

PROFESSOR LONG, Supt. Public Schools, St. Louis, said: "I unhesitatingly commend Dr. Ridpath's History of the World as the ablest work on that subject which I have ever examined. The engravings, maps and charts are alone worth the entire cost of the work."

200,000 Americans

BISHOP VINCENT, Chancellor of Chautauqua, said: "Ridpath's History is in clear and agreeable style; comprehensive in treatment, readable type and admirable illustrations. This set of books is a permanent college chair of general history in one's own house."

HAVE PLACED IN THEIR HOMES THE WORLD-FAMED PUBLICATION

RIDPATH'S HISTORY OF THE WORLD

This means that practically as many Americans have bought Ridpath as have bought the great Encyclopedia Britannica and the Century Dictionary combined. Can you imagine any greater testimonial for any book? Dr. Ridpath's Immortal Work commands the admiration of the English-speaking world. It is endorsed by the scholarship of the world, and by the great American people as the only history of the world worth having.

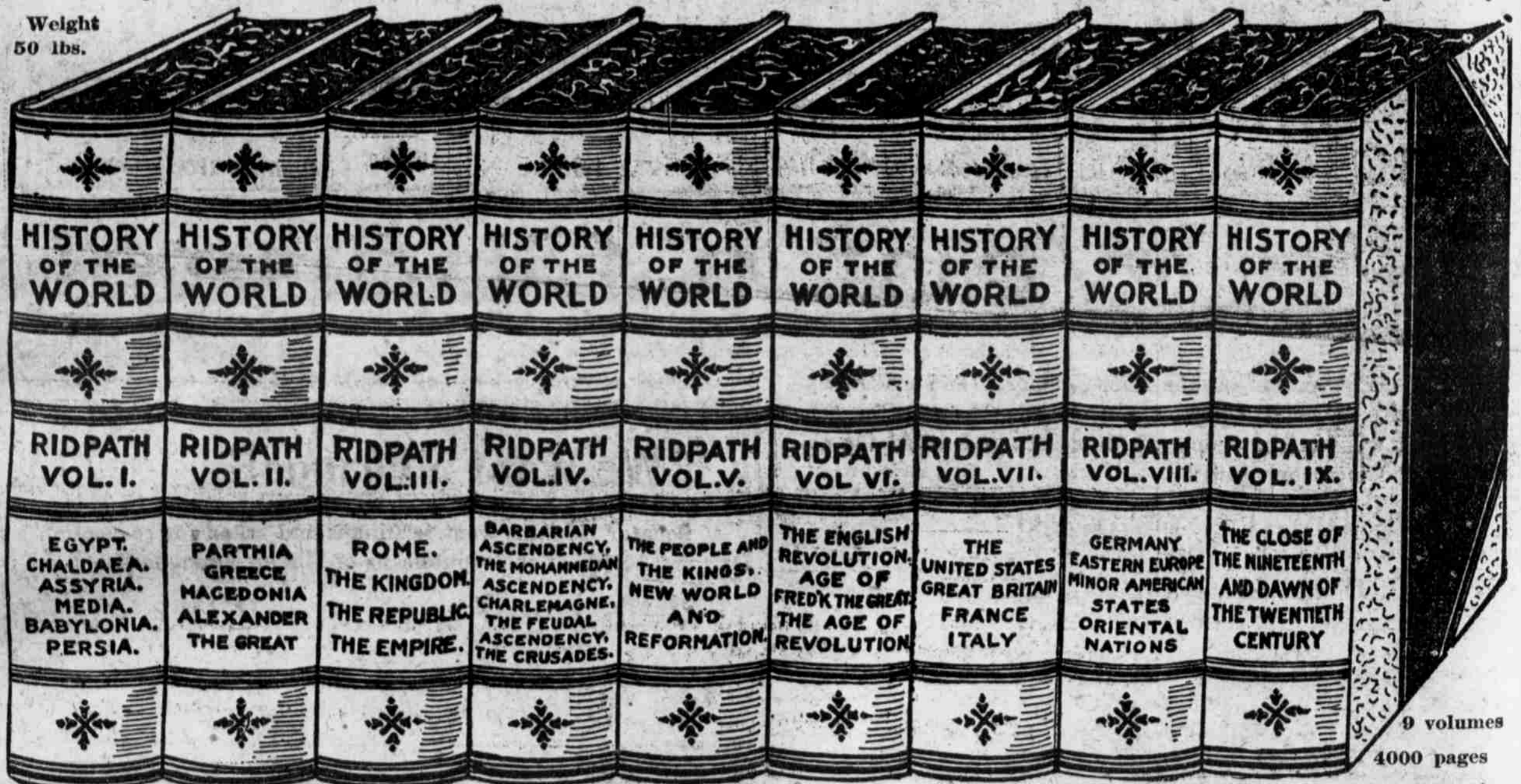
THE PUBLISHER'S FAILURE placed in our hands the entire unsold edition of this monumental work. **BRAND NEW, down to date, beautifully bound in Half-Morocco, which we must sell immediately. We are offering the remaining sets**

At LESS Than Even DAMAGED SETS Were Ever Sold

RIDPATH is recognized as America's greatest historian. He was a strong advocate of the rights and liberties of the common people. In 1896 he was the Democratic Nominee for Congress in his home district, and received the warm support of the Leader of the Party. He was a great man and a great historian. Dr. Ridpath is dead but his work lives. He devoted his entire life to writing the History of the World. It is absolutely accurate and impartial, and commands the admiration of the English speaking world.

We will name our price only in direct letters to those sending the coupon below. Tear off the coupon, write name and address plainly and mail now before you forget it. Dr. Ridpath's family derive an income from his History, and to print our price broadcast for the sake of more quickly selling these few sets would cause great injury to future sales. We do not sell through stores or salesman, but ship direct from factory to customer subject to your examination. The entire transaction is by mail. **Send Coupon Today.**

Weight
50 lbs.



9 volumes
4000 pages
2000 illustrations

COMMONER READERS have shown wonderful appreciation of our remarkable offer. We have shipped this splendid History to delighted readers living in every state of the Union. It is endorsed by the scholarship of the world, and by the great American people as the only History of the World worth having. To read Ridpath's History of the World is to know peoples and races, kingdoms and empires, principalities and powers; to behold senates in session, armies marching, battles fought and victorious legions coming home; to follow the march of civilization westward from the Indus to the Euphrates, from the Euphrates to the Tiber, from the Tiber to the Thames, from the Thames to the Hudson, from the Hudson to the Mississippi, and from the Mississippi to the Pacific shore. Ridpath's History of the World has been purchased and strongly endorsed by William McKinley, President of the United States; General Stephen D. Lee, Commander Confederate Veterans; General Lew Wallace, Commander and noted author; Henry M. Teller, Senator from Colorado; Charles Curtis, Senator from Kansas; and by the Presidents of Brown, Bates, Amherst, Smith and practically all other American colleges and universities. To read this History is to increase your store of knowledge which is power and to add to the richness of your life.

EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN should know the history of his own country and of the world to intelligently perform his full duty as a citizen in the Government of This Nation. How else are we to judge of the great national questions that crowd upon us for decision except by some knowledge of the past. Our Colonial Policy, the Question of the Trusts agitating the great business and commercial world, the respective rights of labor and capital, the conflict between Socialism on the one hand and organized business and industry on the other—these and hundreds of other important questions press upon us as a nation for intelligent discussion and decision. How have such questions been met in the past? For the answer read the history of ancient civilizations which flourished, decayed and died and have been so thoroughly obliterated from the face of the earth that even the location of their splendid cities is unknown. Read the history of mighty Babylon, or of Imperial Rome as a kingdom, then as a republic, and finally as an empire, and familiarize yourself with her growth, development and decay. Read the history of the French Revolution, the establishment of the republic, out of which came the empire dominated by Napoleon. Then when you know history, when you know the cause of the rise and downfall of empires and nations, and not until then, will you be able to intelligently discuss and decide the great questions that are pressing now everywhere for attention. The growth, development and decay of the nations of the world constitute the most inspiring theme that can claim the attention of man. It is an inspiring story, and Dr. Ridpath has told it better than it has ever been told before. **Send Coupon today.**

\$1
Brings Complete Set. Balance Small Sums Monthly.

200,000 Americans Own and Love Ridpath

NAME.....
ADDRESS.....
W. to name and address carefully and mail coupon.

THE COMMONER

FOLD HERE, TEAR OUT, SIGN AND MAIL