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Showing the routes via Isthmus of







ROUTE via CHAGRES and PANAMA

For the information of those going to California, either as adventurers or settlers, it is important that they have access to all information obtainable, for want of which, the necessary precautions are neglected, which may result in much suffering and disappointment.

On the account of the great saving of time and distance, this route is shown by many and to such it is important to know something of the difficulties connected with it. No isolated individual ought to think of engaging in this enterprise for there will be many circumstances where a friend will be found of essential benefit. It would be well if parties of 10 or more should unite who would be devoted to, and who could place in each other that confidence which the love of gold could not destroy.

Probably, those who pay their passage and are found in Chagres will not find all the accommodations on shipboard to meet their expectations, both from the crowded state of

DESCRIPTION OF ROUTE

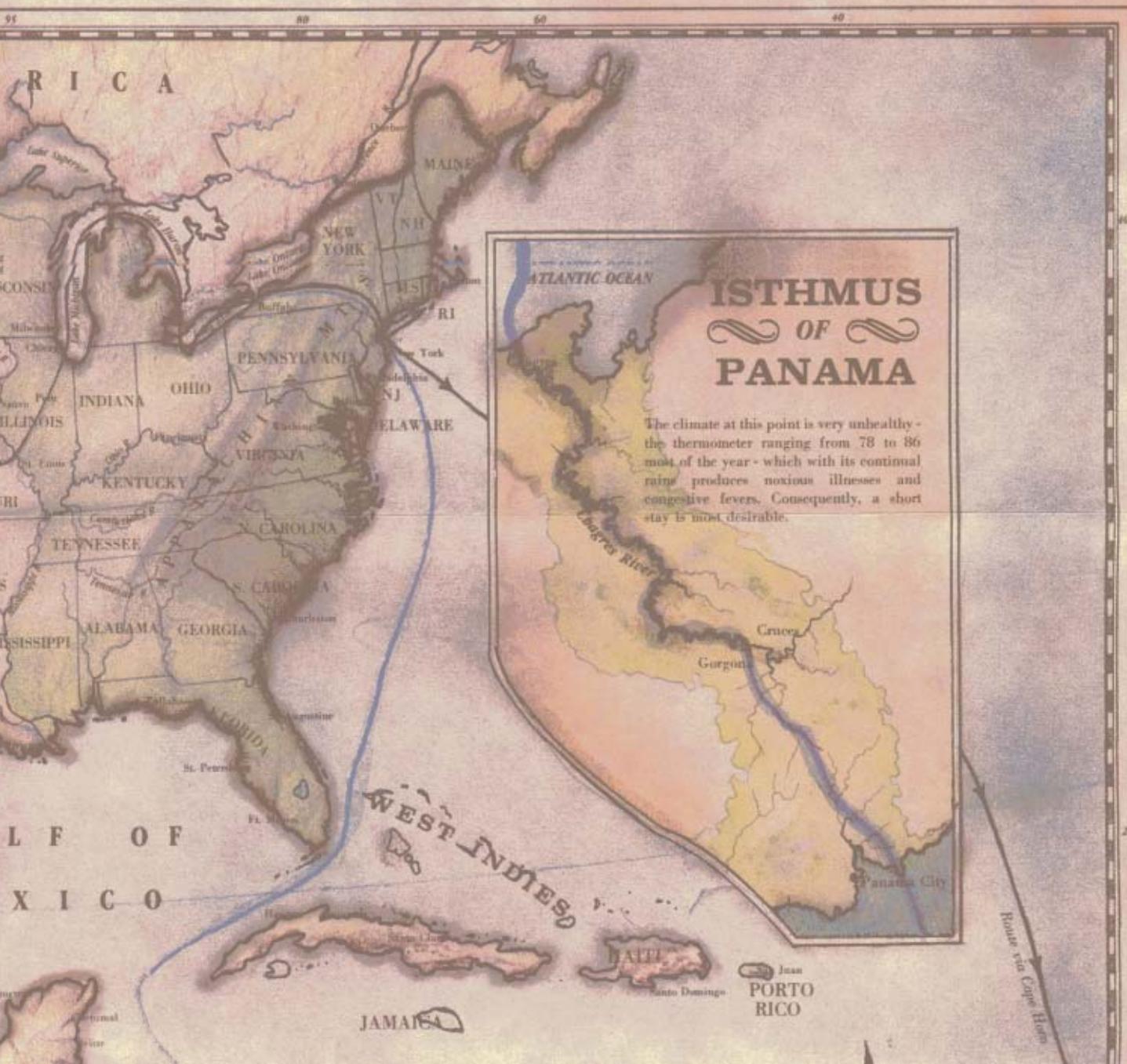
the ship and the fare, and it would be well for all to take an extra supply of stores. The town called Chagres is only a small village of one-story houses or rather huts situated at the mouth of the river of that name which empties into the Atlantic Ocean, and has a small but secure harbour. The place has a very unsightly appearance, being situated in the middle of a swamp, and the continual rains prevailing there would render the streets almost impassable if it were not for logs of wood laid along the centre, for the accommodation of pedestrians.

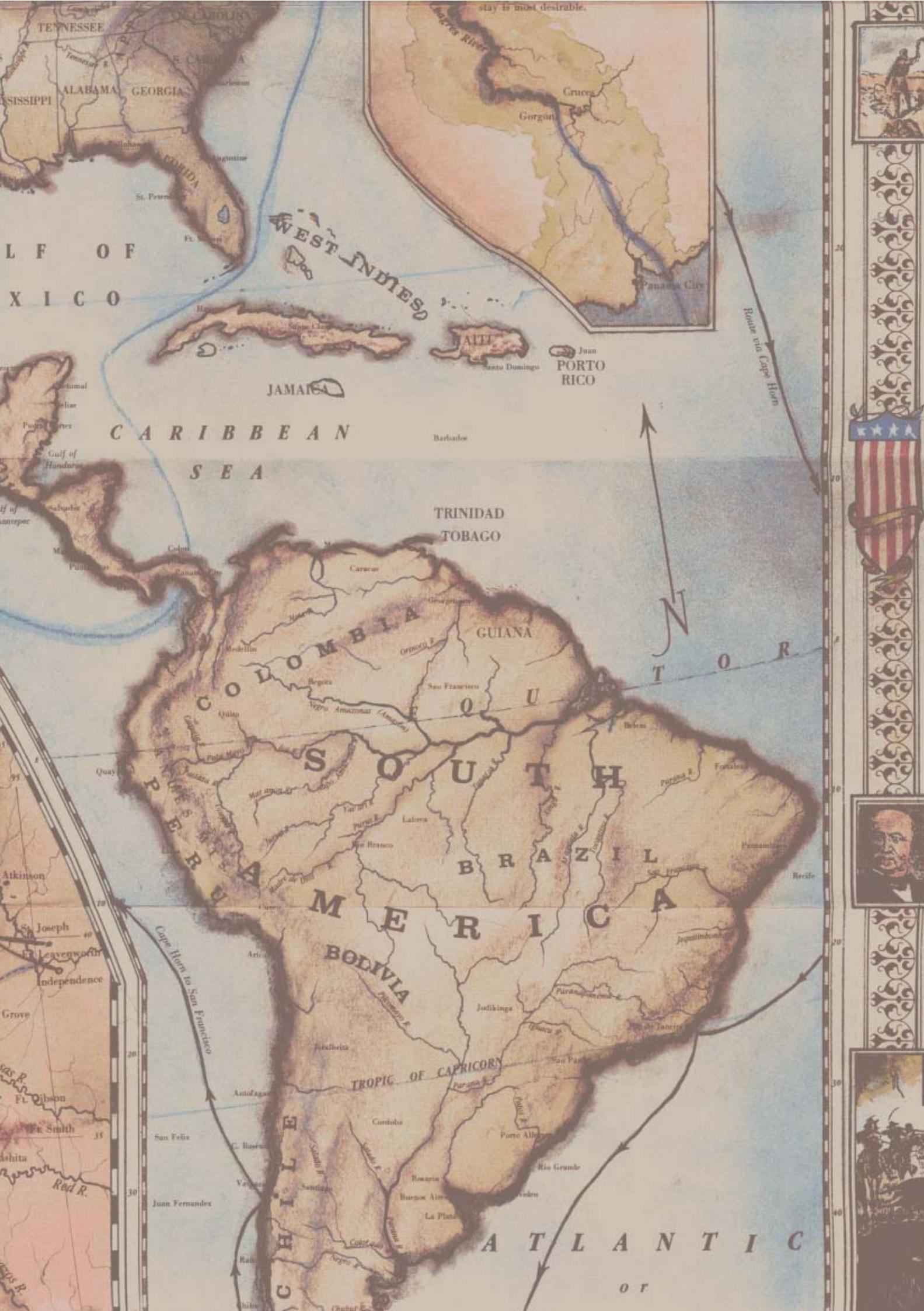
The journey to Panama is made by taking small canoes (or a steamboat which now goes there) to the town of Cruces or Gorgona, a distance of about 33 miles, and from there Panama, about 24 miles per land.

One who knows, "Avoid the sun, keep within doors during the day, refrain from eating

Map of THE REGIONS OF CALIFORNIA

Panama, Cape Horn and Overland.







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units even when ripe, with the exception of oranges, which may be eaten moderately. Do not touch the oysters, wear flannel next to the skin by day and night, avoid spirituous liquors, and it is needless to say be off the first opportunity. The distance from Panama to San Francisco is about 3400 miles long.

will occupy nearly five months in making the passage. Notwithstanding this appears to be a very long voyage, yet it is (in the present amount of travel across the Isthmus, and the probable want of vessels from Panama to San Francisco) the surest route.

ROUTE BY CAPE HORN

This route is the most acceptable as far as cost and facilities is concerned, but loss of time balances the difference to the price of passage which varies from \$700 to \$900, according to accommodations.

The distance from New York to San Francisco via Cape Horn is about 18,000 miles, and

ANOTHER ROUTE

This route which is said to be "the cheapest, quickest and safest," is to take passage in a vessel for Vera Cruz; thence overland to Manzatlan via Guadalajara, Tepic and San Blas; thence either by vessel or by mule or horse travel, by land up the coast. To prevent danger of being attacked by robbers through Mexico, persons should go in parties of 40 to 50 or more. The cost of this route varies from \$150 to \$300, and may be accomplished in 60 days.