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A Hand-Book for Students and General Readers.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE MAPS comprised in this Atlas were first published in Thalheimer's Manuals of Ancient, Mediæval, and Modern History, Thalheimer's General History, and the Eclectic History of the United States. While still serving their original purpose in connection with these books, we have been led to believe that they may be useful in the form of a hand-atlas for reference.

The necessity of full, clear, and accurate maps in all historical publications has long been fully recognized by the reading public; yet most of the histories in our libraries are utterly deficient in this particular.

In Germany this deficiency has been remedied by the publication of Spruner's gigantic Historical Atlas, and of numerous other smaller atlases of the same character but less expensive.

For the English reader, no atlas rivaling Spruner's has ever been published, and our smaller historical atlases have been at the same time costly and inadequate.

While it is not claimed that this Atlas will supply the want of a full historical atlas on the grand scale of Spruner's, the reception given to the maps in their original form has persuaded us that they may have a more extended usefulness in their present form.



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