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This map of the Arabian Peninsula shows international borders, caravan routes, and important cities and towns. British possessions, including the port of Aden and the island of Socotra ('Adan and Suqutrā, both part of present-day Yemen), are indicated by the pink coloring. The old Qatari cities of El Bedaa and Zabara (present-day Al Bida and Al Zabara) are shown. The map appeared as plate 48 in *The Imperial Atlas of Modern Geography*, published by the Glasgow firm of Blackie & Son in 1859 and reissued in 1860. Founded in 1809 by the Scot John Blackie (1782–1874), by the mid-19th century this firm was an important publisher of illustrated reference works, including *The Imperial Gazetteer* (1855), *The Imperial Atlas of Modern Geography*, and *The Imperial Bible Dictionary* (1866). The map was drawn and engraved by Edward Weller (1819–84), a London-based cartographer and engraver who was the unofficial geographer of the Royal Geographical Society in London. The atlas was compiled under the direction of Walter Graham Blackie (1816–1906), the youngest son of John Blackie.

