

empire, proved to the Romans that the world was larger than they had supposed. They gave place to the new-comers, freshly launched from the unknown steppes

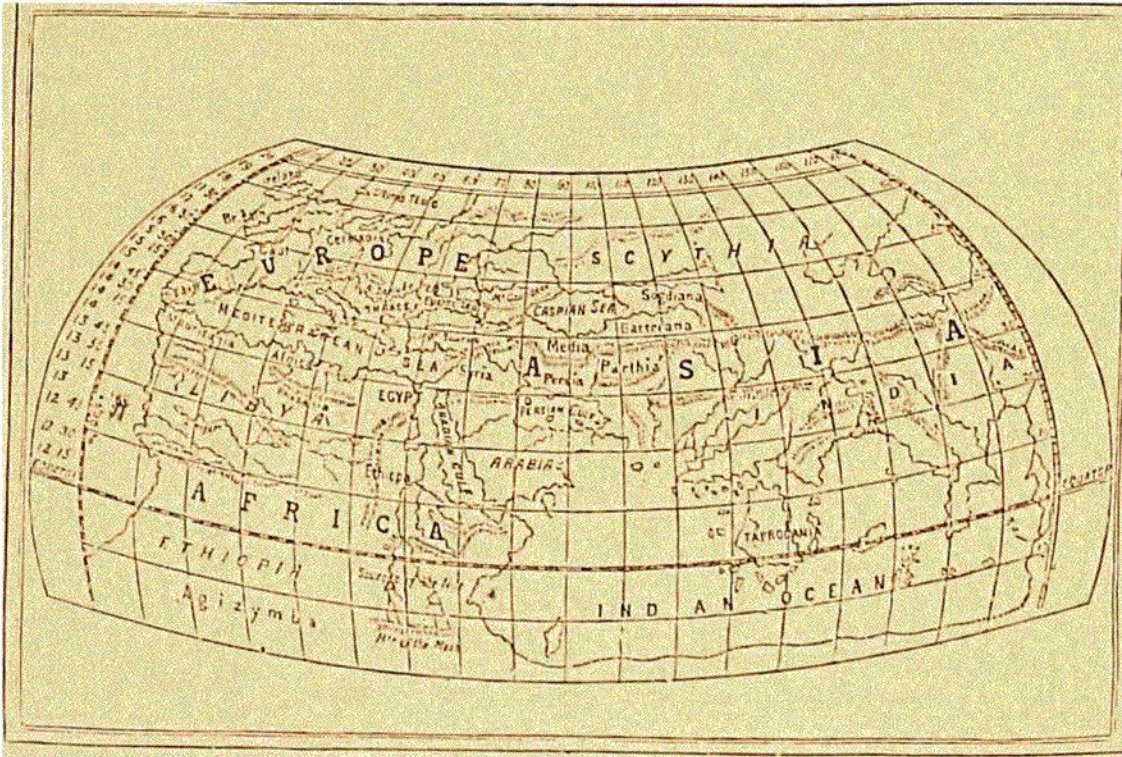


FIG. 6.—THE EARTH IN THE TIME OF PTOLEMÆUS.

of extreme Asia ; from those hyperborean regions whose existence, on the testimony of Strabo, they had been reluctant to admit.

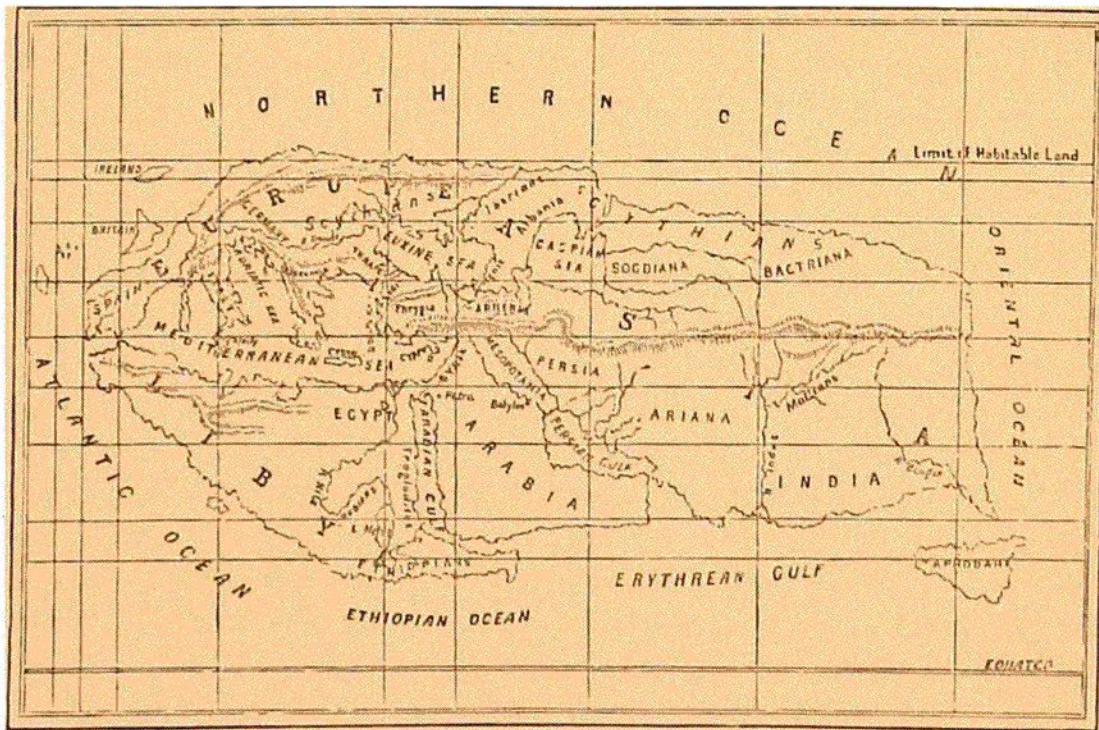


FIG. 7.—THE EARTH IN THE TIME OF STRABO.

Nearly one-half of the Earth was then known with some degree of fulness. Men even began to suspect its real form ; for the astronomer and the mathematician—