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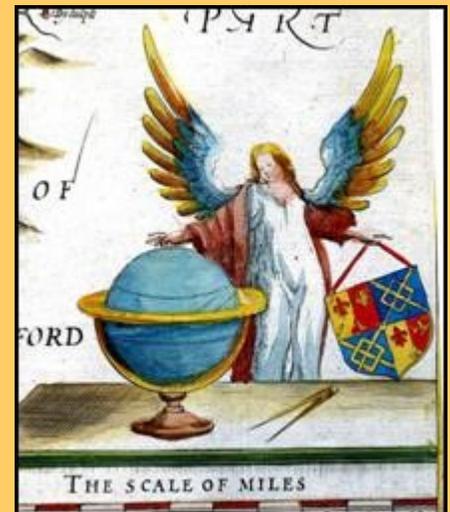
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CHESHIRE CLOTHING BOYS MAKE GOOD IN LONDON



A haberdasher and a tailor, both born in Cheshire, came up to London where their interest in cartography was to change their lives for good. The first, William Smith who became author of the “anonymous” county maps, probably met the second, John Speed at the recently formed College of Antiquaries. Even by the polymath standards of those days, Smith led a remarkable life as tavern keeper in Nuremberg, playwright, topographer and heraldry expert who was in 1597 awarded the title *Rouge Dragon Pursuivant* by the College of Heralds.

The [John Speed map of Cheshire](#) that we are offering counts as a lasting memorial to their joint background and work. To the lower left, the legend reads *Performed by John*



Speede, assisted by William Smyth ...

In R.A.Skelton's view, Smith (from Saxton and with Speed) was the source of the map with its large plan of Chester, much larger than other town plans in Speed's atlas.

Whilst the arms of the nobility appear in a column to the left, people will be intrigued by two separate coats-of-arms supported by angels, each with their other hand on a globe. To the left are the arms of John Speed and to the right, those of William Smith.

Perhaps the angels reflect Speed's thoughts of mortality. A wonderful effigy of him largely survived the London Blitz and may be seen in its glory at St Giles Cripplegate in the Barbican. A fine tribute from those that knew him.



More Maps By John Speed Newly Uploaded To Our Website

[Northumberland](#)
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[The Turkish Empire](#)
[Portrait of John Speed](#)
[Durham](#)

Highlights from our Website



Hark! Hark! The Dogs Do Bark - Serio-Comique Map Of Europe ...

Published by G.W. Bacon in London, 1914.

This vividly coloured allegorical map and text of Europe in 1914 is described by Walter Emanuel in terms of the barking dogs of war. Dog will bite dog unless in alliance or neutral. Here we have the British Bulldog on French territory being barked at by the German and Austrian Dachshunds, tethered together. Meanwhile, human figures too are at war - we have the Czar on his steamroller, Winston Churchill as First Lord of the Admiralty shown in a sailor's uniform controlling the fleet while a Turk impedes the Royal Navy's access to the Black Sea. The scene is set and the anonymous artist, like all around him, could only guess at the horrific events that were to follow.

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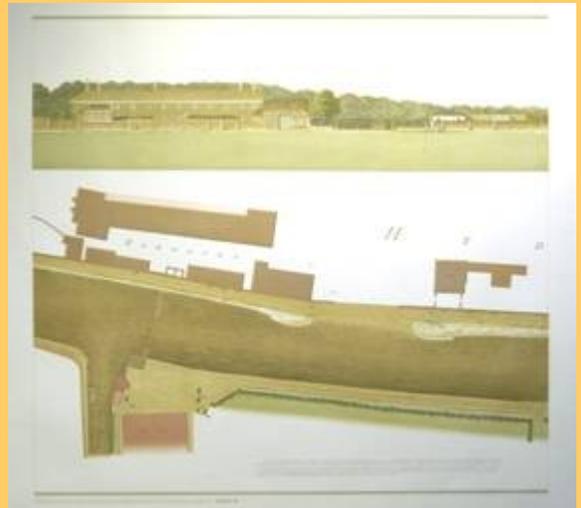
£2850

Plan Of The Road From Hyde Park Corner To Counter's Bridge ...

By Joseph Salway and the London Topographical Society, 1899-1903

A beautifully lithographed set of 30 plates, here in their original folio case. The turnpike road and adjoining buildings are shown in full detail and elevation - even down to the last gas lamp. Joseph Salway's survey, a detailed document of record for the turnpike trustees, extends from Hyde Park Corner to what is now Olympia. Occasionally, individual plates have appeared on the market but here the complete set is offered. We previously offered this set in Book Fair season, as it includes a plate showing the site of the fair and the exhibitors' favoured watering hole, which is still in business. **[37623]**

£ 1,850



Melita Vulgo Malta Cum Vicinis Goza

By N.De Fer / M.Seutter, c.1735

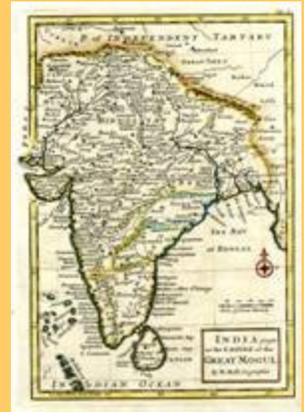
A magnificent and large map of Malta and Gozo, in an almost bird's-eye view focused on Valetta. Below the map is a large panel with the names and arms of the masters of the island; in the bottom left-hand corner is a detailed plan of Valetta. An inset vignette in the top right-hand corner depicts a Maltese warship, flying the cross of the Order of St John, and sailing away from a pair of vanquished Turks. Richly decorated with sailing ships, and in bright original colour, this is a good example of a very attractive map. **[37723] £ 1,750**



India Proper, Or The Empire Of The Great Mogul

By H. Moll, c.1729-

An attractive map of India, showing relief pictorially, major towns and landmarks. Highlights include the "Road beset with Trees" between Agra and Lahor, and the Raolconde Diamond Mines. Herman Moll was born in 1654 of German descent, and first came to London to work as an engraver for several publishers. In the late 1670s he set up his own business publishing atlases as well as maps of all parts of the world. His earliest known cartographic work is a series of small maps for the geography book of Sir Jonas Moore, published in 1683. Over the next fifty years he produced numerous works on classical, British and foreign geography, illustrated with maps of varying scales and detail yet in clear, distinctive style. [\[37428\]](#) £ 180



New York

By The Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, 1840



A fascinating and detailed map of New York, showing Manhattan from the harbour to 41st Street, its northern extent, with Ellis Island and parts of Jersey, Brooklyn and Williamsburgh. Two vignettes of City Hall and Broadway appear in the lower corners. A numbered key to churches and other public buildings is given in top right hand corner. Parks, ferry routes, railroads and proposed piers are clearly marked. With a population of 300,000 and no proper water supply, New York was still in a turbulent phase of development when this map was made. [\[37328\]](#) £ 350

Further new items on our website include:

maps of the ancient world, based on the work of [Strabo](#);
detailed plans of [canal networks](#) across the British Isles;
Astonishing panoramas of [London](#);
and [many more!](#)

Jonathan Potter writes ...

The first part of 2012 has been a particularly hectic period for Jonathan Potter Ltd – moving premises after 20 years on the first floor at New Bond Street to Marylebone. Although George Street is only 10 minutes away from Bond Street, the new gallery has a distinctly different “feel” in a relaxing, interesting and accessible part of the West End.

London in 2012 has, of course, been hosting Her Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic celebrations and, for all the gloom-mongering and negative expectations of transport chaos, infrastructure breakdown and so on, has been remarkably trouble-free. In fact the greatest criticism from retailers has been that potential visitors have been discouraged from coming to the West End leaving some areas feeling empty and quiet for much of the time. Nevertheless, we have been pleased to see a number of clients, in town to watch the Olympics, in the gallery with glowing reports of events and an eagerness to buy maps!

One of the major, and anticipated, aspects of the move to slightly smaller premises has been to better organise our “residual” stock – many atlases, flat and folding maps having remained untouched for years. Although unfortunately,



this hasn't uncovered any hidden treasures – our stock control would be chaotic if we allowed valuable maps to remain unoffered for long – we will be putting plenty of new and interesting material into stock and onto our website www.jpmaps.co.uk over the coming months.

Of further interest in the reorganisation has been the re-surfacing of numerous old newspaper and magazine articles retained over the years. Amongst a folder of maps was a cutting from the Liverpool Daily Post, Women's Magazine, of 1963 "There's a new world to be found in old maps". Along with a glowing endorsement of the attractions of buying and collecting antique maps, a couple of paragraphs particularly caught my imagination :

"When the traveller of to-morrow gets out his maps to check his direction it is quite likely to be a map of the universe that he refers to. Already there are detailed maps of both sides of the moon; the surface of Mars is known to us in some detail, and radio signals from a space rocket have provided scientists with their first data for mapping the planet Venus. Nearer to home, the circular tours of the astronauts have given modern map-makers information for new atlases of the earth, with under-sea mountain ranges, the exact direction of currents such as the Humboldt and the Gulf Stream, and the true outline of the continents – and even the earth's crust itself."

Little could the writer, only 50 years ago, have imagined the power of Google and Sat-Nav, that Mars would now be probed, and that the outline of the continents might be exposed or covered due to polar ice-melt!

Finally, I would like to thank all our friends and customers who have responded to our request, earlier this year, to update contact details and wish-lists – please continue to keep us informed of anything we should know that will help us to help you.

Reference Books At Incredible Value

A great selection of large, out-of-print, rare and useful reference books on cartography has recently been uploaded to our website, all at very competitive prices.

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