

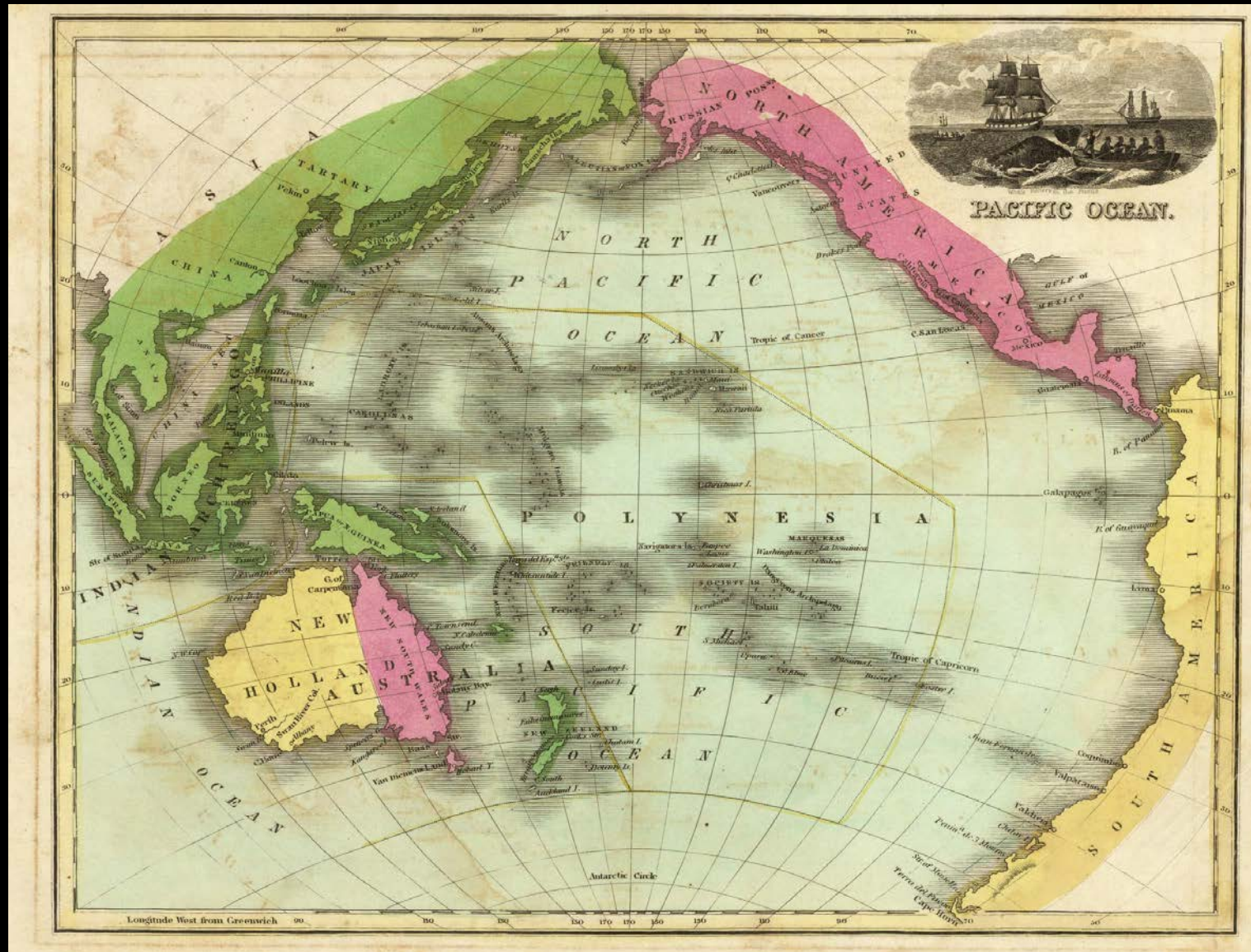
**Go East Young Man:
Mark Twain's Imagined
Pacific Community**

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Three remarkable lunchtime stories

1. Mark Twain joins PRDLA in 1896.
2. PRDLA is born in his spirit in 1996.
3. Maps aided both miraculous events.

Once upon a time, maps lived peacefully in our collections. Mark Twain is seven years old: 1842.

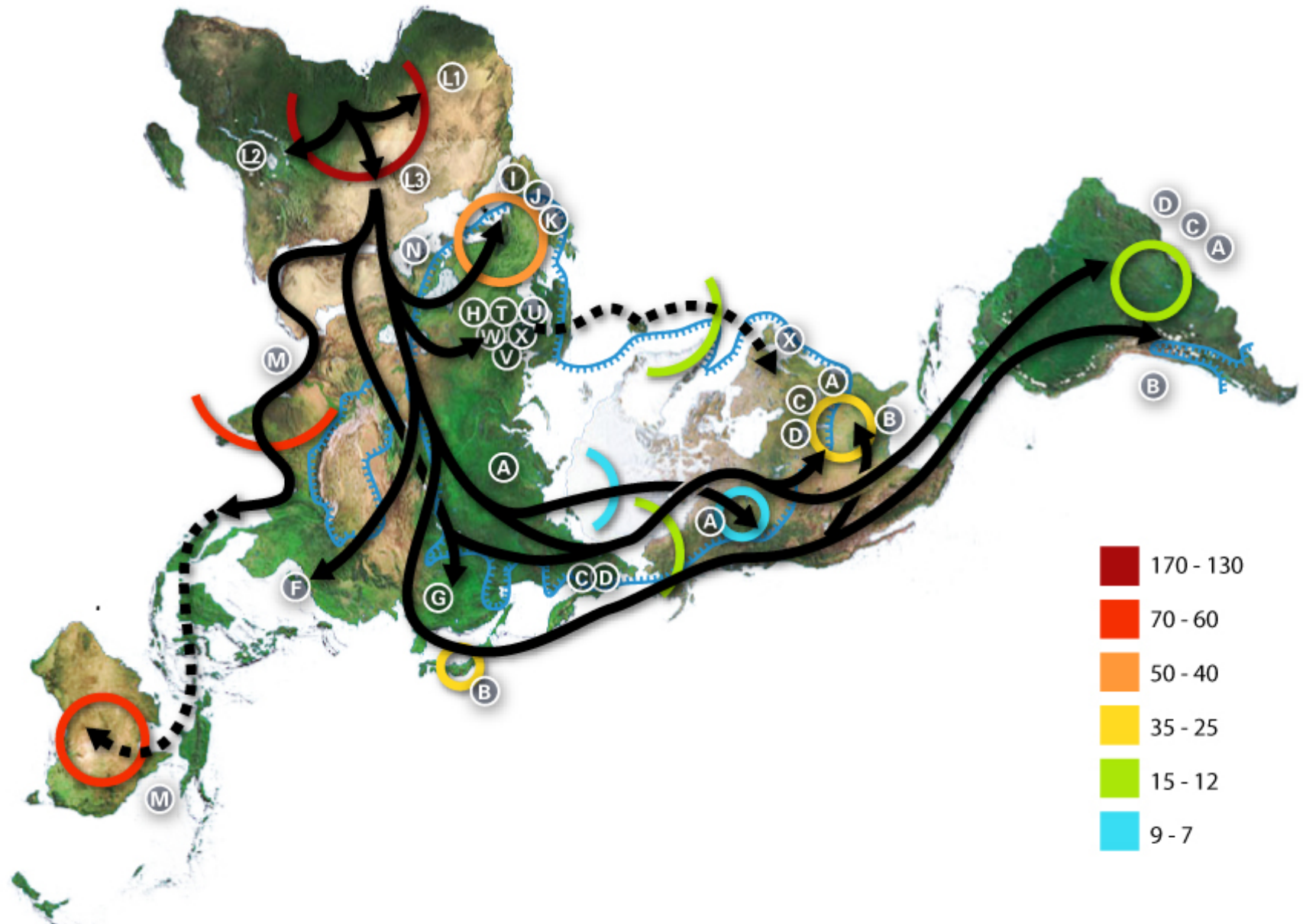


Great Libraries and their Glaciers

ARL & LGM
(Last Glacial Maximum)
12,000 Years Ago



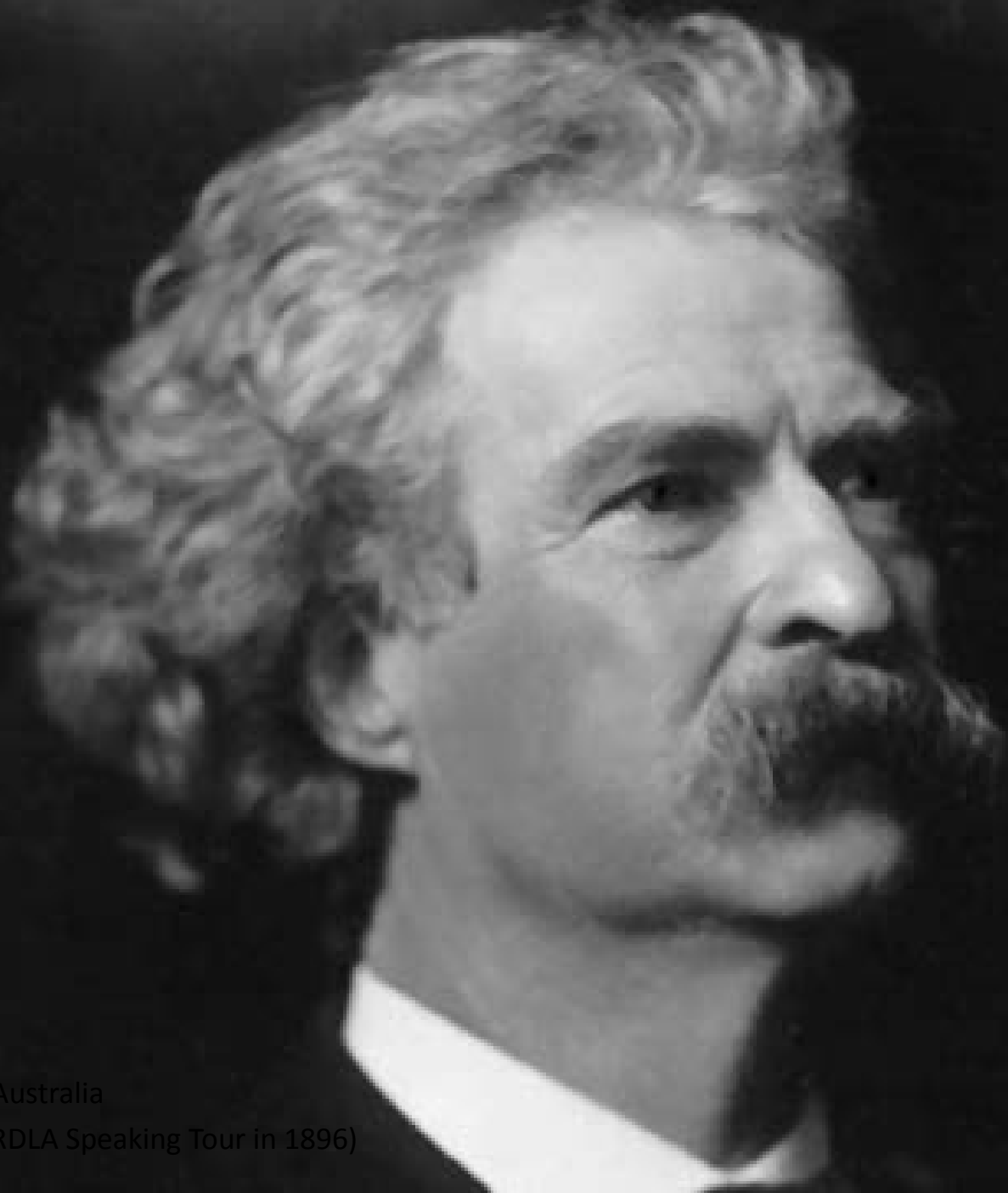
Wikipedia Map of Human Migrations by genetics (haplogroups) in years from present



"If you take a map of the United States and leave the Atlantic sea-board States in their places; also the fringe of Southern States from Florida west to the Mouth of the Mississippi; also a narrow, inhabited streak up the Mississippi half-way to its head waters; also a narrow, inhabited border along the Pacific coast: then take a brushful of paint and obliterate the whole remaining mighty stretch of country that lies between the Atlantic States and the Pacific-coast strip, your map will look like the latest map of Australia."

Mark Twain, *Following the Equator* (1897)





Mark Twain in Australia
(taken on his PRDLA Speaking Tour in 1896)

Search All

Mark Twain and the Pacific

Refine Results

Type

Lecture (90)

Event

12 1st Western Tour

5 2nd Western Tour

1 2nd Western Tour

10 3rd Western Tour

City

6 Adelaide, Australia

3 Auckland, North Island, New Zealand

2 Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

2 Bendigo, Victoria, Australia

Year

18 1866

11 1868

60 1895

1 1896

Works

1 Frozen Truth

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1 Mrs. McWilliams and the Lightning

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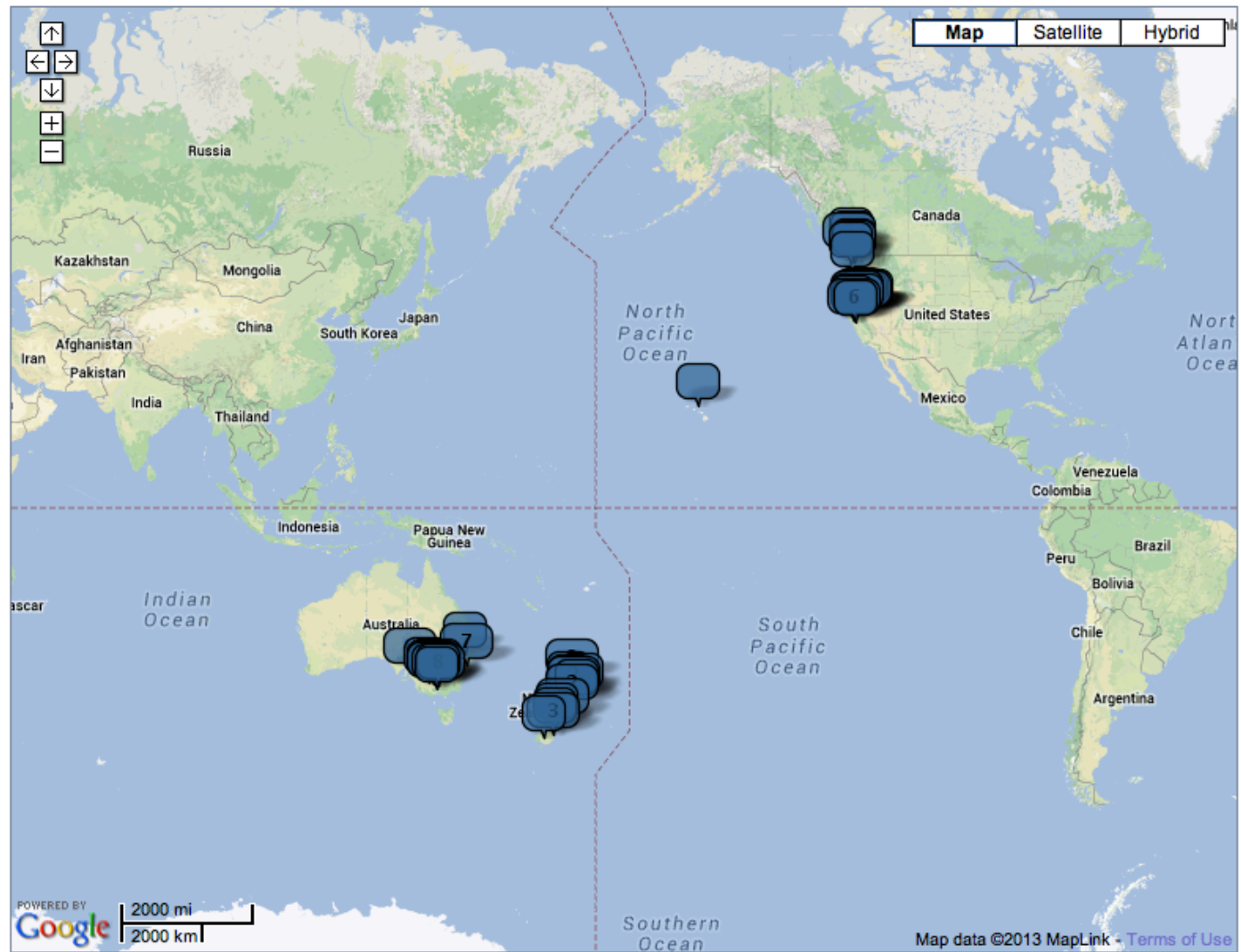
1 The Frozen Truth

1 Toast: Advance Australia

1 Venice, Past and Present

MAP • TABLE • TIMELINE

90 Lectures



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if you go to:

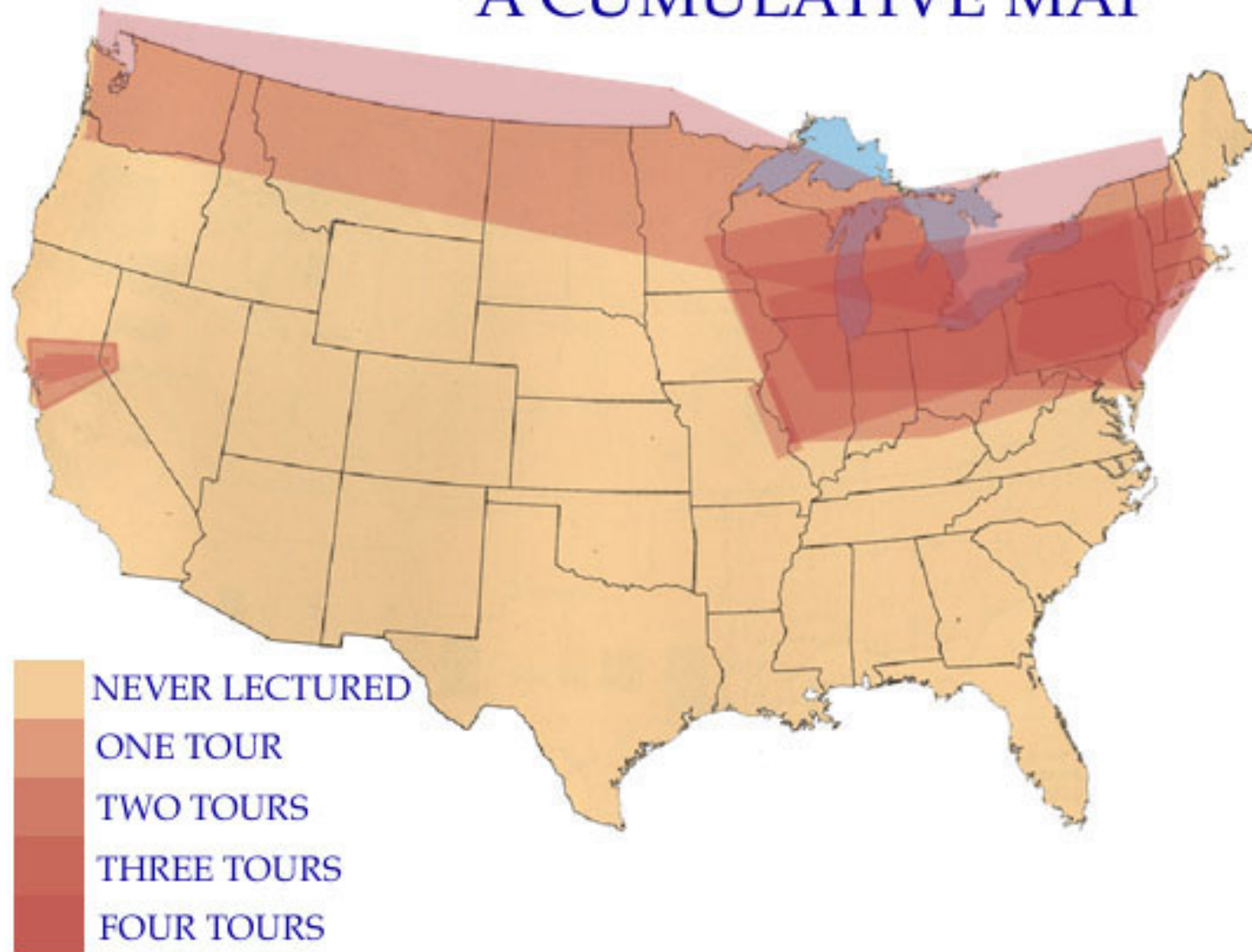
<http://www.marktwainproject.org/simile/platform/>

Select “map” on the top of the page
that opens and reports “566 Items”

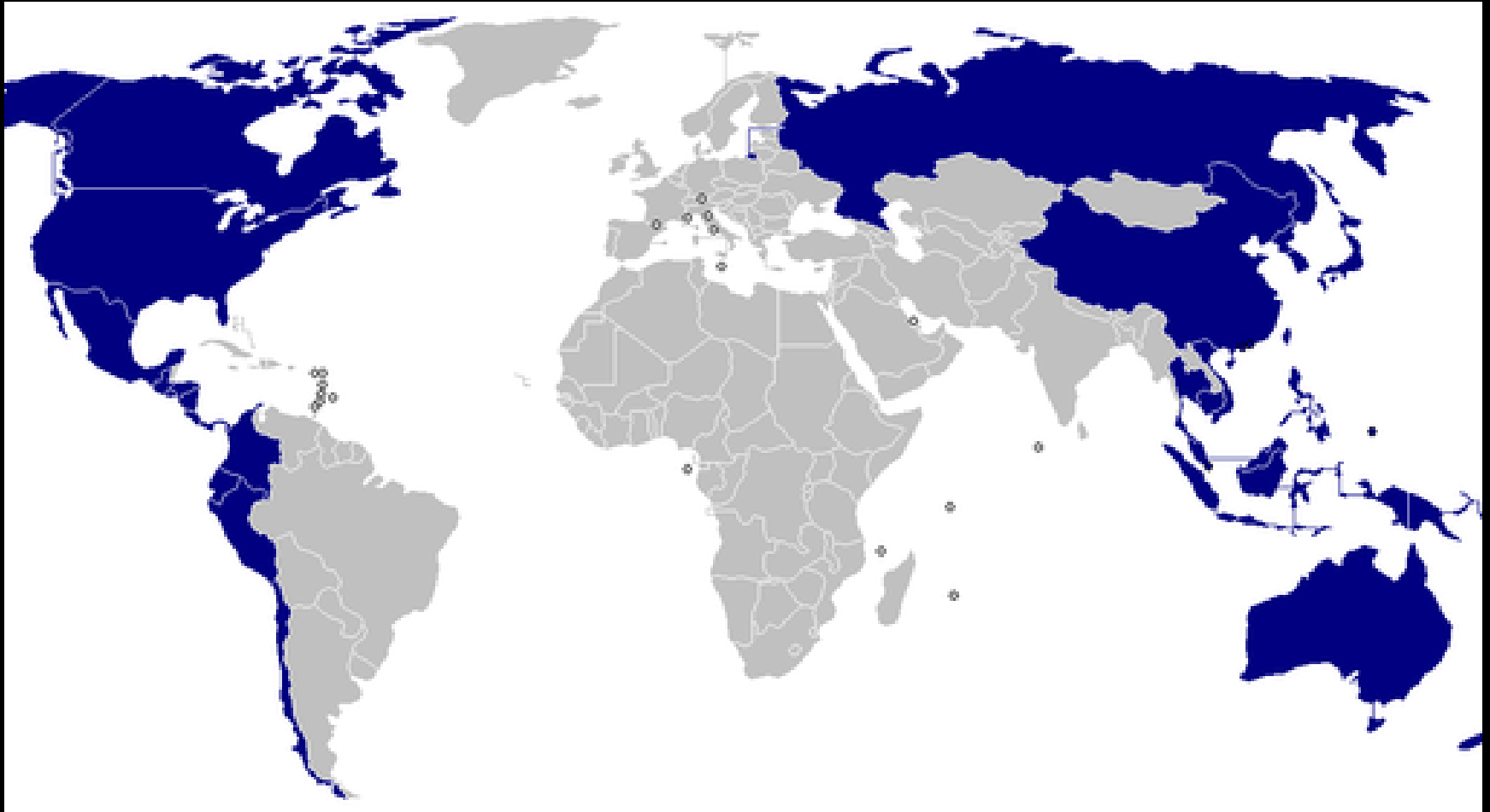
David Rumsey Map Collection, Cartography Assoc.

www.davidrumsey.com

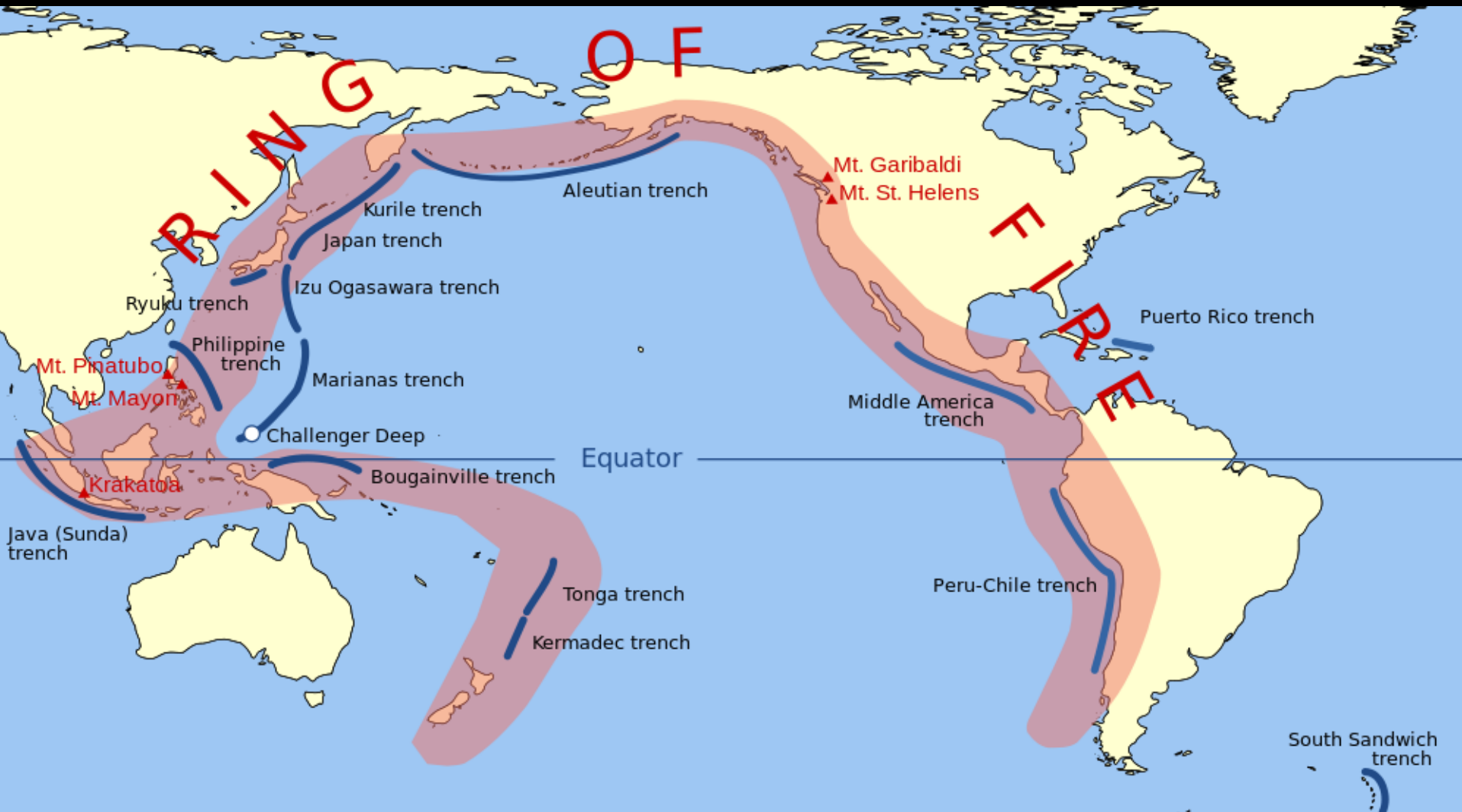
TWAIN'S LECTURE TOURS : A CUMULATIVE MAP



“Pacific Rim” in Wikipedia is a poor guide
to PRDLA campuses



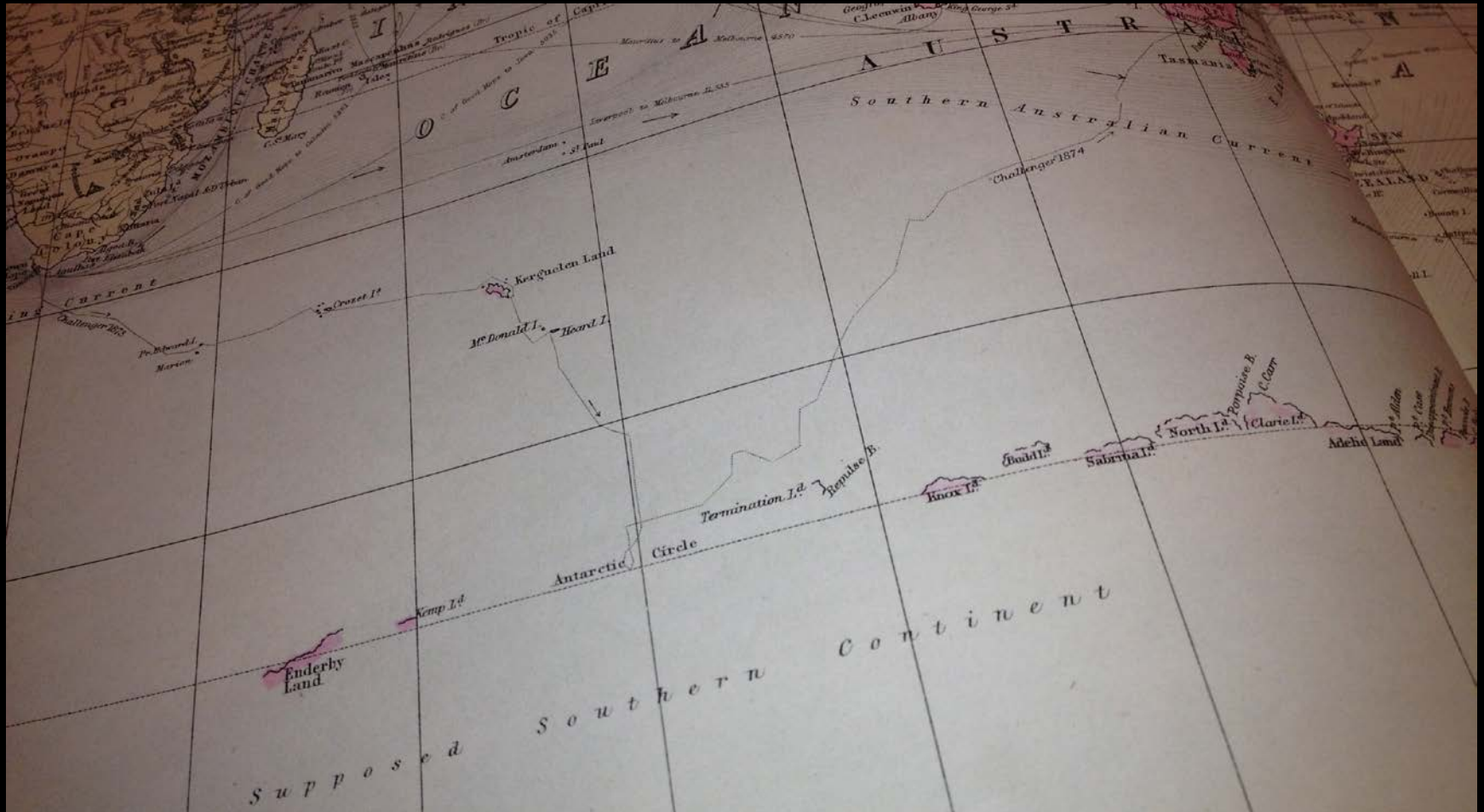
PRDLA: more accurately the Ring of Fire Digital Library Alliance (RFDLA)?



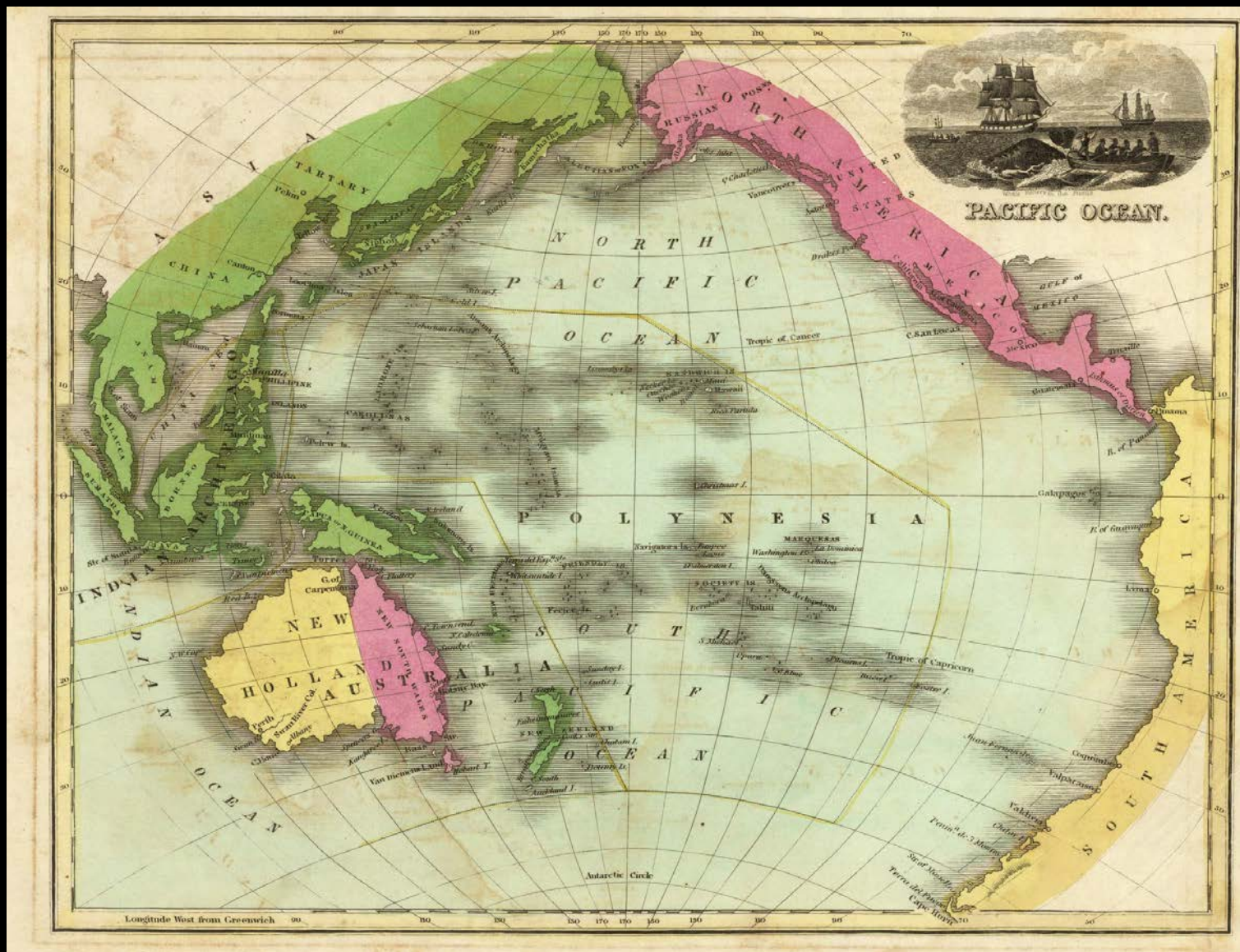
Why do we think there is a “rim” anyway?

- “Pacific Rim” was coined in the 20th century.
- In Mark Twain’s day, a southern boundary for the Pacific had no official name.
- “Antarctica” was not on the Atlas he owned.
- Looking for a “rim” on 19th century maps shrinks the size of the ocean we look across.

What Mark Twain saw in the atlas he owned when he looked at the boundary of the Pacific Ocean.



David Rumsey Historical Maps have nearly 30 examples of “Pacific Rims” in advance of the 20th century coinage of that term. (1842)



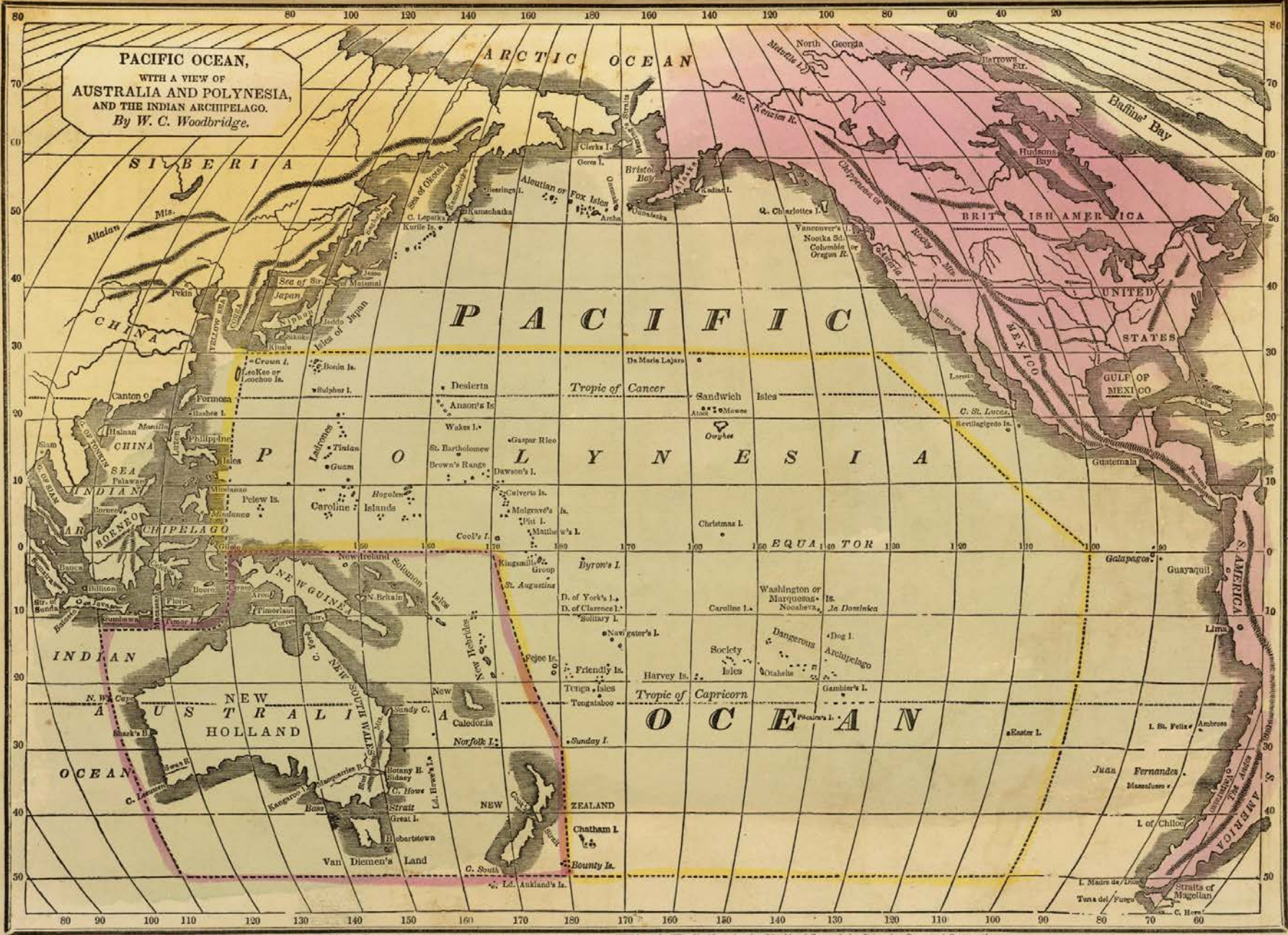


OCEANA
OR
PACIFIC OCEAN.

1836

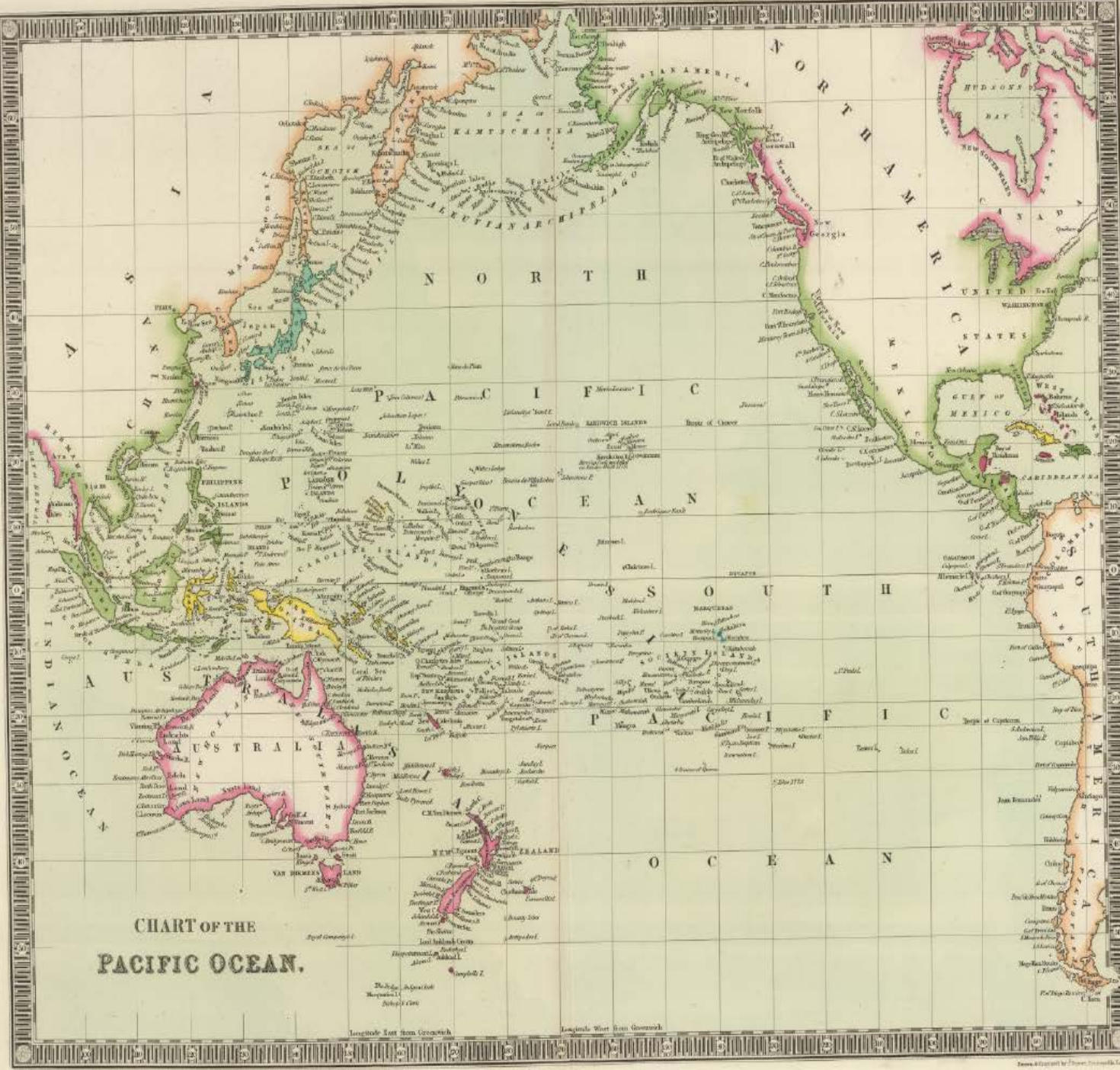
- Distribution of Colors
- British
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Longitude East from Greenwich & Greenwich I. Longitude West from Greenwich



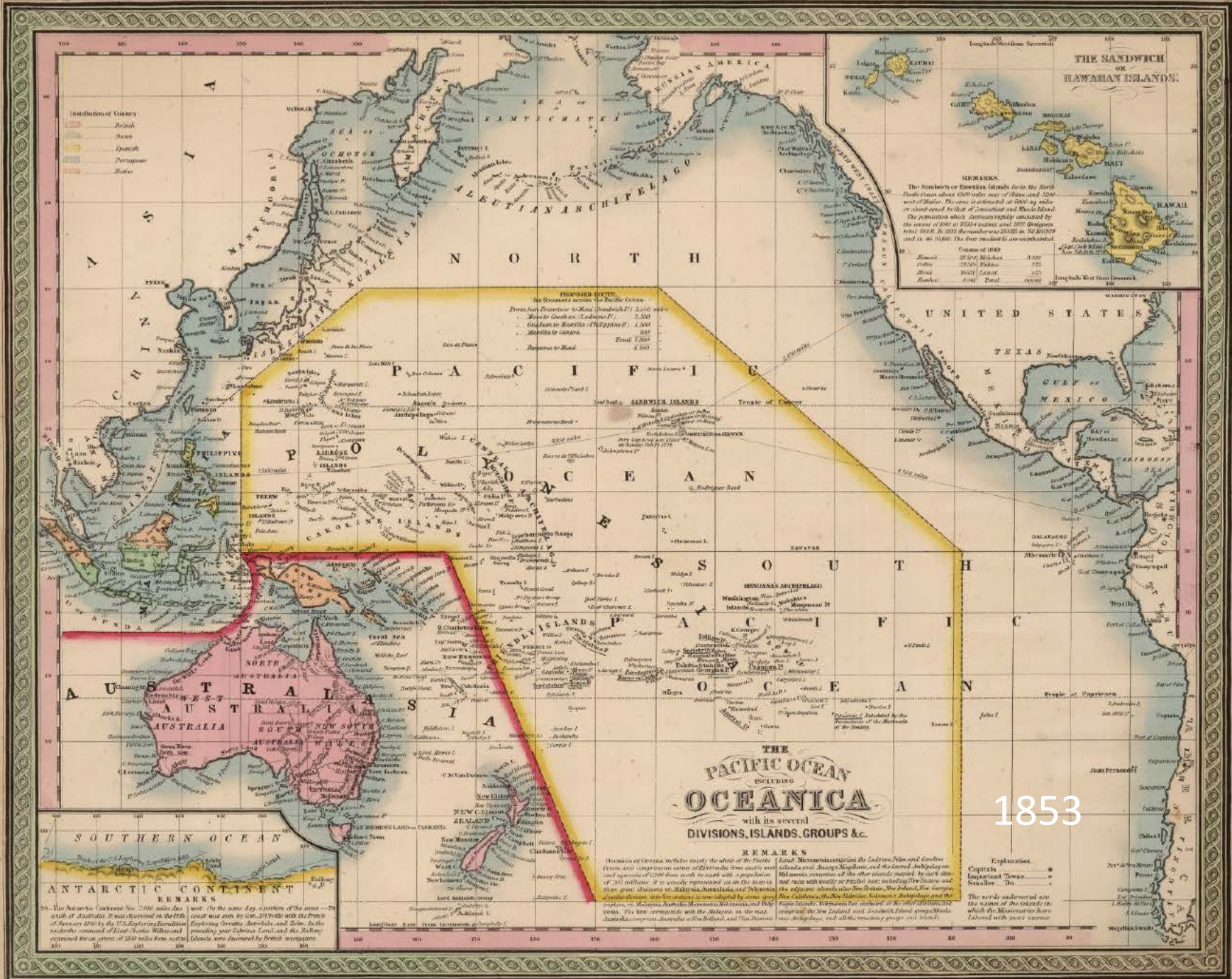
PACIFIC OCEAN,
 WITH A VIEW OF
AUSTRALIA AND POLYNESIA,
 AND THE INDIAN ARCHIPELAGO.
By W. C. Woodbridge.

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1844





THE SANDWICH OR HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

REMARKS.

The Sandwich or Hawaiian Islands lie to the North West from about 60° North East of Asia and 120° West of Asia. The area is estimated at 1000 sq miles or about equal to that of Connecticut and Rhode Island. The population which decreases from East to West is 10000 in 1845 to 100000 in 1850 and 100000 in 1855. In 1852 the number was 100000 in 1855 and in 1856. The area is estimated at 100000 sq miles.

Year	Population
1845	10000
1850	100000
1855	100000
1856	100000

Lengths West from London

PROPOSED ROUTE.
 The Routes across the Pacific Ocean.
 Direct Route to New Zealand 1,500 miles
 Route to South America 1,500 miles
 Route to Australia 1,500 miles
 Total 4,500 miles

THE PACIFIC OCEAN INCLUDING OCEANICA

with its several DIVISIONS, ISLANDS, GROUPS &c.

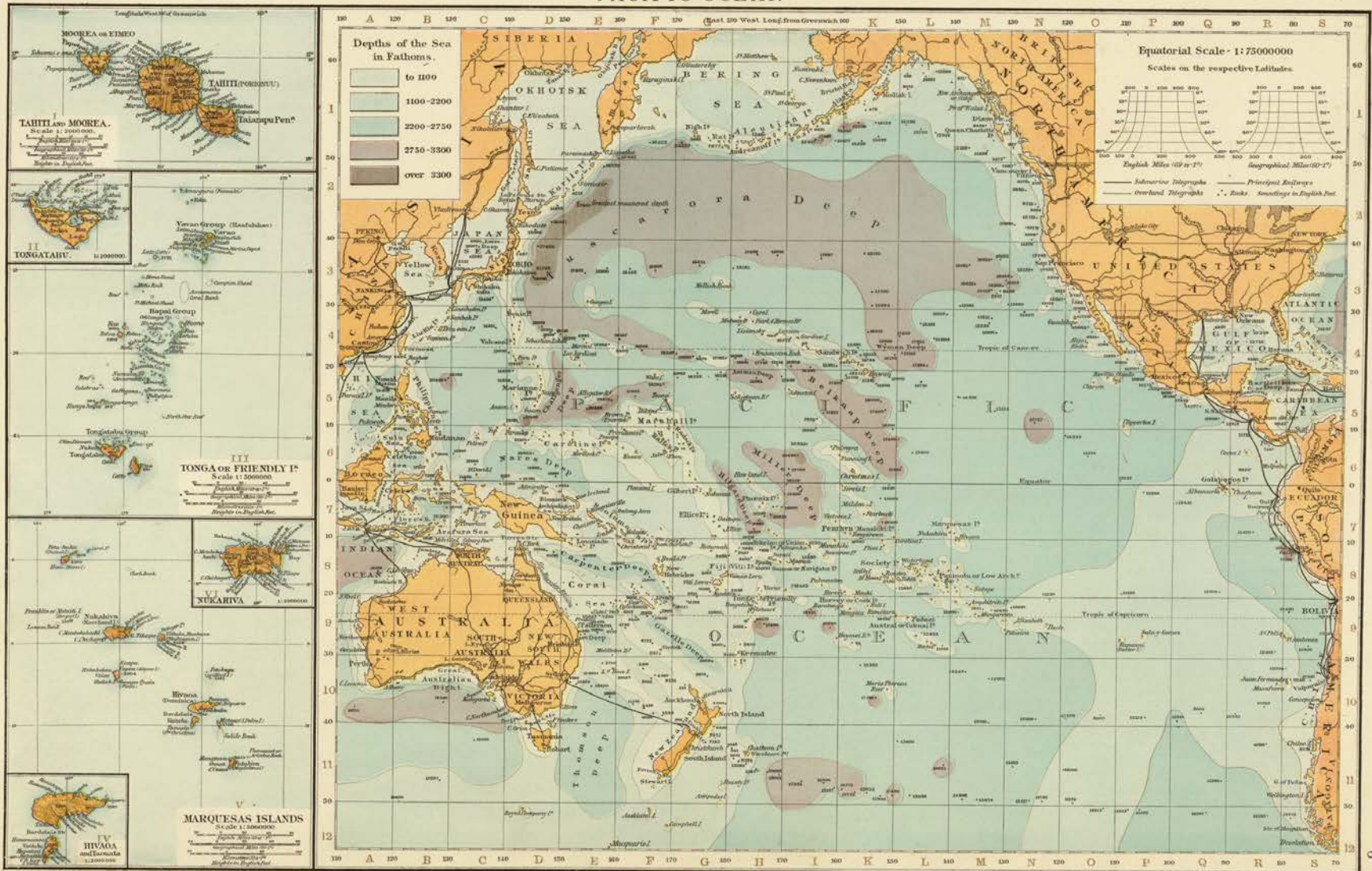
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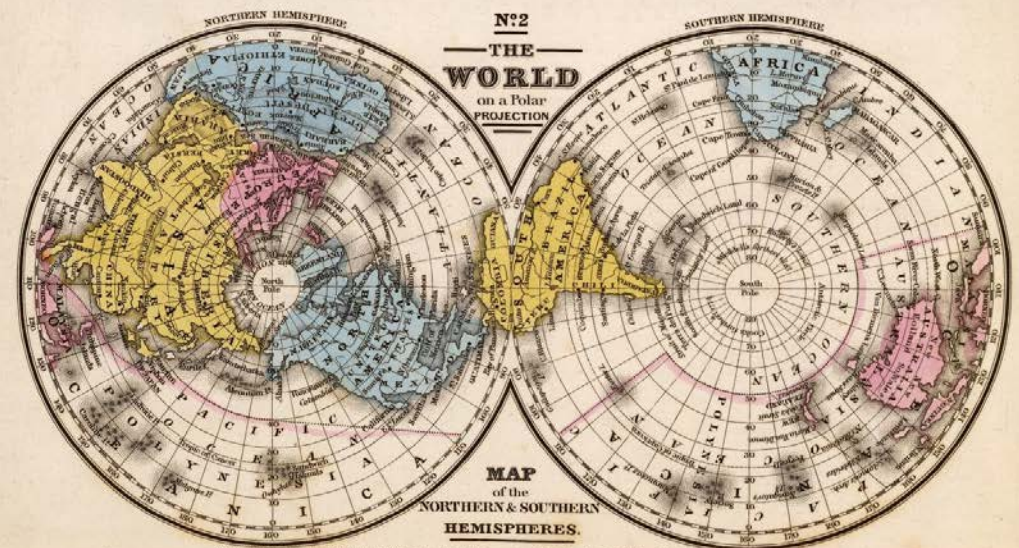
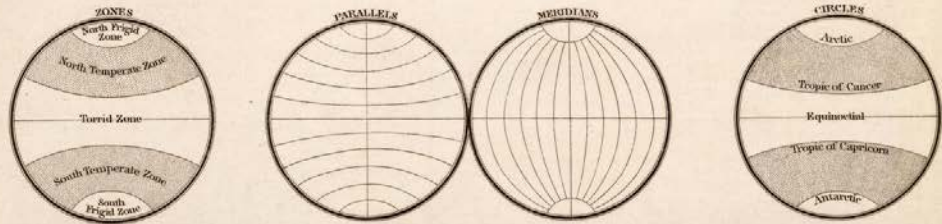
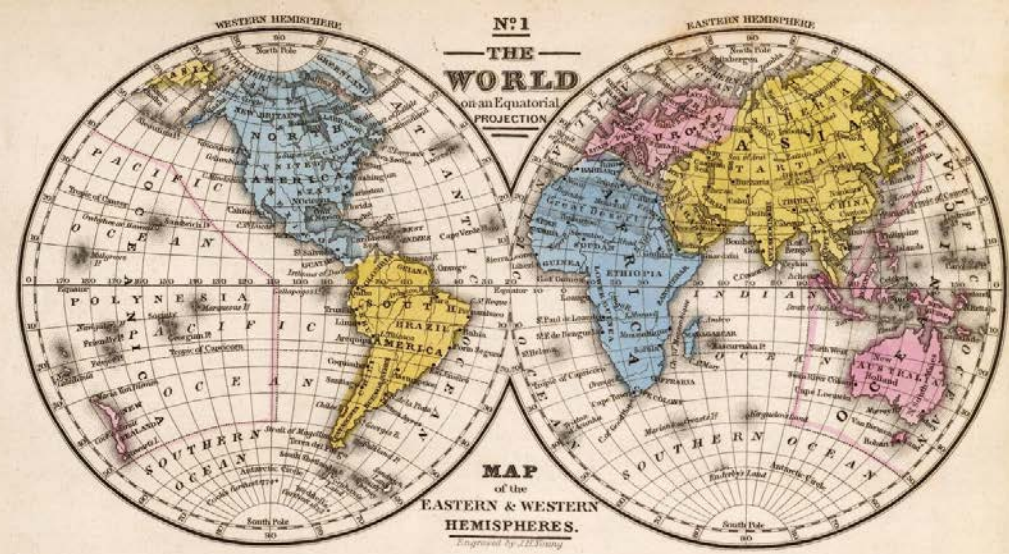
EXPLANATION.
 Capitals —●—
 Important Towns —○—
 Smaller —○—
 The words underlined on the maps of the islands to which the Monarchs have claimed with their various

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PACIFIC OCEAN

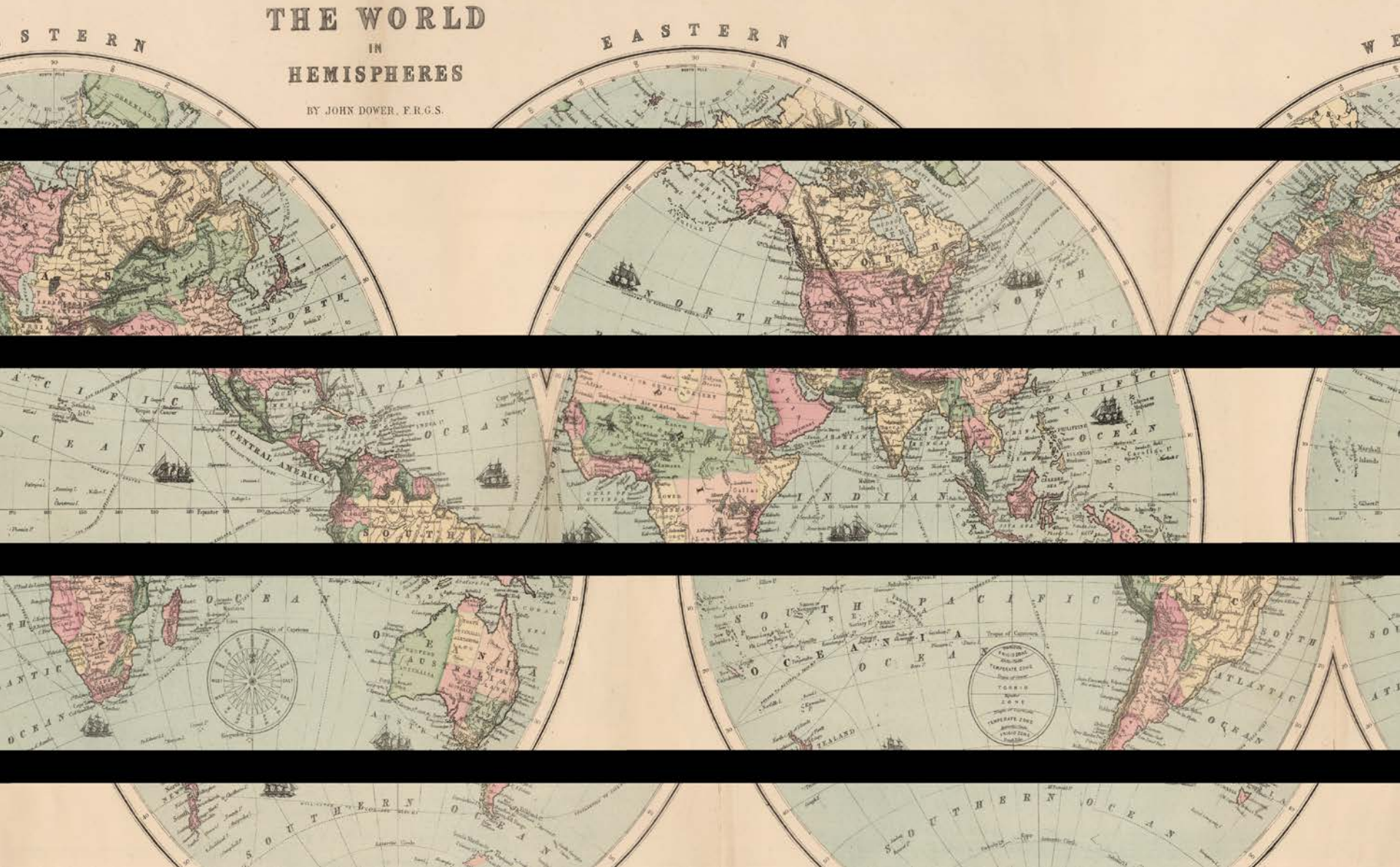


Hemispheres
do not have
land rims.



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1 But they give the correct impression that oceans cover
~~most of the planet and that the Pacific Ocean is vast.~~



- “Pacific Rim” is as much an argument as an observation.
- It began to compete successfully with “Western Hemisphere” in the 20th century.
- Both “maps” were in Mark Twain’s Atlas.
- The remarkable thing about Twain was that he was ahead of his time in recognizing the ties of community.

PRDLA in 1996 made a popular choice with the name “Pacific Rim,” but a controversial one:

- “The most prominent maritime region to emerge in recent years is undoubtedly the Pacific Rim . . . Sharp attacks have been launched against ‘rim speak.’
- Martin W. Lewis and Karen E. Wigen, *The Myth of Continents: A Critique of Metageography* (1997)

In Sum:

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