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The cover of this *Florida Geographer* comes from the November 1763 issue of *The Gentleman's Magazine*. The text describing this map suggests that "the whole country may be supposed to be exceeding hot, especially the southernmost parts of it.... The soil in many parts of Florida is remarkably fertile, and may be cultivated to great advantage" (p. 522). The article describes Florida in glowing terms and, as if to stimulate settlement, promises that "there is no doubt but the new inhabitants will endeavour to avail themselves of the fruits of it" (p. 554). Some 224 years later new inhabitants still enjoy Florida's riches. Thanks to Alan Craig for providing the *FG* with this material.