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The Mercator projection. (Mercatorprojektionen.)

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Summary: The Mercator projection is usually presented severely truncated in atlases, for obvious reasons as the earth is mapped onto an infinite strip. Surprisingly though a fairly modest truncation accomodates all of the earth except two coin-sized regions at the poles. In fact such a truncated map will be presented with the upper and lower extremes of the rectangle are scaled 1 : 1.

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