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PROFESSOR CHENEY'S PUBLICATION

Monroe G. Cheney, M.S. was a Professor of Mathematics at the Ten Broeck Academy. In 1886, he published a book entitled ADVANCED LESSONS IN GEOGRAPHY.

It had many printings, and the 1905 edition recently appeared on eBay. I purchased it and found that it had belonged to a student named Charles Gould. It was the 14th edition and sold for 25 cents. The eBay cost was \$4.95 plus shipping. The book was divided into sections titled lessons and covered the geography of the world.

He includes answers to his numerous questions at the back of the book. Testimonials are also included from schools and teachers who used this book for teaching geography.

Can you answer some of these questions and give information requested below?

- 1. Which county of New York is most populous?
- 2. Which county in New York is the smallest in area?
- 3. Name and locate 4 Indian Reservations in New York.
- 4. Describe 4 rivers that flow into the St. Lawrence River.
- 5. What is the length of the Erie Canal in miles?
- 6. Locate the 4 State Prisons in New York
- 7. Sketch an outline of your county and locate the railroads, rivers, and largest towns, villages and cities.

Would you pass?



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CHENEY'S ANSWERS

- 1. Manhattan County
- 2. Rockland County
- 3. Onondaga, Tonawanda, Cattaraugus and Allegany (as of 1886)
- 4. Richielieu River, St. Francis River, Saguenay River and Ottawa River
- 5. 364 miles
- 6. Auburn, Ossining, Clinton at Dannemora and Napanoch in Ulster County (as of 1886)