mexican-American War. The map shows all of Texas, with the northern tip in an inset in the lower left corner. The map depicts topographical information with clear precision, including towns, rivers, roads, and the site of the Battle of San Jacinto (1836). The map shows a number of oversized Texas counties, including Robertson and Milam, extending from central Texas northwestward to the Red River; San Patricio, extending from the Nueces to the Rio Grande; and Bexar, comprising not only the present county of that name but lands to the southwest and west along the Rio Grande and northwards into the present panhandle. All the important sites from the Texas Revolution are noted on the map. There are many early settlements and towns not*



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*often shown on early maps, such as Orozimbo, Bolivar, Quintana, and Liverpool in Brazoria County, as well as De Kalb, Boston, Daingerfield, Smithland, Pulaski, Teran, Belgrade, Salem, Zavala, and Aurora in far east Texas, to mention only a few. The map denotes Comanche and Apache lands and also repeats the Le Grand description of fertile, well-wooded lands in the Llano Estacado noted on Arrowsmith's map of 1841. The inset at lower left shows northern Texas extending to Santa Fe and into present Colorado. A note in the northwest part of that county states: "This tract of Country as far as North Canadian Fork was explored by Le Grand in 1833, it is naturally fertile, well wooded, and with a fair proportion of water." Also of note are the early roads shown in the state as well as indications of the locations of Indian tribes. The map was originally engraved by C.S. Williams and was included in the last edition of Tanner's Universal Atlas in 1845. Following his acquisition of the work in 1846, Samuel Augustus Mitchell kept the map relatively unchanged from 1846 to 1849, when he sold the rights to the atlas to Thomas, Cowperthwait & Company who re-issued the map in a different format shortly thereafter. A decorative guilloche-pattern border typical of maps published by Tanner, Mitchell, and Thomas, Cowperthwait & Co. surrounds the entire composition.*

#### **A list of the maps:**

1. World on a Globular Projection
2. North America
3. Lower Canada
4. Upper Canada
5. United States
6. Maine
7. New Hampshire and Vermont
8. Massachusetts and Rhode Island
9. Connecticut
10. New York
11. New York City
12. New Jersey
13. Pennsylvania
14. Philadelphia
15. Maryland and Delaware
16. City of Washington
17. Virginia



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18. North Carolina
19. South Carolina
20. Georgia
21. Florida
22. Alabama
23. Mississippi
24. Louisiana
25. Texas
26. Arkansas
27. Tennessee
28. Kentucky
29. Ohio
30. Michigan
31. Indiana
32. Illinois
33. Missouri
34. Wisconsin
35. Iowa
36. Minnesota
37. California, Oregon, Utah, and part of New Mexico
38. Mexico and Guatemala
39. West Indies
40. South America
41. Venezuela, New Granada & Ecuador
42. Brazil and Paraguay
43. Peru and Bolivia
44. Chili, La Plata, and Uruguay
45. Europe
46. England
47. Scotland
48. Ireland
49. France
50. Spain and Portugal
51. Holland and Belgium



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- 52. Germany
- 53. Austria
- 54. Prussia
- 55. Russia in Europe
- 56. Sweden and Norway
- 57. Denmark
- 58. Switzerland
- 59. Italy (northern part)
- 60. Sardinia
- 61. Naples or the Two Sicilies
- 62. Turkey in Europe
- 63. Greece
- 64. Asia
- 65. Russia in Asia
- 66. Turkey in Asia
- 67. Palestine
- 68. Persia, Arabia, Cabul & Beloochistan
- 69. Hindoostan or British India
- 70. China
- 71. Africa
- 72. Egypt
- 73. Oceana, or Pacific Ocean
- 74. Heights of Mountains and Lengths of Rivers **(bound in facing title page)**

**Detailed Condition:**

Folio. Titlepage with tanning along fore-edge margin, with some edge chipping. [Title page, with engraved vignette depicting "First Landing of Columbus in the New World"], [Table of Contents, printed in red], 74 maps exhibiting nice original hand color. Vertical crease through titlepage, which is also a bit soiled in fore-edge marginal area. Ownership inscription on titlepage: "Godeffroy [Lillen?] & Co. 1851 September 3d." Endpaper soiled and crease. Maps generally clean and very nice.