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AND

A PICTURE OF SOME OF ITS INHABITANTS.



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AFRICA,



Africa is the hottest country in the world; many of the interior parts are exceedingly rich and fertile, and many other parts are sandy deserts, inhabited by wild beasts, and people who live by suddenly seizing the cattle of other people in the adjoining countries.

Some Africans are copper-coloured, and some are black; but they all have woolly hair. It was from Africa that most of the ill-used beings sold as slaves, were taken; but now we buy gold dust, ivory, and many other things, from them.

The engraving shows the manner in which the Africans carry females of rank.

AMERICA,



AMERICA, north and south, is two large tracts of land, connected by the Isthmus of Darien, and separated from Europe by the Atlantic ocean. Some of the largest rivers and the highest mountains in the world, are in America.

Since the discovery of America by Columbus, and the settlement there of Europeans, the original inhabitants have gradually decreased in number: they are copper-coloured, with long black hair, and formerly lived entirely by hunting stags and deer, and buffaloes, of which there are still vast numbers in the large forests and plains.

CHINA,



China is a very large and populous country, containing more inhabitants than all Europe, and the Chinese are an ingenious and industrious people. It is from China that we obtain tea, silk, and fine muslin. Pekin and Canton are each larger than London. The rivers are joined by long canals, on which thousands of vessels are always engaged in trade. No person is thought to be good, unless they are learned; so that there are more schools and education in China, than in other countries.

The children are all obedient to their parents, and the people are respectful to their elders and superiors. The Chinese Empire is very old.



AND THE HINDOOS.

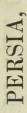
The greater part of the East Indies is called Hindostan, and the natives are termed Hindos; they are heathens, that is, they worship Idols which are made of stone, metal, or wood. The Hindoo people are very superstitious, and will not eat meat, nor of any thing which has lived; neither will they eat or drink with Europeans, whom they consider very inferior to themselves; yet they will serve the English faithfully, as servants, for small wages.

India is a hot country, and like China, is very populous. The people grow a variety of fruits and spices; and there are many beautiful birds, and wild beasts, serpents, and poisonous reptiles.



Holland is a country of great commerce; Amsterdam is the principal city; the inhabitants, called Dutch, are very clean in their houses, frugal and industrious, but the men have a bad habit of smoking tobacco.

In most of the towns of Holland, canals run through all the principal streets, and also through many parts of the country, with trees planted on each side. These canals serve them to convey all sorts of goods from one part of the country to another, the same as we do on our roads; and they trade with every country in the world. From the Dutch, we have most of our small toys.





Persia has long been noted for its beautiful roses, its silks, and pearls, and other articles of fine and expensive dress.

We read in the Scriptures, of the kings of Persia, so that we know it to be a very ancient nation, but has, since that time, become much less powerful and less rich. The Persians are very proud, although they are now become very poor, and think but slightly of strangers; the men are good horsemen, and the women are excellent riders. The Persians are, like the Turks, Mahometans.

Ispanan, the capital of Persia, is a large city; almost every house is surrounded by water.

SCOTLAND,



Scotland is the most northern, and therefore the coldest part of Great Britain, and the people are very hardy and industrious. They dig vast quantities of iron and coals from their mines, which they send to England, and many other countries. They also obtain great quantities of fish from their seas and rivers; and in those parts of the country where the land is fertile, they art excellent farmers.

The music of the bagpipe is much esteemed by the Scotch people. Plaid or cheque dresses used to be peculiar to the country, and the only material worn; but the people now wear dresses much like the English. SOUTH SEA



In that part of the globe which is called the South Seas, are a number of large and small islands; amongst the large ones, are the Sandwich Islands, on which a great number of English people have lately gone to settle, or reside. The natives of these islands are a rude and warlike race; they used to be delighted with toys and trinkets, for which they would readily exchange food, and articles of their own making; but now they grow flax, and many other things, which they know how to sell as well as the English do.

In one of these islands the famous Captain Cook was killed by the natives.



THE Turkish people are indolent, much inclined to sleep, and very fond of drinking coffee and smoking tobacco.

The Turks are not Christians, but are very kind and respectful to their parents, and are very fond of their children. The founder of their religion was a person named Mahomet, and they are, from him, called Mahometans.

From Turkey is exported the finest marble; that country also produces corn, coffee, and figs, dates, grapes, and a great variety of other fruits; the air and climate of this country are very delightful.

