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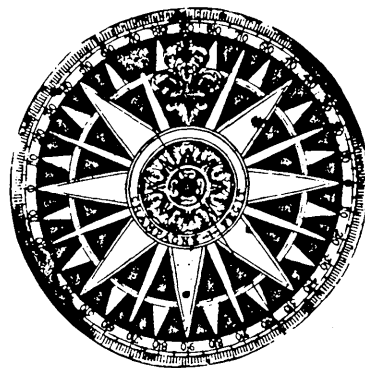
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The translation of Ptolemy's Geographia from Greek into Latin during the 15th Century must have caused a major sensation among the scientists of the time. Such however was the extension of geographical knowledge due to the voyages of discovery that any rendering into English would have been little more than a curiosity, and in fact no such translation seems to have been published in this country. It seemed best then for the purpose of this publication to condense and paraphrase the meaning, with the general reader in mind rather than the geographical specialist. The translation of the Latin text into English proved an intricate and time consuming task. The many abbreviations and changes in meaning of many Latin words necessitated constant reference to the original Greek text in order to discover the precise meaning of a word or phrase.



The Latin text

The Maps



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