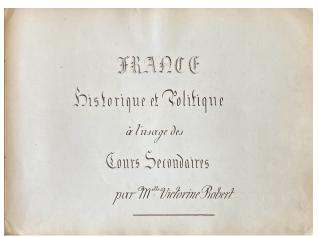
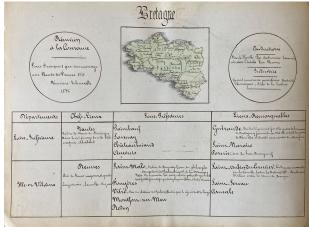
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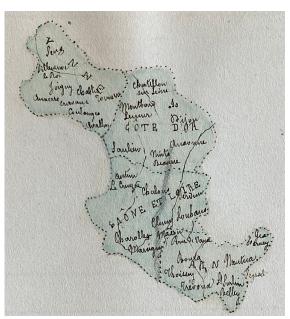
A large, striking and carefully designed historical atlas of France, northern Europe, and Switzerland, drawn by a secondary student, mademoiselle Victorine Robert, with more than 40 hand-colored maps.

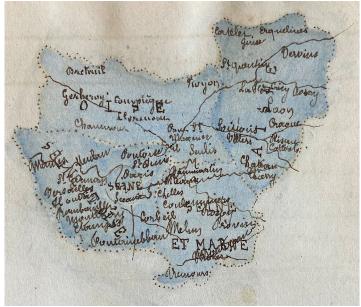




Robert, Victorine. France Historique et Politique à l'usage des Cours Secondaires par M^{elle} Victorine Robert. [France, c. 1860-65 {before 1901}]

(25.5 x 34.5 cm). Oblong folio. 38 leaves for France, maps and demographics; 25 leaves for "Contrées de l'Europe". Contemporary cloth spine over thick card stock covered with patterned black paper, covers rubbed and edge worn, cloth at the head and tail loose and worn, sewing starting to loosen, but holding, some soft corners, but internally a clean and very well-preserved album.



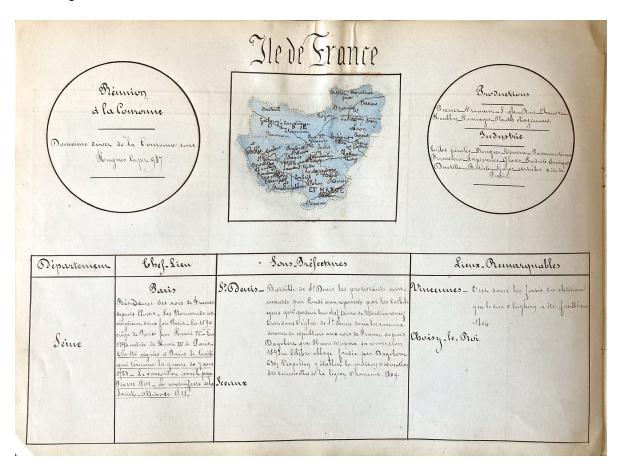


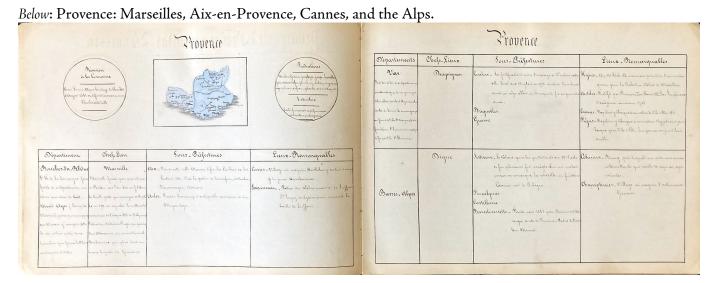
Above left: Burgundy and at right, the Ile de France (Paris and Versailles).

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The volume is typical of French pedagogical practices in which students create formally designed book objects on the topic being studied, in this case with carefully hand-colored maps. The present volume offers a detailed account of 37 different regions of France, (Flanders, Alsace, Lorraine, Ile de France, Brittany, Normandy, Burgundy, etc.), each with a colored map, and 5 hand-colored maps for Belgium, the British Iles, Holland, Denmark, and Russia, with blanks leaves no doubt intended for maps of Switzerland and Sweden.

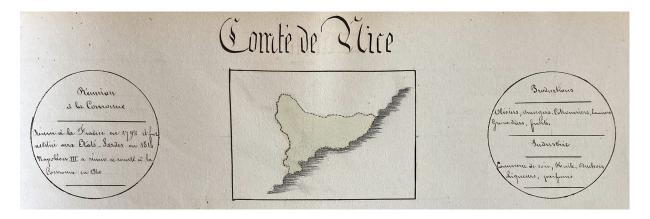
Uniformly presented, just as one would find in a published atlas, each entry is graphically laid-out with a central map, flanked on the right by a note for when the region became part of France ("Réunion de la Couronne"), and on the left the products and industries of the region. Below are the departments, principal cities, subprefectures, and remarkable sites (including cities, historic sites, architecture, etc.). Shown below, the Ile de France, including Paris, Versailles, Saint Denis, Vincennes, Fontainebleau, etc.



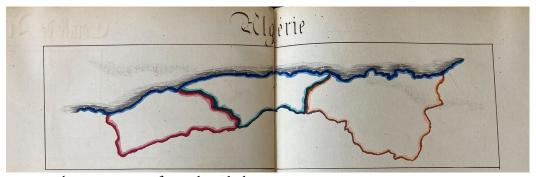


Details for the European countries include a historical background and geographical descriptions (mountains, lakes, rivers) government seats, capital cities, major cities, social customs, inhabitants, languages, religions, also historical geography, ruling families/dynasties. The album is datable by the reference to Victoria as the

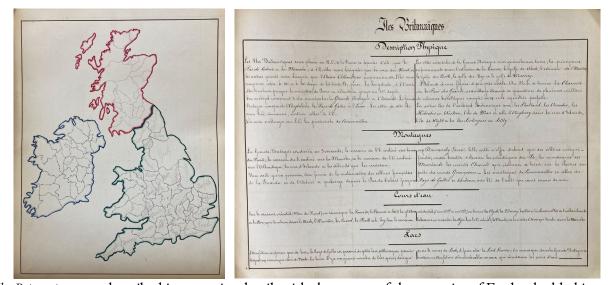
reigning Queen of England and the mention of Napoleon III's annexation of the Comte de Nice (below) and the Savoy in 1860.



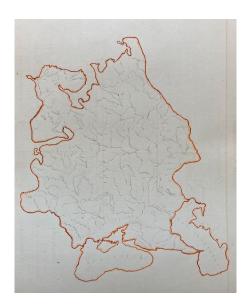
As the maps depicting the regions of the Savoy and Nice show no details (cities, rivers, etc.) and that the leaves are grouped together with Algeria (whose map is similarly blank), it seems safe to date this work close to 1860-65. Algeria is presented in a double-page spread, with a caption that describes the country as becoming a French possession in 1830 under Charles X.



Above: Algeria awaits the imposition of its colonial identity.



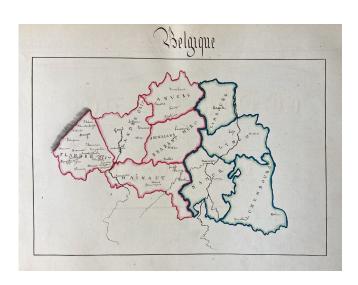
The Iles Britanniques are described in extensive detail, with the names of the counties of England added in pencil.



The British Iles and European Russia each include 9 pp. of demographic details, the most for any European country, describing geographical features and political and governmental structures. In both sections, countries that are now independent, such as Ireland in Britain and the [Duchy of Warsaw] Poland, Estonia, [Grand Principality of] Finland, and the Ukraine in Russia, are all described as integral or subordinate regions. The page below lists the Russian regions mentioned here, and Saint Petersburg as the capital of the Empire.

Closer study of the album's specific details will reward scholars interested in the evolution of European borders as well as French pedagogical models.

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The handsomely drawn and colored maps for Belgium and Holland; below, Normandie and Languedoc.

