

UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHY,

ON THE PRINCIPLES OF

COMPARISON AND CLASSIFICATION.

THIRD EDITION.

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MODERN GEOGRAPHY BY W. C. WOODBRIDGE, Late Teacher in the American Asylum.

ANCIENT GEOGRAPHY BY E. WILLARD, Principal of the Troy Female Seminary.

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From Dr. Samuel B. Wylie, Philadelphia.

The work is copious in illustration, luminous in arrangement, interesting in its description, of the various subjects of Natural History comprised in its plan, and in my opinion greatly superior as a text book for advanced classes, to any system of Geography which has heretofore come under my notice.

From Chauncey A. Goodrich, Professor in Yale College.

Mr. Woodbridge's Geographical Works are, in my view, distinguished by a rich variety of matter, a felicity of classification, and an accuracy of detail, which render them peculiarly valuable as text books in the instruction of young persons of both sexes.

From the Rt. Rev. T. C. Brownell, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.

I have examined the enlarged edition of Mr. Woodbridge and Mrs. Willard's Universal Geography, and find it to contain important improvements upon the smaller edition, concerning which I had expressed my full approbation. The ingenious methods devised for impressing the principal facts of the science upon the minds of the students, must commend the work to the favourable notice of the instructors of youth.

From Rev. J. L. Blake, Boston.

The design of the work is more philosophical and complete than that of any treatise with which I am acquainted. The execution indicates all that correctness which might have been expected from good judgment, unwearied industry and the most ample resources.

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The Universal Geography, by W. C. Woodbridge, and E. Willard, on the principles of comparison and classification, is one of the most ingenious and valuable works of the kind extant, and is accompanied by an atlas of correspondent merit.

The following is extracted from "the Teacher," a Periodical Work, Edited by Dr. Wilhelm Harnisch, Director of a Seminary for Teachers in Germany. The value of the testimony is much enhanced from the fact that Germany takes the lead of all nations in geographical science.

"Two works which have appeared in the United States, are even more worthy of translation. The first is "*Rudiments of Geography, &c.* by W. C. Woodbridge. Published in London, from the 7th American edition." The second is "*System of Universal Geography, &c.* by W. C. Woodbridge and E. Willard."

"Those who are acquainted with our best books on Geography and the latest Geographical researches, as those of Humboldt and Retter, will indeed find little new information, but a faithful employment of the materials hitherto collected—with an excellent arrangement, and an attractive mode of exhibition. All geographical subjects are treated comparatively, and in a natural order. The maps, and the wood engravings inserted in the text, are very useful in the illustration of these subjects."

The following is the opinion of an eminent German Teacher of Geography in the Fellenburgh School.

"After a thorough study of the larger Geography by Mr. Woodbridge, I express it as my decided conviction, that it is the best book of instruction in Geography, which has come to my knowledge. The work is incredibly rich in information. The fundamental principle of a comparative description of the earth which pervades the whole, is especially worthy of notice for its novelty and excellence. An experiment which I have made with several pupils in the use of this work has convinced me that students in pursuing the plan of Mr. W., not only attain a greater amount of knowledge, than in the ordinary method, but are introduced to the study of the Globe in a manner far better calculated to excite interest and activity of mind."

A
SYSTEM
OF
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ON THE PRINCIPLES OF
COMPARISON AND CLASSIFICATION.

BY WILLIAM CHANNING WOODBRIDGE,
MEMBER OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF PARIS.

A NEW EDITION,
ILLUSTRATED WITH MAPS AND ENGRAVINGS ;
AND ACCOMPANIED BY AN
ATLAS,
EXHIBITING, IN CONNEXION WITH THE OUTLINES OF COUNTRIES,
THEIR CLIMATE AND PRODUCTIONS ;
THE PREVAILING RELIGIONS, FORMS OF GOVERNMENT, AND
DEGREES OF CIVILIZATION ;
AND THE COMPARATIVE SIZE OF TOWNS,
RIVERS, AND MOUNTAINS.

"The very essence of science consists in generalizing, and reducing to a few classes or general principles, the multitude of individual things which every branch of human knowledge embraces."
Jamieson's Logic.

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1830.

PUBLISHERS' NOTICE.

THIS edition of the "Universal Geography" now presented to the public, it will be discovered (from the annexed advertisement) has been revised with great care by the author at Paris, under the most favorable opportunities possible for the correction of error, and for the introduction of improvements. It is but justice to the publishers to state, that by an unusual compression of matter, the page of this work contains more than is usual in the *octavo* form, and the whole, including the letter press contained in the Modern Atlas, contains more than double the quantity of matter found in any of the school Geographies now in use. In connexion with this edition a *New Ancient Atlas* has also been published, prepared by Mrs. Willard. In many respects this Atlas is unlike any similar work that has ever been published; these variations, it is believed, will be found to contain important advantages. The Atlases are sold either with or without the Geography, as is preferred.

DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT, ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the eleventh day of June, in the forty-eighth year of the independence of the United States of America, William C. Woodbridge, of the said district, and Emma Willard, of the district of New-York, have deposited in this office the title of a Book, the right whereof they claim as authors and proprietors, in the words following, to wit—

"A system of Universal Geography, on the principles of Comparison and Classification. By William Channing Woodbridge. Illustrated with maps and engravings; and accompanied by an Atlas."

In conformity to the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned;" and also to an Act, entitled "an Act, supplementary to an Act, entitled An Act for the encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of Maps, Charts and Books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned, and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints,"

CHARLES A. INGERSOLL,

Clerk of the District of Connecticut.

A true copy of Record, examined, and sealed by me,

CHARLES A. INGERSOLL,

Clerk of the District of Connecticut.

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TO THE SECOND EDITION.

In presenting to the public a second edition of this work, the author cannot but express his gratitude to those who have honoured it with their patronage, and especially to those who have deemed it worthy of formal recommendation, or of notice in the periodical publications under their direction. The hope which has thus been afforded of its usefulness, is the most cheering reward of labours which have exhausted his strength.

He is gratified in finding a confirmation of their opinion in the approbation which the work has received, both for its plan and execution, from the Geographical Society of Paris, and from a number of gentlemen distinguished for their science, and their efforts in the cause of education, in various countries of Europe, among whom he cannot refrain from mentioning the names of Humboldt and Fellenberg,

To Baron Humboldt, and to other distinguished members of the Geographical Society of Paris, the Author takes pleasure in acknowledging his obligations for valuable corrections and remarks. He has also engaged an eminent Geographer to revise the whole with care, and to furnish him with notices of all recent discoveries. He is happy to find as the result of these examinations, and of his own observation and inquiries, comparatively few errors for correction. In his efforts to improve the work, he has limited himself to those alterations whose importance seemed to overbalance the inconvenience of change to instructors. Few of any extent have been necessary, and he trusts that the advantage of these will be sufficiently obvious to render them satisfactory. For other errors and imperfections which may be discovered, or which may result from his absence, he must claim peculiar indulgence, on account of the ill health which detains him abroad, and which limits extremely his opportunities both for inquiry and for exertion. His great desire is, that the painful efforts he has made may prove the means of promoting the cause of education and the improvement of youth, in a country whose privileges and blessings the observation of the old world leads him to estimate beyond all price.

Paris, May, 1827.

PREFACE

BY THE AUTHOR.



THE foundation of geographical knowledge must be laid in a familiar acquaintance with Topography, or the location of places on the globe. It is well observed by Watts in his treatise on the Improvement of the Mind, that "The situation of the several parts of the earth is better learned by one day's conversing with a map or sea-chart, than by merely reading the description of their situation a hundred times over in books of Geography." Indeed the point is now fully admitted in the practice of geographical writers, and confirmed by the experience of teachers, that no method of study is so easy or effectual, as the examination of maps with the aid of questions; and no explanation is necessary to justify its adoption as the basis of the present system.

Descriptive Geography has usually been left in the state which was common to every subject in the origin of knowledge—presenting a mass of insulated facts, scarcely connected by any association but that of locality. In other subjects, facts have been carefully compared, arranged in distinct classes, and traced to general principles; and thus have been reduced to the beautiful order and simplicity of science. The Natural Philosopher, and the Political Economist, collect facts on each subject from every part of the world; and deem it essential to present, at a single view, the similar characteristics of distant regions. Why should the Geographer be required to reverse this method, and scatter the dismembered portions of a subject to the four quarters of the globe? Why especially, should those facts which have been traced with so much labour to the universal laws of nature, or the stable principles of intellectual and political philosophy, be severed from their connexions, and arranged according to the limits which power or caprice has assigned to the jurisdiction of kings—limits perpetually fluctuating with the waves of conquest, and the tides of revolution? If we would save the student from confused, and even erroneous conceptions, we must describe the operations of nature according to the limits she has established; and leave for separate consideration, those artificial boundaries which man has drawn, to divide regions of the same original character—influenced by the same climate—and furnished with similar productions.

Physical and Political Geography are but the Anatomy of the World—the one exhibiting the structure and surface of the globe—and the other, the state of its inhabitants. He that describes the human frame is expected to give a distinct account of the bones—the arteries—the muscles—the nerves—the organs and the functions of the body. Why then should the Geographer mingle rivers and climates—mountains—and productions—government and manners in the same page? It is true the latter are combined in nature; but so are the former. It is also true that it is desirable to have the complete picture of a country presented; but this would seem to be rather the province of poetry than of science; and if we attempt to comprehend a landscape of new objects at a glance, we shall have but imperfect conceptions of its parts.

The novice in drawing, first delineates individual objects or the several parts of the body. It is the business of a more advanced stage of his progress to draw even a single human figure; and it is not until he is master of the elements of the art, that he is permitted to combine a variety of objects into a group or a landscape, and to imitate the colouring of nature.

With these principles in view, the author has endeavoured to present the essential facts of Geography in the order of science, and to make the student familiar with its great outlines. The less important details which form the "filling up" of the picture are thrown into supplementary paragraphs and articles in a smaller type, for subsequent study. In order to complete the delineations, a series of statistical and topographical descriptions is added, in which each country forms a distinct subject of consideration, and a collection of tables, exhibiting the most important numerical statements which are well established.

In order to form a perfect system of Geography, it would be necessary to present upon a map a complete sketch of a country, with its inhabitants, their institutions, employments, &c. An approximation has been attempted in the Atlas which accompanies this work. In pursuance of the principles which have been stated, the author has devised a classification of mountains, rivers, cities, and countries, according to their size, which renders comparison easy, and diminishes the labour of recollection in a subject proverbially difficult. By means of numbers referring to these classes, the sketch of a country on the map exhibits the comparative size, as well as situation, of the prominent objects. On the Physical Chart of the world are shown the various divisions of climate, with their productions and animals. On the Moral and Political Chart, the degree of light or shade marks the intellectual and moral state of a country; and the emblems annexed serve, like the standard of a nation, to designate its religion and government. "The faithful sight" is thus called in to aid "the less retentive ear," and so far as the expense permitted, the same principle is pursued by inserting engravings of remarkable objects, to supply the defects of description.

The general approbation bestowed upon this plan, as it was partially developed in the "Rudiments of Geography," and the desire frequently expressed for a larger work on similar principles, have led to the present publication. In collecting the materials, the author has resorted, not merely to the latest and most valuable publications of geographers and travellers, but to the best and most recent works on natural science. He owes particular acknowledgments to the works of Humboldt, Brogniart, Bakewell, Myer, and Malte Brun. Many facts are brought forward which are not found in systems of Geography; and he believes none of importance are omitted, which do not more properly belong to a geographical dictionary, or the journal of a traveller.

The author had commenced the publication of his first work, when he learned with surprise, that a similar classification of numbers and arrangement of subjects had been devised and used by *Mrs. Willard*, Principal of the Female Seminary, at Troy, originated like his own, in the efforts to give instruction on this subject, eight or ten years since. Under these circumstances, it was thought advisable that both should unite in the publication of the system,—the Modern Geography being assigned to the author, and the Ancient to *Mrs. Willard*. The author takes pleasure in referring to the following preface by *Mrs. Willard*, for a more full illustration of the principles of the work, and the nature of this singular coincidence.

PREFACE

BY MRS. WILLARD.*

WHEN a system is brought before the public, professing to be new, and claiming to be considered as peculiarly useful, it is incumbent on those who introduce it, to show in what respects it is original, and why it is an improvement.

The objects to be attained in arranging the parts of any science for the use of learners, admitting the elements of that science to be first correctly ascertained, are to place them in that order which shall be most advantageous to the pupil in three respects; first, facility of acquirement; secondly, durability of impression; and thirdly, discipline of the mind. An attempt has been made to keep these objects steadily in view, and to discard all others as foreign to the purpose, and calculated rather to perplex than to enlighten the student: and it is not known to us, that any preceding writer has, with respect to the subjects of this work, done the same. The traveller who wishes to trace out the course he is to pursue, or to gain at one view a description of the country to which he is journeying, will not find this book and atlas so well fitted to his purpose as many others. No facts or modes of arrangement, however desirable to him, are here admitted, if detrimental to the work as to its sole object, the improvement of those who wish to learn the science.

With regard to the facility with which geography may be acquired, this plan includes the system of teaching from maps, formed upon the principle of making the eye the medium of conveying instruction; and it contains some new modifications of this principle, for which the public are indebted solely to Mr. Woodbridge. Such is the chart, from which the pupil learns the government, religion, and comparative civilization of countries, at the same

* This is the same preface, with a few trifling alterations, which was published in 1821, in the first edition of the Rudiments of Geography. Mrs. Willard having devised, and for a number of years taught, a system of geography in all essential points agreeing with the one contained in that work, but more fully developed in this, then felt and still feels bound to make some explanation of the views with which she originated the system, and also to give to her friends her reasons for relinquishing her own right to publish it, although she had repeatedly promised them that she would, and had in a measure prepared to fulfil her engagement. This preface contains those explanations, made at a time when the subjects were more fresh in her mind than they now are. Subsequently to the printing of the preface, it was determined that the Ancient Geography should not be appended to the "Rudiments," but reserved as more suitable, both from the subject, and from the manner in which Mrs. Willard had treated it, for a work to be used by more advanced pupils; and such a work the authors agreed at that time to publish. This preface has been withdrawn from later editions of the "Rudiments." Mrs. Willard prefers that her friends should consider this, rather than that, the work which she offers them to redeem the pledge she had given them to publish her own. Fully to redeem it, she is bound to give them at least as good a work as she could have produced herself; and the more it exceeds that measure the better.

time that he is fixing in his mind their shape and relative position ; and such is the chart of climates and productions.

The principle of teaching by the eye, has also a place in the classification of such objects as are compared by means of numbers. For example, after the pupil has learned the tables of population, he will in many instances forget the exact class to which a city belongs : but he will retain in his mind a picture of the page containing his table, and he will recollect whether the city whose rank he wishes to remember, was near the beginning, about the middle, or at the close of his catalogue, and thus he will know whether it is of a large, a middling, or a small size. In entering so systematically into the formation of tables of this kind, the work here offered to the public, differs, it is believed, from all preceding publications on the study of geography. The arrangement relieves the memory from a fruitless burden, by substituting few numbers for many, and perhaps it is not asserting too much to say that some such mode of classification is not merely the easiest and the best, but that it is in fact, the only method of conveying instruction to the youthful mind, on subjects where numbers are the medium of comparison. A person who knows by rote merely, that a city contains a certain number of inhabitants, cannot from that circumstance be said to understand its rank ; that is, he does not know whether it is a great or a small city, for all ideas of great and small are relative, and are obtained by comparing things with others of their own kind.

With regard to durability of impression, we discard that method of arrangement generally found in the description of countries, where many distinct and dissimilar subjects are treated of in quick succession ; because, from the want of any associating principle, information received in this way cannot be well remembered. We admit little which may not be traced to one of these two laws of intellect ;—first, that the objects of sight more readily become the subjects of conception and memory, than those of the other senses ; and secondly, that the best of all methods to abridge the labour of the mind, and to enable the memory to lay up the most in the smallest compass, is to class particulars under general heads.

That this method of teaching geography is a judicious application of these principles, has become completely evident to me from observing the fact, that, of all the branches of study which my pupils learn, geography taught in this manner is that which they most easily call to recollection : and this is the case, whether the examination takes place after the lapse of a few months, or a few years.

But in none of the objects of education do I conceive that this system is so peculiar, as in that which relates to the discipline of the mind ; and none are, in my opinion, of so much importance. Although it is of consequence to teach the student what to think, yet it is more important to teach him how to think. However well it may be for a man to have a good knowledge of geography, yet, it is still better for him to possess a sound judgment and a well regulated intellect. “ The correctness of every process of judgment and reasoning depends either immediately or ultimately on the accuracy of our comparisons.”* Capacity of mind is acquired by those habits of study, which cultivate the powers of abstraction and generalization.—The study of geography has heretofore been regarded as a mere exercise of the memory ; but taught in this manner, it brings into action the powers of comparing and abstracting, thus laying the foundation, not only of good scholarship in the science of which it treats, but of a sound judgment and an enlarged understanding.

* Hedge's Logic.

I have now endeavoured to give some of the reasons for considering this method as an improvement; and also to show that it is in several respects original. Yet perhaps the very circumstance that it is new, may form a ground of objection. It may be said that however plausible a system appears in theory, it is often found in practice to be attended with inconveniences which were not anticipated, and could not be foreseen. But notwithstanding this system has never before been published, yet it has been brought to the full test of experiment. It is nearly eight years since I began to teach geography in the method here recommended. Intending to publish my plan of instruction, I carefully watched its operation on the minds of my pupils, while at the same time, I studied in reference to it, the most approved systems of the philosophy of the mind, and my success in teaching it far surpassed my expectations.

It may seem singular, that I should here allude more particularly to the modern geography than to the ancient, as that alone bears my name. The arrangement entered into between Mr. Woodbridge and myself, was predicated solely on my having compiled and taught a system of modern geography similar to his: whereas my writing the ancient, was merely an accidental consequence of my becoming a partner in the concern. In applying my mind to the subject, many ideas, new to me, occurred, as to the difference of the studies of modern and ancient geography, the difficulties attending the latter, and the methods of surmounting them. In finding these methods, I have been guided by the general views just explained, concerning the proper objects of books for instruction.

I could wish those of my friends to whom I have heretofore explained the principles of my method of arranging the study of geography, and the means by which I was led to this arrangement, to read with attention, Mr. Woodbridge's preface.* They will be no less astonished at the coincidence of our views in originating this system, than were those of our friends who witnessed our first conversations, and in fact, than we were ourselves. They will however perceive, that our agreeing in so many points in the execution of our plans, was by no means the effect of chance; but naturally arose from our setting out with the same end in view, and agreeing in opinion as to the means most proper for its attainment. The end proposed, was to find that method of teaching this science, the most easily learned, the longest remembered, and which in studying would afford the most profitable discipline to the mind. In our opinion, the means proper to attain this end, was carefully and patiently to scrutinize our own minds, as to the effect of methods of teaching this science, which in the course of our education had been adopted with us. It is true that each individual intellect possesses, not only those principles which are common to every human mind, but some modifications of them peculiar to itself; and a person forming a system wholly by consulting the operations of his own mind, might adapt it to these peculiarities, rather than to the general laws which regulate the intellectual powers of man. But in the present instance, the fact is before us, that two persons proceeding upon the evidence of consciousness have without any concert whatever, formed a system in all material points alike. Now if we have calculated upon those principles of our own minds which are common to all others, it is not surprising that in a hundred particulars we have brought out the same result. But if we have each mistaken our own peculiarities for the general laws of mind, our finding so many points of agreement in the execution of our plans is

* The preface here alluded to was that published in the first edition of the *Rudiments*.

wonderful: for the whole number of the possible peculiarities of the human mind is incalculably great. If this reasoning is not fallacious, it cannot but go far to establish the correctness of the system, which we here unitedly present to the public.

May I be excused for offering in this place a few remarks in reference to those friends, to whom I have repeatedly pledged myself to publish my method of teaching geography; and who know that I have been for years collecting and arranging materials for this purpose. It would not be surprising, if they should consider me unwise in thus relinquishing the labour of years. But let them consider on the other hand, that Mr. Woodbridge has also relinquished part of a copyright obtained solely by his own invention and industry.

It is true I have pledged myself, to give to my friends my method of teaching geography: I offer them this book to redeem that pledge. If they have all that is valuable in my plan, it matters not from whose hand they receive it; and in this book they will find all its essential parts, with important additions.

If Mr. Woodbridge and myself had without knowing each other's systems, each published our own, according to our separate intention, it would have been right that both of us should have made the most of our labours; but it may easily be seen that this would have been productive of vexation to ourselves, and, on the supposition of our having made an improvement, unfortunate for the public. But having met and discovered the coincidence of our plans, how much better is it to incorporate them together: thus uniting in one system the peculiar excellences of each, and forbearing to wound the cause of education to which, in ways somewhat peculiar, our labours have been hitherto devoted.

REMARKS

ON THE METHOD OF USING THE WORK.

IN the use of this work, it is intended that the student should derive most of his information from a careful examination of the maps and charts, as the only substantial basis of a knowledge of geography. No pains should be spared to render this part of the subject familiar. To effect this object, the questions have been made as numerous and particular as the limits of such a work will allow, and it is not designed to give any information in words, which can be obtained from the maps. It is particularly important that he should be early familiar with the *points of the compass* on the map, and with the divisions of a country founded on them, that he may be able to describe without hesitation the source and course of rivers, the situation of places, &c.

At first he may be required to answer the questions concerning boundaries, rivers, &c. with the map before him, and to point to the part he is describing. But he should endeavour, as soon as possible, to fix the image of the map in his mind, and repeat from this entirely. When this is effected, with the maps and charts of the present work, it is evident that the great difficulties of the study will be overcome, and the most important facts of natural and political geography will be impressed on his memory in such a manner as not to be easily forgotten.

The author knows no method of study so well fitted to accomplish this object, as that of drawing maps *by the eye*. After the student has become familiar with a map, let him draw on a slate the outline of one country at a time, commencing with the lines of latitude and longitude, and using these as guides. He should do this, at first perhaps by some easy mode of measuring, but ultimately, *by the eye alone*. Let him repeat this until he is able to draw the same outline from *memory*. Let him proceed by the same steps to draw sketches, including the mountains and rivers, with their names, and those of the countries or seas around, and afterwards to mark the places of the principal cities.

After a class have had some practice in this exercise, their knowledge may be easily tested, and the countries they have gone over reviewed, by an application of the Lancasterian method of instruction, which the celebrated author of that system does not appear to have made.

Let the pupils be seated at a desk, before the instructor, each with a small slate, and a set of directions like the following be given them.

Draw the outlines of England—Write the names of the seas and countries around it—Draw the river Thames—the Severn, &c.—Mark the place of London—of Liverpool, &c.

Let each direction be executed by all at once, in silence, and their slates then exhibited to the instructor for correction. It is believed that no method of examination will be more rapid, or more decisive as to their knowledge, and that none will excite more interest in their minds. The same method may be applied to the charts also.

The work is intended to comprise all that is necessary for those who wish to acquire the elements of the science. The less important parts are put in a small type, to be reserved for a revisal, and are marked (II.) The author would recommend that these portions of the work should rather be used as

reading lessons, and that a few questions should be asked at the conclusion, without any formal recitation. So great a variety is found in the capacity of different persons at the same age, that the judgment of the instructor only can decide in a particular case, what portions should be learned at first. In studying it for the first time, it is not necessary, and will not usually be advisable, that the student should be required to *recollect the classes* of cities, rivers, &c. In examining the maps, the numbers which indicate them will scarcely fail to make an impression on his memory, and he will be better prepared to attend to these particulars after he has gained some familiarity with the subject.

The questions and the references in the Analytical Key are very numerous, in order to direct the pupil to *every thing* which it is essential for him to learn, (except in some parts to be committed to memory,) and to furnish in this way not merely a system of Geography, but a *course of geographical instruction*. It will contribute much to his improvement, if, as he advances, the instructor will vary and multiply his inquiries, particularly with reference to latitudes and longitudes, and the distances and bearings of places and countries from each other.

The plan of the present work is to embrace every thing as much as possible in general descriptions, to be applied to particular countries included in them. In order to gain the full advantage of the system, it is important often to call up the student's attention and refresh his memory, by questions referring to these descriptions. The following questions furnish a specimen of this mode of examination. They may be used for a general review of the book, and made more or less minute, according to the judgment of the instructor, and extended to all the subjects which are introduced, as he may find it expedient.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEWING,

to be answered for each country.

In what Grand Division of the world is ———? * What are the general characteristics of that part of the Earth? (*See description of Grand Divisions, and Physical Chart.*) What is the state of civilization? (*See Chart.*) Describe that state. (*See article Civilization.*) What is the government? (*See Chart.*) Describe that government. (*See article Government.*) What is the religion? (*See Chart.*) Describe this religion. (*See article Religion.*)

To which division of ———† does ——— belong? What is the general character of these countries? What is the population, and how does it compare with the United States? (*See Chart.*)

In what region as to climate is it situated? (*See Chart of Climates.*) What vegetables may you expect in it? What animals? What is the state of its manufactures? (*See article Manufactures.*) What can you say of its commerce? (*See Commerce.*) What is the state of learning and education? (*See those articles.*)

* Here insert the name of the country.

† Here insert the name of the quarter of the globe to which it belongs.

ANALYTICAL KEY

TO THE CONTENTS;

DESIGNED TO AID IN STUDY AND EXAMINATION.

NOTE.—This analysis is intended as a substitute for questions; comprising all that is necessary for the study and examination of advanced pupils, without the repetition and tediousness of formal interrogation. At the same time that it serves as a table of contents to the work, it is easy to convert it into questions for examination, by the addition of any appropriate word or words which the instructor may prefer; such as—WHAT IS (Geography?) WHAT CAN YOU SAY OF (the fixed stars?) DESCRIBE (the rotation of the earth and its effects.) WHICH ARE (the hottest parts of the earth?) GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF (the seasons from March to September.) HOW ARE (circles represented on maps?)

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ELEMENTS
OF
Universal Geography.

INTRODUCTION.

1. **GEOGRAPHY*** is a description of the Earth and its inhabitants, and may be divided into Physical, Civil, and Statistical Geography.

2. **PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY** is a description of the structure and natural history of the Earth, including its natural divisions, climates, and productions.

3. **CIVIL GEOGRAPHY** is a description of the inhabitants of the Earth, including an account of their religion, government, knowledge, and arts.

4. **STATISTICAL GEOGRAPHY** is a description of states and empires, with their extent, population, and resources.

5. *The Earth appears to us** like a flat surface, bounded by the horizon. But in traversing the ocean, or an extensive plain, the highest part of a ship, or other object, although it be the smallest, is seen first, which could not be if the Earth were a flat surface. The boundary we imagined recedes before us, as it is in fact only the boundary of our view ; and if we pursue one course steadily for 24,000 miles, we shall come again to the spot from which we set out. In this way it has been discovered that the Earth is a vast globe.

6. It is not, however, *exactly spherical*, but somewhat flattened at the poles. The diameter from north to south is about thirty miles less than from east to west.

7. On every side of the Earth we find a multitude of stars above us, most of which are called *fixed stars*, because they do not change their situation from age to age. About 1000 are

* The principal subject of each paragraph is pointed out by the words in capital or italic letters, from which *questions* may be formed ; as, What is **GEOGRAPHY** ? How does *the Earth appear to us* ?

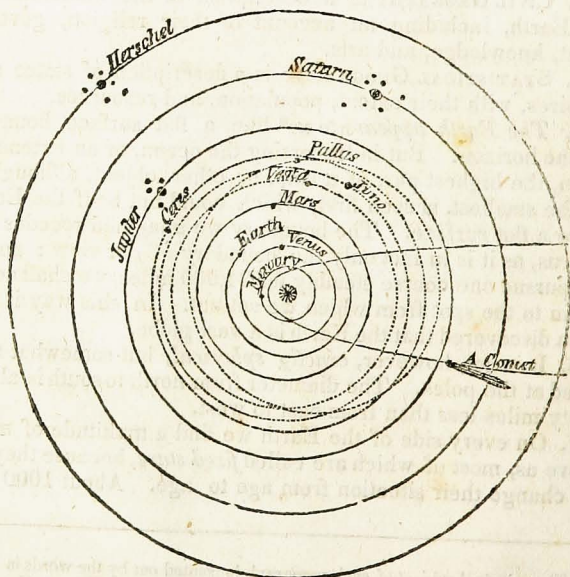
visible to the eye in a clear night ; but by the use of telescopes, it has been discovered that there are several millions. They are at an immense distance from us ; and are *supposed* by many to be suns, enlightening other worlds.

8. Among these stars we find a *few*, distinguished by their steady light, which change their place continually, returning at given periods in the same path. They are hence called *planets*, or wandering stars : and when examined with telescopes, they are found to be globes, like our Earth.

[2] 9. On farther examination, it becomes evident that the Earth is also a planet, moving among the fixed stars ; and all the planets are found to revolve round the Sun, at different distances, forming the solar system.

10. There are seven *primary planets* in our system, revolving round the Sun in the following order : 1. Mercury ; 2. Venus ; 3. The Earth ; 4. Mars ; 5. Jupiter ; 6. Saturn ; 7. Herschel, or the Georgium Sidus ; as in the following figure :

(1). *The Solar System.*



The Sun is an immense body, a million times larger than the Earth, and 95,000,000 of miles from us, communicating light and heat to the whole system. It is 883,000 miles in diameter, and turns on its axis in twenty-five days.

Mercury is the smallest planet, so near the sun that it is seldom seen. *Venus* is a bright star, nearly as large as the Earth. When it rises a short time before the sun, it is called the morning star; when it sets soon after the sun, the evening star. The *Earth* is about eight thousand miles in diameter, moving round the sun in one year, or 365 days 6 hours, at the rate of 68,000 miles an hour.

Mars is a planet much smaller than the Earth, of a red, fiery colour, and visible to the naked eye. *Jupiter* is nearly 1500 times larger than the Earth, and the largest of all the planets. It is usually surrounded with cloudy belts. *Saturn* is 1000 times larger than the Earth. It is surrounded by a broad, flat ring, divided into two portions, which revolve round it like satellites or [3] moons. *Herschel*, the most distant of the planets, is 90 times as large as the Earth, but it is seldom seen without a telescope.

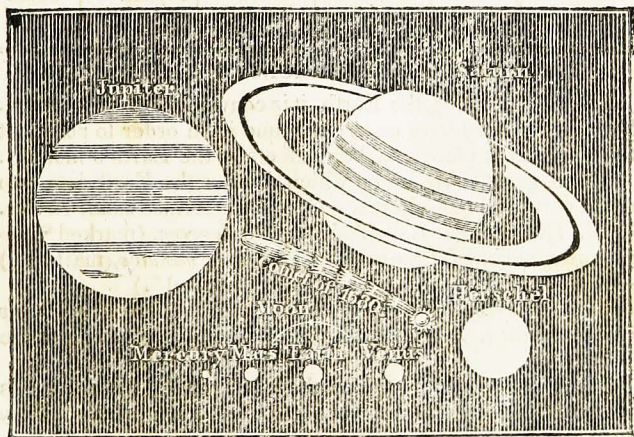
There are 18 *secondary planets*, or moons, revolving round these primaries, of which the Earth has 1, Jupiter 4, Saturn 7, and Herschel 6. Our moon is only 2180 miles in diameter. It is 240,000 miles from the Earth, and revolves round it in 27½ days.

Four very small planets, called *asteroids*,—Ceres, Pallas, Juno, and Vesta, have been discovered, revolving between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter.

Besides these, more than 400 *comets*, or stars with bright trains, have been seen revolving round the Sun.

The comets move irregularly, sometimes coming very near the Sun, and then flying off beyond the most distant planet. Only a few have been known to return, and at intervals of 75 to 100 or 200 years.

The following figures exhibit the usual appearance and comparative size of the planets.



(2.) Comparative size and appearance of the Planets.

11. The revolution of the Earth round the Sun is called the *annual* or *yearly revolution*, and causes the changes of seasons. Its orbit, or path among the fixed stars, is called the *ecliptic*.

12. Besides this revolution, the Earth rotates, or turns like a wheel, on its own axis, once in twenty-four hours; and as the Sun enlightens only one half the globe at once, each part is alternately in the light and shade. This motion causes day and night, and is called the *diurnal* or *daily revolution*. In consequence of these motions of the Earth, the *Sun appears* to move round in the ecliptic every year, and to revolve round the Earth every day.

13. The *other planets* have similar revolutions, but in various times, as exhibited in the following table of their size, situation, and motions.

[4]

	Diameter in miles.	Distance from the Sun in miles.	Day, or rotation on axis.	Year, or revo- lution round the Sun.	Hourly motion in orbit.
			hrs. m.		
Mercury	3,224	36,000,000	unknown.	3 months.	111,090
Venus	7,687	68,000,000	23 20	7 do.	81,600
Earth	7,928	96,000,000	23 56	12 do.	68,000
Mars	4,189	144,000,000	24 39	23 do.	56,000
Jupiter	89,170	481,000,000	9 55	12 years.	30,000
Saturn	79,042	901,000,000	10 16	29 do.	22,000
Herschel	35,112	1800,000,000	unknown	83 do.	15,600

MATHEMATICAL DIVISIONS OF THE EARTH.

14. In describing the Earth, it is convenient to draw a number of *imaginary lines* or *circles* round it, in order to point out the situation of places, and the effects of the Earth's motions.

15. A *great circle* is one which divides the Earth into two equal parts or hemispheres. Others are termed *small circles*.

16. Every circle is divided into **360 degrees**, (marked °,)—every degree into 60 geographical miles, or *minutes*, (marked '),—and every minute into 60 *seconds*, (marked "'.)

17. A *degree on a great circle* is about 69 English or common miles. On a small circle it is less, according to the situation.

18. The ends of the axis of the Earth, or line on which it is supposed to turn, are called the *north* and *south poles*. (*They are shown in figure 4, at N. and S.*)

19. At equal distances from the two poles, a *great circle* is supposed to be drawn, (at E in the figure,) which is called the *equator*. It divides the Earth into two equal hemispheres; the northern hemisphere, in which we live, and the southern. (*See this circle, and others mentioned hereafter, represented in the borders of the map of the world.*)

20. The *ecliptic*, or orbit of the Earth, crosses the equator, and extends $23^{\circ} 28'$ on each side of it. When the Sun appears to reach this point, it *turns* again towards the equator.

21. Two circles are therefore drawn here, called *tropics*.* The northern is the *Tropic of Cancer*, the southern the *Tropic of Capricorn*.

22. When the Sun is over either of the tropics, as in June and December, it shines $23^{\circ} 28'$ beyond one pole, and leaves the same space round the opposite pole in darkness. Hence the two *polar circles* are drawn at this distance, which include all places whose longest day is more than twenty-four hours. The northern is called the *Arctic Circle*, and the southern the *Antarctic*.

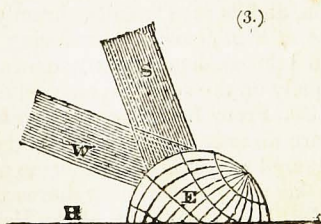
23. Distance north or south of the equator is called *latitude*, and is measured in degrees, on the meridians. At the poles it is 90° , which it cannot exceed.

24. The small circles drawn parallel to the equator are [5] called *parallels of latitude*.

25. On the latitude of a place depends the *heat* of its climate, and the length of its *days*, as will be seen from the following remarks.

26. The Sun *heats* those parts of the Earth *most*, which are most directly exposed to its rays.

Thus in the figure, when the Sun shines *directly* or *vertically* upon any part of the Earth, as at S, it is evident that more of the rays strike on the same spot, than when it shines *obliquely*, as at W.



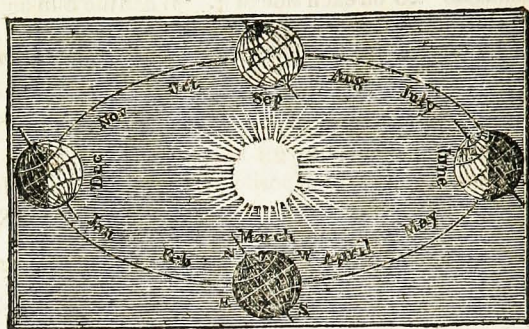
27. The *apparent path* of the Sun is immediately over that belt or zone of the Earth, which lies between the Tropics; and it is vertical to every place in it, twice every year. Hence this is the hottest part of the Earth, and is called the burning or *Torrid Zone*.

28. The rays of the Sun strike *most obliquely* on those parts of the Earth which surround the poles. Hence the two zones within the polar circles, are the coldest parts of the earth, and are called the *Frigid Zones*.

29. The two zones between the tropics and polar circles, are generally free from the extremes of heat and cold, and are called the *Temperate Zones*.

* From the Greek $\tau\epsilon\pi\tau\omega$, to turn.

SEASONS, DAYS, AND NIGHTS.

(4.) *The Earth in its orbit.*

30. The *north pole* of the Earth always *points* towards the north star in the heavens, and its axis is inclined to the ecliptic, as represented in the figure. This gives rise to the difference of seasons.

31. From *March to September*, the north pole is towards the Sun, and its rays fall most directly on the northern hemisphere, (as at *S* in figure 3,) producing summer. At the same time, [6] the south pole is turned away from the Sun ; it shines obliquely on the southern hemisphere, and it is winter there.

32. From *September to March*, the south pole is presented more directly to the Sun ; and the southern hemisphere is cheered with summer, while the northern is chilled with winter. In this way the two hemispheres always have opposite seasons.

33. The inclination of the Earth's axis to the ecliptic, also causes a *variety in the days and nights* of different parts of the Earth.

34. At the *equator*, the days and nights are always 12 hours each, and the Sun rises and sets at six o'clock throughout the year.

35. At the *period of the equinoxes*, (about the 20th of March and 22d of September,) when the Sun appears in the equator, the days and nights are equal in all parts of the world : but at other times, they vary in length according to the latitude and the season.

36. From *March to September*, the northern hemisphere is more than half enlightened, and the days are more than 12 hours long ; and at the same time, the southern has less than 12 hours of light.

37. From *September to March*, it is less than half enlightened, and the days are less than 12 hours; while the southern hemisphere has the long days of summer.

38. In going from the *equator to the polar circles*, the days of summer are from 12 to 24 hours, increasing in length with the latitude.

39. From the *polar circles to the poles*, they lengthen into weeks and months. In latitude 67° , the longest day is one month; in latitude 70° , two months; in latitude 80° , four months; and at the poles, there is six months light.

40. In the *opposite hemisphere*, or at the *opposite season*, the nights have the same length; the days are proportionably shortened; and the pole has six months darkness.

41. *The length of the longest day or night for every ten degrees of latitude, is marked on the left hand margin of the Chart of the World.*

LONGITUDE AND DIFFERENCE OF TIME.

42. A line drawn north and south through any place is called its *meridian*, or noon line, because the Sun is always over it at noon; and if it is continued round the globe, it forms the circle called the meridian.

43. As the Earth rotates on its axis from west to east, *the Sun appears to pass* over the meridians in succession, beginning at the east, and going towards the west.

44. Of course *places east of us*, as in Europe, *have noon* before us. When we have noon, it is afternoon there; and all other hours vary in proportion. *Places on the same meridian* have noon at the same moment; *places west of us* have their noon in our afternoon; and *places on the opposite side of the earth* have noon at our midnight.

45. The difference of time depends on the distance east or west from any meridian, which is called *longitude*. It received this name from the ancients, because they supposed the [7] Earth to be longest from east to west.

46. *Longitude is generally reckoned* from the meridian of Greenwich or London, and is counted 180 degrees each way, on the equator or a parallel of latitude.

47. As the Earth rotates in 24 hours, the Sun passes over 15 degrees of longitude in an hour; and this difference of longitude causes a *difference of one hour* in time, as marked on the Chart of the World.

EXPLANATIONS

Preparatory to the Use of Maps.

48. The most correct representation of the Earth's surface, with the proportionate distance and size of its parts, is an artificial globe.

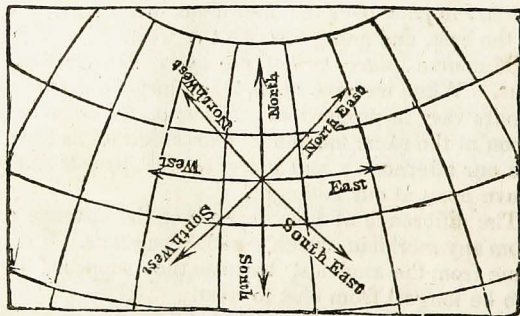
49. A *map* is a picture of the surface of the Earth as it would appear to a person at some distance above it, on which the circles are usually represented by curved lines.

50. A *chart* is a representation of the surface of the Earth, as if it were spread out on a plane or level, used chiefly by mariners, in which the circles are represented by straight lines.

51. There are four *cardinal points* of the compass, north, south, east, and west; marked N.—S.—E.—W. Between these are *four other principal points*: north-east, south-east, north-west, south-west, marked N. E.—S. E.—N. W.—S. W. The mariner's compass is divided into 32 points.

52. On the *Earth*, east is that part of the heavens in which the Sun rises, and west, that part in which it sets. When we stand with our right hand to the east, the west is on our left, north before us, and south behind us.

53. On a *map* or *chart*, the upper part is always north—the bottom, south—the right hand, east—and the left hand, west—as represented in the following figure.

(5.) *Points of the Compass.*

54. The *course* of a river is that point of the compass towards which the river runs. The *course* or *direction* of a place is that point of the compass towards which it lies from us, or from some other place.

[8] It should be remembered that *winds* are named according to the quarter from which they blow. A river running from north to south is said to *run south*. But a wind from north to south is called a *north wind*.

55. The various *parts of a country*, or division of the earth, are also named according to the points of the compass, the middle being called the interior; as in the figure below.

North-west- ern part.	Northern part.	North-east- ern part.
Western part.	Interior, or Central part.	Eastern part.
South-west- ern part.	Southern part.	South-east- ern part.

(6.) *Parts of a Country.*

56. The *lines* drawn north or south, or east and west, *upon the globe*, are *represented* by the curved lines on the map; and we may therefore trace the points of the compass in the same curve.

Thus on a map of the world, the Azores are south from Iceland, though they appear to the south east; and Newfoundland is south-west, though it appears to be south. So Iceland is west from Norway, though it seems to be north-west.

57. *Latitude* is marked on the sides of a map; and *Longitude*, at the top and bottom, or on the Equator.

PROBLEM ON THE MAPS.

I. To find the Latitude of a place.

58. Trace a line from the place of which the latitude is required to one side of the map, following the course or curve of the parallels of latitude; the latitude will then be found marked in degrees.

Questions.—How do you find latitudes? What is the latitude of Newfoundland? Of Cuba? Of Cape Horn? Of Great Britain? Of the Cape of Good Hope?

II. To find the Longitude of a place.

59. Look to the top or bottom of the map, or on the equator, and find the degree opposite the given place, taking care to follow the course of the meridians.

Questions.—What is the longitude from London, of Philadelphia? What is that of Mexico—of the Sandwich Islands—of China, from the same place?

III. To find the difference of time between any two places.

60. On the Chart of the World, where the meridians are [9] drawn every 15 degrees, count the number of meridians from one place to the other, and you will have the number of hours difference in their time.

If the first place is *east* of the second, the clocks of the first place are so many hours *before* those of the second; if *west*, so many hours *after* those of the second.

Questions.—What is the difference of time between Philadelphia and Mexico? What between Philadelphia and the Sandwich Islands, and China? What is the difference of time between London and Philadelphia? What between London and China? What between London and Egypt?

IV. To find the length of the longest day or night in any place.

61. On the Chart of the world, look at the latitude of the place on the left hand side of the map, and in the column of the longest days, the nearest figures will show you nearly the length of the longest day or night. Subtract this from 24 hours, and you have the length of the shortest day or night.

Questions.—What is the length of the longest day in Philadelphia? What is the longest day at the North Cape? In Gibraltar? At the Cape of Good Hope? At Cape Horn? In Mexico? What is the length of the longest night in Washington? In Canada? In Greenland?

Physical Geography.

NATURAL DIVISIONS OF THE EARTH,

WITH EXERCISES ON THE MAPS.

62. *The general form of the Earth* is that of a sphere, flattened at the poles; but the *surface* of its solid body is irregular. In some parts it is hollowed into deep cavities, which are filled with the waters of the *sea*; in others, it rises above the level of the water, and forms *land*, whose surface is diversified by mountains and valleys.

63. *The greatest elevation of mountains* above the level of the ocean, does not exceed five miles, or one fourteen hundredth part of the whole diameter of the earth; and we have no reason to suppose that the depth of the valleys filled by the sea is greater. All these elevations and depressions therefore, although they appear vast to us, are too small in proportion to

the diameter of the earth to affect its general form. They *resemble* the roughness on the peel of an orange.

64. When we look upon a globe, or a map of the world, we see that *the greater part of the earth is covered* by a vast collection of water, surrounding numerous detached portions of land.

The water occupies one-half of the northern hemisphere, and nine-tenths of the southern, or two-thirds of the surface of the globe. The whole is called the *ocean* or *sea*; but for the sake of convenient reference, it is divided by imaginary lines, into various parts, which are called oceans, seas, bays, gulfs, &c. according to their extent and situation.

THE LAND.

NATURAL DIVISIONS.

65. The two largest points of land not divided by water, are called *continents*; one the Eastern and the other the [10] Western Continent; because one lies east and the other west of the meridian of the Ferro Isles, from which longitude was formerly reckoned.

66. The smaller portions of land surrounded by water are called *islands*.

The *continents* are *really* vast islands, and it has been made a question among geographers whether New Holland should not be called a continent. In this work it is classed among islands.

67. The *greater part of the land upon the globe* lies in the northern hemisphere; and the southern presents only a few peninsulas and islands, to interrupt the continuity of the water.

68. There is little appearance of regularity in the *situation and arrangement of the land* upon the globe. The two continents appear as if shattered by some great convulsion of nature, and the islands are scattered around them, like fragments thrown off by the shock.

In some parts, the land extends into the sea, forming peninsulas, capes, and promontories; in others, it is indented and divided by the seas, gulfs, bays, and other branches of the ocean. Its *outline* is thus rendered very irregular. The situation and size of its *mountains, valleys, plains, and rivers*, is marked with similar irregularity.

69. That part of the land which lies next to the sea is called the *shore* or *coast*.

70. A portion of the land projecting from the main land into the sea is called a *peninsula*.

71. An *isthmus* is a neck of land which connects a peninsula with the main land.

72. A *cape* is the extremity of a peninsula, or a point of land projecting into the sea. A high cape is called a *promontory*.

73. On account of the irregularities we have described, the *definitions of Physical Geography* do not admit of the accuracy which is found in many other sciences; and those who have given names to various geographical divisions of the land and water, have often applied terms without any regard to uniformity. In this, as in other sciences which relate to visible objects, *the imperfections of definitions and descriptions can be supplied only* by actual observation, or by a careful examination of correct maps of the outlines of countries, and drawings of the various objects described. It is also indispensable, according to the plan of this work, that before the student proceeds farther, he should become familiar with the use of the maps, and with the situation of seas, countries, mountains, rivers, &c. that he may be able to assign every fact stated in the following chapters to its proper place. The following questions and exercises will direct him in attaining this object, and a series more complete is inserted in the Atlas.

EXERCISES ON THE MAPS.

What are the northern and southern capes of the Eastern Continent? What peninsulas are there on the coast towards each of the cardinal points? What are the principal capes and peninsulas of the Western continent? What great isthmus on each continent? What islands lie north of the Eastern Continent? What others are near the eastern coast? What islands on the south and west of this continent? Mention in the same manner the islands near the Western Continent. What are some of those lying far west of America?

ARTIFICIAL DIVISIONS.

74. The continents and islands of the earth are divided by geographers into several *Grand Divisions*, formerly termed quarters of the Globe.

75. The *Eastern Continent*, or Old World, is divided into *Europe*, *Asia*, and *Africa*; and the Western Continent, or New World, into *North America*, and *South America*.

76. The numerous islands lying in the Pacific Ocean, and on its borders, between the two continents, are so little connected with either, and have so many points of resemblance to each other, that they may properly be styled the *Maritime World*.

77. They are formed into three principal divisions. The islands lying nearest to Asia, extending to 10° south latitude

and 130° east longitude, are called the *East India Islands*, or **INDIAN ARCHIPELAGO**. New-Holland and the adjacent islands, together with New-Zealand and the New-Hebrides, form the grand division of **AUSTRALIA**. The remaining islands, east of the Philippine Isles and New-Zealand, are classed together under the name of *Polynesia*.

78. Late discoveries render it probable that Greenland, and the neighbouring regions, are not connected with either of the continents; and it is therefore proper to consider the *Arctic Regions* as distinct from the other grand divisions.

79. The grand divisions of the globe are divided by political boundaries, into smaller portions called *countries*, each of which usually contains men of one nation, speaking the same language. Countries are divided into *states* or *provinces*, containing *cities*, *towns*, and *villages*. An *empire* is composed of many countries or states, united under one government.

The following sketch, together with the inspection of the maps, will give a general view of the chief political divisions of the globe.

80. **EUROPE** is the smallest of the four principal divisions formerly termed the quarters of the globe, but the most populous.

81. The extensive territory of the *Russian Empire* forms the Eastern half of Europe. *Northern Europe* is occupied by the northern part of Russia, and by the ancient Scandinavia, comprising Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.

82. The *South of Europe* consists of three projections or peninsulas; the most eastern of which is Turkey, the ancient Greece; the middle is Italy; and the western is divided between Spain and Portugal.

83. In the *middle regions* of Europe, we find the Netherlands, and France upon the coast: the numerous states of Germany and the little republics of Switzerland, border upon these on the east; and the powerful states of Prussia and Austria succeed, separating the rest of Europe from Russia.

84. *Near the western coast* are the isles which form the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland—the land of our ancestors, and the only nation which speaks the same language with ourselves.

EXERCISES ON THE MAPS.

Describe the boundaries of Europe. Between what latitudes and longitudes does it lie? What capes and peninsulas has it? Mention the country occupying the eastern portion and its boundaries. What are the countries of Northern Europe? What are the boundaries of each? Give a similar account of

the countries in the South of Europe. Of those of the middle Regions. Of the islands near the western coast.

85. **ASIA** is the largest of the grand divisions of the world. It was the first inhabited, and contains more than half the population of the globe.

86. The *northern division* of Asia is wholly occupied by the frozen regions of Siberia, or the Russian Empire in Asia. The southern part, like that of Europe, is composed of three peninsulas; Arabia, India within the Ganges, or Hindoostan, and India beyond the Ganges; all celebrated in history, and well known in commerce.

87. The *middle region* is occupied on the west by the Turkish Empire, (including Asia Minor, Armenia, Syria, and the Holy Land,) and Eastern and Western Persia. In the centre are Independent and Chinese Tartary; and on the east, the vast and populous empire of China. Near the eastern coast is the insular empire of Japan, corresponding to Great Britain on the west of Europe.

EXERCISES ON THE MAPS.

What are the boundaries of Asia? What capes and peninsulas has it? Between what latitude and longitude does it lie? What country occupies the northern part? What are its boundaries? Mention the countries in the southern part. Describe the boundaries of each. Give a similar account of those of Western Asia—Of Central Asia—Of Eastern Asia. What islands lie near the eastern coast?

88. **AFRICA** is the third division of the world, in point of size, but is imperfectly known. Its population is generally thin. It is united to Asia by the isthmus of Suez.

89. The *northern projection* of Africa is occupied by the Barbary States, separated from the central parts by the great desert of Sahara.

90. In *Central Africa* are the negro kingdoms of Soudan or Nigritia, and the unknown regions south of it, often called Ethiopia.

91. In *Eastern Africa* are the celebrated ancient Egypt, the mountainous kingdom of Abyssinia, and the various states of Zanguebar; and on its coast is the large island of Madagascar.

92. *Western Africa* is occupied by the states of Senegambia, bordering on the deserts; and Upper and Lower Guinea, on the Gulf of Guinea.

93. In *South Africa* is the unexplored country of the Hottentots; and the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope terminates the eastern continent on the south.

EXERCISES ON THE MAPS.

Describe the boundaries of Africa.—Its latitude and longitude. What capes and peninsulas has it? What countries occupy Northern Africa? What are the boundaries of each? Mention those of Central Africa and their boundaries. Describe in the same manner those of Eastern Africa—Of Western Africa—Of South Africa.

94. AMERICA was first made known to Europeans by Christopher Columbus, in 1492. Extending through the greater part of the northern and southern hemispheres, and embracing every variety of climate and productions found upon the globe, it has not improperly been styled the *New World*. It is the second of the grand divisions in size, but the least populous.

The new world is *divided* into North and South America, connected by the Isthmus of Darien. Between them are the West India Islands.

95. The *northern portions of North America*, as far as Barrow's Straits, are inhabited chiefly by savages; but are claimed by the British, and may be styled British America.

96. The *middle region*, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is occupied by the United States and their extensive territory.

97. The *southern part*, and the isthmus, form the republics of Mexico and Guatemala.

98. On the *northern coast of South America* we find New Grenada and Venezuela, now united in the republic of Colombia; and Guiana, which is divided between the Dutch, English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

The *eastern division* of South America forms the Portuguese empire of Brazil. On the *western coast* are Peru, Bolivia, and Chili.

99. The *southern extremity* is called Patagonia. The *inland portion* between Brazil and Chili, is occupied by the United Provinces of La Plata.

EXERCISES ON THE MAPS.

Describe the boundaries and extreme latitude and longitude of North America. What are its principal capes and peninsulas? Mention the countries with their boundaries in the northern portion.—In the middle region.—In the southern part. Describe South America in the same manner.

100. The MARITIME WORLD was discovered later than America. It is inferior to the other divisions of the globe, both in extent and population. Its inhabitants are generally savage or barbarous; and its political divisions are either unknown or of little importance.

EXERCISES ON THE MAPS.

What are the largest islands of the Indian Archipelago? Describe the situation of each. What are the largest of Australia? What are the principal islands of Polynesia south of the equator? What north of the equator?

GENERAL REMARKS.

101. In the examination of the maps it will be observed that the *direction of the two continents* is entirely different. The Eastern continent extends principally from east to west; the Western, from north to south.

102. The *greatest length* of the Eastern Continent in a straight line, is about 9000 miles, from the Cape of Good Hope to the north-eastern part of Siberia. The greatest length of the Western Continent, is about 7000 miles, from Beering's Straits to the mouth of the river La Plata.

103. The continents are singularly different in their *outlines*. The coasts of *Europe and Asia* are equally indented with bays, gulfs, and seas. *Africa* alone is destitute of these inlets. On the *Western Continent* the eastern coast only is indented with bays, and the western coast has no inlets of importance except the Gulf of California, until we reach 48° north latitude.

104. In examining the map, it will be seen that the *Eastern Continent* has two *principal projections* on the west—Europe and Africa. They are almost separated from the centre of the continent by seas and rivers. South America may be considered as the principal projection of the *Western Continent*, of which North America seems to form the main body. *Each of these divisions* has its own projections and peninsulas, in various directions. The situation of Africa and South America, in their connection with the main land, forms one point of resemblance between the two continents.

105. The only *example of uniformity* in the outlines of the continents, is the direction of their peninsulas. With the exception of Yucatan in Mexico, and Jutland, or Denmark, in Europe, all the principal peninsulas of both continents extend towards the south.

South America, California, Florida, Greenland, Sweden, and Norway, (which formed the ancient Scandinavia,) Spain, Italy, Turkey, Africa, Arabia, Hindoostan, Farther India, Corea, and Kamschatka, are all examples of this fact.

106. Both *continents terminate* in bold and lofty promontories, at Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope on the south, and the North Cape on the north.

THE SEA.

107. The waters of the globe are divided into *five great portions*; the Northern, the Southern, the Pacific, the Atlantic, and the Indian *Oceans*; each of which has various branches, extending into the land.

108. The *Northern Ocean* is enclosed between the northern extremities of the two continents. It is connected with the Pacific Ocean by Beering's Straits, about 48 miles in width ; and with the Atlantic, by the sea or passage which separates Norway from Greenland. This ocean has usually been considered as *extending* about 3000 miles, from Beering's Straits to the Atlantic, and is supposed to be chiefly covered with ice. But even the coasts of Asia have been but partially explored, and we know little of the quantity of land it contains. The extent of Greenland is unknown ; and the recent discoveries of the British expedition, under the command of Captain Parry, render it probable that there is a considerable tract of land east of this, which is not connected with North America.

109. The *Southern Ocean* lies round the south pole, extending to Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope. It forms an immense circular zone of water, embracing only a few bleak and desolate islands.

110. The *Pacific Ocean* lies on the west of America. It *extends* from Beering's Straits, about 8000 miles to the limits of the Southern Ocean ; and from America to Asia, about 11,000 miles, or nearly half round the globe. It *contains* numerous clusters of islands, lying chiefly between the tropics.

111. The *Indian Ocean* is a branch of the Southern, extending into the Eastern Continent between Africa and New Holland. Its *extent* from east to west is from 3000 to 6000 miles ; and from north to south, about 4000 miles. Between this ocean and the Pacific, are the Asiatic *islands*, and those which compose Australia. The whole of these are sometimes considered as belonging to one sea, termed the *Indian Archipelago*.

112. The *Atlantic Ocean*, lying on the east of America, is from 3000 to 4000 miles in breadth, between America and Europe ; and 9000 in length from the Northern to the Southern Ocean. Between Norway and Greenland, the breadth is not more than 700 miles ; between the capes of Africa and South America, it is about 1500.

113. When a considerable branch of the ocean is almost surrounded by land, it is called a *sea*.

114. A narrow passage of water into a sea, or between two portions of land, is called a *strait*.

115. A wider passage is called a *channel*. A *sound* is a channel which may be sounded.

116. When a part of the ocean runs up into the land, with a broad opening, it is called a *gulf* or *bay*.

117. A *harbour* is a small bay, where ships may anchor. A *road* is a place of anchorage on an open coast.

It will be useful to consider each of the oceans separately, and examine the branches and subdivisions which extend into the land around it. Thus it will be seen on examining the maps of the World, Europe, and Africa, that the Atlantic Ocean extends into the Eastern Continent, forming the Gulf of Guinea, the Bay of Biscay and the Mediterranean, Irish, North, and Baltic Seas. These seas are connected with the ocean by straits and channels; and each spreads into other smaller branches, forming gulfs, bays, and harbours. The following questions with the aid of the maps, will show their connections, and give more distinct and permanent ideas than a description.

Questions. Describe the situation of each of the great branches of the Atlantic on the Eastern Continent. (See the maps.) Mention the passages leading to each. What branches has the Baltic Sea? The North Sea? The Irish Sea? What are the branches of the Mediterranean on the northern coast? What is the principal one on the southern coast? (The eastern part of the Mediterranean is often called the Levant.)

Describe the principal branches of the Atlantic in the northern part of North America. (See map of North America.) What are the two branches between North and South America? What are the passages leading to each? Mention the chief branches of Baffin's Bay. Of Hudson's Bay. Of the Gulf of Mexico. Of the Carribbean Sea.

What are the principal branches of the Atlantic, on the eastern coast of the United States? What are its principal branches on the coast of South America? (See map of South America.)

What straits connect the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific? What branches of the Pacific are there on the western coast of South America? What bays, sounds and gulfs on the western coast of North America?

What great branches of the Pacific on the eastern coast of Asia? (See map of Asia.)

What gulfs in the Chinese Sea? What passages connect the Pacific and Indian Oceans? What gulf penetrates the northern coast of New Holland?

What are the two great branches of the Indian Ocean, extending into Asia? What on the coast of Africa? What of the Arabian Sea?

SURFACE OF THE LAND.

118. The *surface of the land* may be considered under the two general divisions of highlands and lowlands.

The *highlands* are the highest parts of the earth, sometimes rising in the abrupt peaks and chains of *mountains*, and sometimes forming extended *plains*.

The *lowlands*, or less elevated portions of the land, are sometimes irregularly diversified with hills and valleys. The principal divisions are *plains* and *vales*.

119. *Mountains* are the highest prominences on the surface of the earth. They sometimes occur single; but they are generally united in *chains* or *ridges*, of various lengths and heights.

120. *Volcanoes* are mountains which send forth fire and smoke from their tops.

121. *Plains*, whether of the highlands or lowlands, are extensive, level tracts, which are not diversified with mountains

and valleys. In Asia they are called *steppes*. An elevated plain is called a *plateau* or *table-land*.

122. *Deserts* are extensive plains, which are almost destitute of vegetation, and contain few springs or streams of water.

123. A body of water enclosed by the land is called a *lake*. A salt lake is sometimes called a *sea*, as the Caspian Sea, and Sea of Aral in Asia.

124. *Rivers* are large streams of water, composed of numerous smaller streams or branches, and flowing from the mountains or highlands into the sea.

125. The place from which a river runs is called its *source*; and the place where it empties, its *mouth*. When the mouth of a river is broad, it is called an *estuary*, or *frith*.

126. *Vales*, or river districts, are hollow tracts, bounded by hills, which are watered by a river.

127. A *basin* is a tract of country, embracing a large river and numerous branches, which drain off its waters, and includes a number of vales.

128. A *declivity* is the gradual descent from the highlands to the lowlands, or the bed of the ocean.

129. The highlands, lowlands, and declivities, form the *face of a country*, and often have much influence on its climate and fertility.

130. *Rivers usually descend* by the shortest course, from the highest to the lowest parts of a country. They sometimes pass through chains of mountains; but in general the *highest parts of a country* are those from which its rivers rise; the lowest, those in which they empty; and the land usually declines, in the direction from their sources to their mouths. Hence we may learn the face of a country by tracing the course of its rivers.

131. A number of declivities usually surround every large body of water, descending in different directions from the mountains.

Thus, in looking at a map of North America, it is evident from the course of the rivers falling into the Atlantic Ocean, that the declivity of the Atlantic states is towards the south-east. It is also evident, that there are declivities in different directions around Hudson's Bay. On the map of Europe, Spain will be seen to have several declivities; Italy two principal ones; and several may be observed around the Baltic Sea.

Let the student trace on the map the declivities of Spain—of Italy—of South America, &c.

EXERCISES ON THE MAPS.

Trace the rivers of the north of Asia, and find in what direction the land declines. What other declivities in Asia? Which appears to be the highest portion of Asia? Trace the declivities of North and South America in the same manner. Describe the declivities around the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas. Describe those of France and Italy.

STRUCTURE OF THE EARTH.

132. *The solid parts of the Earth consist* of various substances, on whose nature the surface, soil, and waters of a country, and to some extent, even its climate, salubrity, and wealth depend.

133. The description of the structure of the earth, and the materials which compose it, is called *Geology*; and some acquaintance with this subject is necessary to a complete knowledge of geography.

[17] 134. The perforations of *mines extend* about half a mile *in depth*, and we are acquainted only with the external layers or crust of the earth. But the same *minerals* which exist *on the surface*, are found at the greatest depths yet examined, and are thrown out from the craters of volcanoes. It is therefore *probable* that the great body of the earth is composed of similar materials.

135. So far as the *body of the earth* has been examined, it consists of various *strata*, or layers of rock, one above another, differing in their nature, extent, and depth. (*See the figure.*) Eighty strata, of different kinds, have been found in a depth of 500 yards.

136. The *direction of the strata* is sometimes horizontal, sometimes inclined, and sometimes waving with the surface of the ground. When they are perpendicular, they are called *tables*.

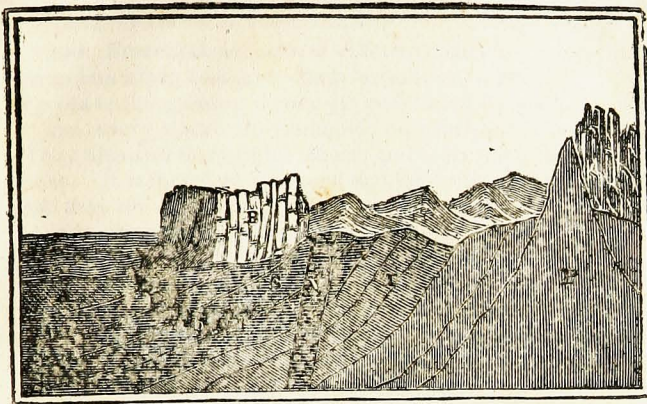
The different strata of rocks resemble the different books in a pile; and a single stratum is sometimes divided into leaves or *lamina*; but not always in the direction of the strata.

137. The strata of rocks are frequently separated by *clefts* or seams. Sometimes these are open, forming *chasms* and *caves*; and sometimes filled with some other mineral.

138. When a cavity or seam which lies *between the strata*, is filled with another rock or mineral, as is often the case with coal, salt, &c. it is called a *bed*. If it runs *across the strata*, as is usually the fact with metallic ores, it is called a *vein*.

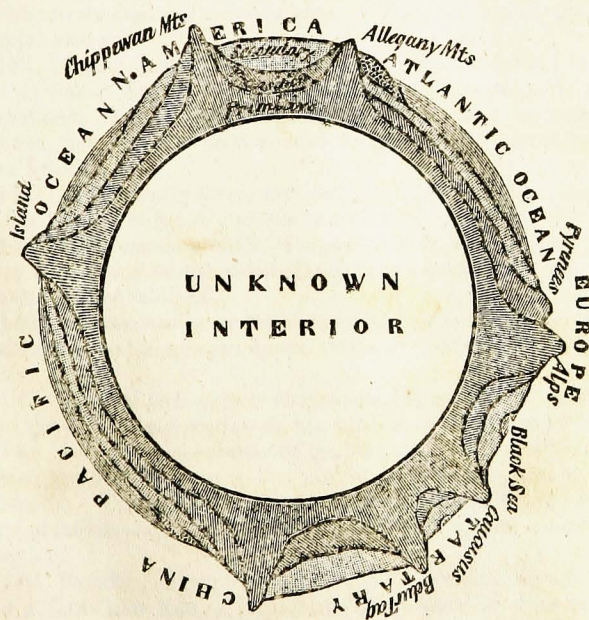
139. *Near the surface* of the earth, and often for some distance beneath it, we find rocks which contain the remains of land and marine animals, vegetables, and fragments of other rocks. It is hence concluded that they were formed after the existence of animals and vegetables, and they are called *secondary rocks*.

Sometimes whole mountains are formed of rocks, chiefly composed of shells: as some among the Catskill Mountains of New-York, the Pyrenees, and many other chains. These remains are found on the loftiest portions of the globe, among the Alps and the Andes.



(7.) *Strata of the Earth.*

P. Primary Strata; T. Transition; S. Secondary; A. Alluvial; B. Basaltic;
V. Vein; b. bed.



(8.) *Section of the Earth between latitude 40° and 45°.*

140. *Beneath these rocks*, at different distances, we find another class which contain no such remains or fragments. They extend to the greatest depths yet penetrated by man, and constitute every where the foundation on which other rocks rest. They also rise through all others, and form the loftiest mountains. It is therefore supposed that they were formed earliest, and they are called primitive, or *primary rocks*.

141. *Between the primary and secondary rocks*, are found others which partake of the nature of both classes. Sometimes they resemble primary rocks in appearance ; sometimes they contain remains of shell fish, or the *zoophytes* of the ocean, which are intermediate between animals and plants ; but they seldom or never contain remains of land animals or vegetables, like the secondary rocks ; or even of animals now inhabiting the seas. Hence they are called *transition rocks*, as forming the passage or transition from the primary to the secondary class.

142. *Above the rocky strata*, we find beds of sand, gravel, and soil, apparently composed of fragments of these, which have been washed and rolled in water. They are hence called *alluvial grounds*.

143. *All these formations are arranged* in strata, more or [18] less regular. The following section shows the inequalities and formations, which we meet in going round the globe, from east to west, but not the proportional height of the mountains. (See § 63.)

144. The *primary strata* are perpendicular, or very much inclined to the horizon, and are represented at P. (Fig. 7.)

145. The *transition rocks* (T,) generally lie next to the primary strata, and on the sides of primary mountains in strata which are less inclined.

146. The *secondary strata* are usually horizontal, or nearly horizontal, and hence the upper strata are called *flæt*z or *flar rocks*.

147. *Alluvial beds* appear as if deposited from water ; and take the form and direction of the surface on which they lie.

148. *Volcanic rocks* consist of the lava and other substances thrown out from volcanoes, and are formed in every period of the world. They lie above all other formations, and are usually divided into strata, each one composed of the lava of a single eruption.

149. Basaltic, or *trap rocks*, so called from their breaking into a form like that of steps,* are also found in detached

* From the Swedish word *trappa*, a stair.

masses, (as at B,) lying above the regular strata of the earth, and are hence called *superincumbent rocks*.

[19] 150. *Rocks are classed* according to their situation among other strata, as well as their texture and character. Those are generally considered of the earliest formation which lie deepest.

Many which contain no organic remains, or visible fragments, are yet classed as secondary, because they occur in the place of secondary rocks, or belong to the same species of rock.

151. A *country is named* primary, transition, secondary, or alluvial, according to the nature of the formation which prevails in it, or forms its basis.

152. Most of the *rock masses* on the earth are *composed of* a few simple minerals, of which the principal are *quartz, mica, eldspar, limestone, gypsum or plaster of Paris, slate, and sandstone*.

Quartz is a hard mineral which strikes fire with steel, often called white flint. *Mica* is found in bright scales, commonly called isinglass or Muscovy glass. *Feldspar* is a hard mineral, of a cloudy-white or red colour, which decays easily, and forms the fine clay used for porcelain. *Limestone, gypsum, and slate* are well known. *Sandstone*, which is often called *freestone*, appears like sand cemented and hardened.

153. The only PRIMARY ROCKS which are found to any great extent, and which have never been seen containing any fragments of other rocks, or remains of animals and vegetables, are *granite, gneiss, and mica slate*, and one species of limestone or marble.

154. All these rocks are *distinguished* by their granular and crystalline structure, resembling that of loaf sugar ; which gives them a brilliant or glittering appearance.

155. *Granite, gneiss, and mica slate* are compound rocks, consisting of quartz, mica, and feldspar, in different proportions or modes of arrangement.

Granite is distinguished for its hardness and its massy structure. When it is divided into layers by the mica, it is called *gneiss* ; and when the mica forms the principal ingredient of the rock, and gives it a slaty structure, it is called *mica slate*. Gneiss and mica slate may frequently be divided into thin layers, and are then used for pavements ; like that of Bolton, Connecticut.

156. These *granitic rocks* constitute the greater part of the rocky strata of the globe, so far as they have been examined. *They form* the highest mountain-peaks of the eastern continent, and some of the most extensive and lofty mountain ranges on the globe ; such as the Alps, the Atlas, the Himmaleh, and the Rocky Mountains.

Granitic rocks *also form* the centre of the Caucasus, the Cape of Good Hope, and Cape Horn—the Carpathian, Uralian, and Altaian Mountains, with

their branches—the White Mountains, and a part of the Alleghany Ridge, of the United States.

In the lofty chains of *South America*, the granite is chiefly covered with other rocks. But it abounds in the low mountains, and even in the plains and coasts of Venezuela and Peru

157. The *granitic rocks* are distinguished for their hardness, and form the most durable materials for architecture. The *primitive limestone* is also valued as a building stone for its beauty; and is employed for the finest statuary. It does not form so extensive ranges as granite.

158. *Primary countries* are usually the most rugged and unproductive. The edges of the strata appear on the surface, [20] and render it rough and irregular. Mountains of granite are abrupt and broken; the declivities are very steep; the soil is liable to be washed away, and cultivation is rendered laborious or impracticable; as in Norway and Switzerland.

159. When *gneiss* and *mica slate* are the principal rocks, as in many parts of New-England, the declivities are more gentle, and the country less rugged.

160. The *materials* of primary rocks are so hard that they are not usually reduced to fine soil, nor are they easily dissolved in water. Hence they form a soil which is not well adapted to the production of vegetables.

161. The *rivers* of primary countries roll over rocky beds, full of obstructions, and rarely admit of any continued navigation.

162. Primary regions also have peculiar advantages. When they touch on the ocean, they form a bold and elevated *shore*, with deep water, and harbours free from shoals.

Sometimes a primary shore descends suddenly, in a uniform line, with few bays or islands; as on the southern coast of Africa, and the western coast of America. But in other instances it is indented with numerous bays, and lined with rocky islands; as in Maine in the United States, and in Norway, Lapland, and Scotland.

163. Primary countries abound with fine springs of *water*, more free from impurities than those of any other formation. The *air* is also more pure and free from noxious exhalations; and the country is *generally* more healthy and favourable to human existence.

They are well adapted to the grazing of cattle and sheep; and often enrich their inhabitants in this way.

164. Primary rocks rarely contain *beds* of other minerals; but gneiss and mica slate often contain *veins* of valuable metallic ores.

165. **TRANSITION ROCKS** are the lowest which contain any remains of living beings. The principal are *limestone*, *sand-*

stone, and several species of *slate*. The structure is somewhat crystalline ; but the grains are smaller and less brilliant than those of primary rocks, and it sometimes appears earthy.

166. *Transition countries* have something of the ruggedness and irregularity of the primary regions, which frequently render them unfavourable to agriculture.

167. For similar reasons, the *rivers* which usually flow from a neighbouring primary country are generally navigable.

168. Most of the *transition rocks* consist principally of lime or clay, and they embrace some remains of animals and vegetables. For these reasons they are more easily destroyed, and dissolved by water ; and form a *soil* very favourable to vegetation.

169. The *water* of transition countries is tolerably good, but not so pure as that of primary regions ; often containing a small quantity of lime or salt.

170. The *transition rocks* contain few saline or inflammable minerals, and no beds of bituminous coal, salt, or gypsum. But they furnish excellent materials for architecture, and contain numerous metallic veins, not found in secondary strata.

[21] 171. The *SECONDARY ROCKS* which lie above the transition, generally have an earthy texture. The principal are *sandstone*, *limestone* of the earthy species, and *chalk*.

172. As the strata of secondary countries are chiefly horizontal, the *elevation* of the hills is seldom considerable, and the *declivities* are gradual and gentle.

173. Hence the soil is not easily washed away ; they are capable of cultivation over the whole surface, and constitute the principal habitable portions of the globe.

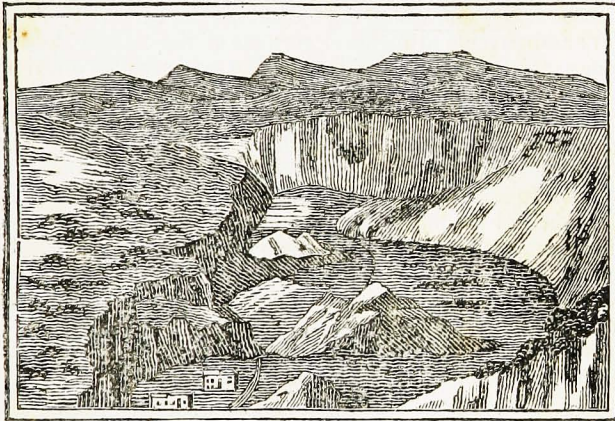
174. The *rivers* of secondary countries flow slowly, over deep and unobstructed beds, and the navigation is usually good.

175. The *coasts* of secondary countries are formed by ranges of hills, gradually descending to the sea. The water deepens more slowly than on primary coasts, and the harbours are more liable to obstructions ; but they are often more easy of access, and more safe, on account of the regularity of the shore. Such is the character of the coast of England, and of southern Europe.

176. Most of the secondary rocks are easily reduced to *soil* ; and a large portion of them are calcareous or lime rocks, abounding with animal and vegetable remains, which form a soil peculiarly favourable to vegetation.

177. When sandstone and salt rocks predominate in this formation, they produce barren soils. When they are united, as in Arabia and Africa, they check all vegetation, and reduce the country to a desert.

178. Secondary rocks contain few metallic ores ; but they are the only repositories of beds of coal, gypsum, and rock-salt, and contain extensive beds of ironstone—all of which are among the most useful treasures of the mineral kingdom. Salt and ironstone sometimes occur in such masses as to form mountains.



(9.) Salt hills of Cardona.

At Cardona, near Montserrat, in Spain, is a valley surrounded by cliffs, and traversed by hills of solid salt 600 feet high, [22] which glitter in the sun like mountains of gems. Other mountains of salt are found in India.

179. The springs of secondary countries are seldom pure, almost always containing lime, especially in limestone countries, and usually some of the species of salts. In secondary countries, also, we find mineral springs most abundant ; and it is only in these that salt springs are found.

180. ALLUVIAL STRATA are chiefly composed of gravel, sand, clay, loam, (which is a mixture of sand and clay,) and mould, which contains decayed vegetables, and forms the richest soil. They appear to be produced by the destruction of the rock formations.

181. Sometimes the strata of rocks are broken down by storms, earthquakes, or other violent causes. Whole mountains have

been known to fall ; and sometimes lakes or rivers swell and burst their boundaries, and change the face of the country.

In 1797, the Peak of Sicalpa, in New-Grenada, fell during an earthquake, and overwhelmed the city of Riobamba. Several instances of both facts have occurred in Switzerland, France, and other countries.

182. But *besides these sudden changes*, the high and rocky portions of the earth are gradually worn away by the operation of the weather. Peaks and abrupt precipices are reduced to rounded summits and gentle declivities, and the most *rugged regions* become habitable.

183. The *materials* of the mountains are carried by the rivers and torrents to the lower portions of the country, and are reduced to the rounded pebbles and fine sand or soil of alluvions.

184. *With these materials*, valleys are filled up, and uneven surfaces are levelled ; bars and islands are often formed at the mouths of rivers ; and large quantities are carried to the beds of the ocean, which are sometimes thrown up again on its shores.

185. It is evident that *extensive portions of the earth* have been formed in this manner, from the fact that the remains of shells and animals, and even whole forests, are found buried at a great depth below the surface. Such instances occur on the Atlantic coast of the United States, in England, Ireland, and many other countries.

Indeed, *new alluvions* are frequently formed under our eyes : particularly on the banks of rivers.

Thus, in the Connecticut River, and many others, it is very common to see a portion of land washed away from one side of the stream, while an equal portion is thrown up on the other.

186. *Besides these partial and limited alluvions*, the whole surface of the earth is covered with strata of gravel, sand, and clay, of a uniform appearance, which rise far above the present level of the waters. These could not have been formed by any cause less extensive than a universal deluge, like that recorded in the Scriptures.

Hence these have been called *diluvial strata*. They are found containing the remains of animals now extinct, at the height of 16,000 feet on the Himalah [23] Mountains, and 7,000 on the Andes. They also contain fragments of rocks found only in distant countries, which nothing but such a violent convulsion could have transported. The diluvial strata of England enclose such as are not found in any country nearer than Norway ; and immense blocks of Finland granite are found on the plains of Russia.*

187. The fragments and pebbles of *alluvions* are sometimes *hardened* into loose, friable rocks ; and the beds of shells they con-

* Buckland.

tain are concreted into a similar rock, called *shell limestone*, which abounds in the southern United States.

These, and some other portions of the alluvial strata, with the secondary rocks which lie next to them, have been lately arranged in a new class, called the *tertiary formation*.

188. The *surface* of alluvial countries is usually level, often entirely flat, and little elevated above the sea. They are also free from rocks; and when the soil is fertile, are easily *cultivated*.

189. The *rivers* run smoothly over deep beds, and are navigable almost to their sources. But the *mouths* of the rivers and the *harbours* of an alluvial coast, are usually obstructed with bars and shoals, which render them difficult of access, and liable to be filled up by new alluvions.

190. *Alluvial coasts* ascend gradually from the ocean, sometimes rising in little hills from the water, as on the southern shore of the Baltic. In other cases, they form marshy flats, or sandy plains called *downs*, which are liable to be overflowed by an irruption of the sea—as on the coasts of Holland, and the alluvial coast of North America. The waters on such coasts are shallow to a great distance from land; and the navigation generally unsafe.

191. The *fertility* of an alluvion depends on the nature of the original rocks from which it is formed, and the manner in which it is deposited.

192. The alluvions of the hard *primitive rocks* are generally composed of sand or gravel, and are therefore barren and unproductive. The *sea and great lakes* throw up the same materials on their shores; and *rapid rivers* leave no other but this sterile deposit, the current conveying the finer particles to the ocean.

193. The barren regions of Siberia, and the deserts of Arabia, are *examples of sandy alluvions*. The *waters* are usually brackish in an extensive, dry alluvion; but often very pure in other cases. The *air* is generally clear, dry, and healthy.

194. The alluvions formed from *transition and secondary rocks*, are generally rich, for reasons before stated; and those of lime-stone rocks especially so.

195. *Basaltic and volcanic rocks* also form rich alluvions. Even the rugged, glassy lavas decay in the course of years, as is seen in the neighbourhood of Mount Etna and Vesuvius; and form a soil of extraordinary fertility, rendered still more productive by the heat of the volcanoes.

196. *River alluvions*, formed from streams which flow with a gentle current, or overflow their banks at certain seasons, generally consist of the finer particles of rocks, mingled with

[24] the decayed remains of leaves and vegetables, and form a very rich soil. The *valles* of such streams are among the most fertile and beautiful regions on the globe.

The banks of the Mississippi and Connecticut rivers, of the United States, and the Rhine, the Nile, and the Ganges, are fine examples. Not a pebble is found on the Ganges for 400 miles from its mouth.

197. The *narrow valleys* of mountainous and rugged countries are peculiarly rich also ; because they receive the fine particles of soil washed from the surrounding declivities.

198. *Rich alluvions abound* in the decayed remains of animals and vegetables, and in other substances easily dissolved by water. Hence they are peculiarly *adapted* to the nourishment of plants ; but for the same reason, the *springs* are generally impure, and the exhalations often render the *air* very unhealthy.

199. *They frequently form* extensive marshes or swamps, as in the southern United States, which increase both these evils. The alluvial tracts near Rome are infested with exhalations termed the *malaria*, which render them almost uninhabitable.

200. The *sand* of alluvial strata, and the *clay*, in the various forms of potter's clay, fuller's earth, ochre, &c. are mineral substances of the first importance for building, pottery, glass-making, and other arts.

201. *Rich alluvions contain* extensive beds of bog-iron ore ; also beds of marl, or calcareous clay, used for manure ; and of the peat or turf, composed of the fibres of vegetables, which forms an important fuel in Holland, and other alluvial tracts destitute of forests.

202. *Sandy alluvions* are *usually* less productive in minerals ; but in *Asia, Africa, and South America*, gold and precious stones are frequently mingled with them, which render them valuable mines.

203. The same causes which give rise to alluvions, render them peculiarly liable to *change*.

Those which are formed at the *mouaths* of rivers, in many cases, are continually extending into the sea by the accumulation of soil ; as in the Nile, and the Mississippi.

The land at the mouth of the Mississippi is known to have extended ; and is calculated to have advanced 15 miles during the last century. On the shores of France and Holland, places which were formerly harbours, are now some distance inland. The coast at the mouth of the River Po, has advanced 42,000 feet since the year 1604, or 180 feet in a year.*

204. *Alluvial sands* are moved, and sometimes greatly extended, by the ocean and winds, particularly on low flat coasts ; as at

* Cuvier.

Cape Henry in Virginia, and in Ireland. In this way also, the deserts of Persia and Africa are frequently enlarged.

At Cape Henry, trees are sometimes buried by the moving sands. In some parts of Ireland, houses and villages have been covered or surrounded by a desert of sand, during the last century; and the roofs still rise above the waste, in evidence of the change. A number of French villages on the Bay of Biscay [25] have been overwhelmed in a similar manner. The sands of the African deserts have been carried by the winds into Egypt, and have overwhelmed many fertile regions and celebrated cities of antiquity.

This desolation can only be arrested by watering and cultivating the soil, that it may produce vegetation to protect it from the winds. A fertile region is often reduced to a desert, like the site of the ancient Babylon, when invasion or oppression leads a nation to neglect agriculture.

PLAINS AND DESERTS.



(10.) Sand storm in the Desert.

205. In some parts of the earth are found *plains* of several hundred miles in extent, which are almost always alluvial; in Russia and Siberia, they are called *steppes*.

206. *Those which are moist*, or well watered, sometimes produce shrubs and trees. But often, the only vegetation is a coarse species of grass, which grows to the height of a man, and furnishes pasturage for vast herds of animals.

207. In North America, these are called *prairies*, or *savannahs*. They are found in every part of the United States between the Allegany and the Rocky Mountains; some of small size, but others extending as far as the eye can reach.

Prairies of small extent are found in the western part of the state of New-York. They are numerous in the states bordering on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. At the distance of from 50 to 100 miles, west of the Mississippi, a region of plains and prairies commences, which extends with little interruption to the foot of the Rocky, or Chippewan Mountains.

208. Savannahs are frequent in South America, where they are called *llanos* or *pampas*. They display a beautiful verdure [26] dure in the rainy season; but in a time of drought, assume the appearance of deserts. Often, for 90 miles, there is not an elevation of one foot in height.

They are generally little elevated above the level of the sea, as may be seen in the Section of South America; and descend towards the sea, so that they have not those marshes and collections of water, so common in the steppes of Asia.

209. The *llanos* of Venezuela extend 200 leagues along the Orinoco River, from its mouth to the foot of the Andes, and embrace its head waters, as far south as the Caqueta or Yapura River. The *pampas* of Buenos Ayres lie between the Paraguay River and the Andes, and feed vast herds of wild cattle.

Humboldt observes, "There is something awful, but sad and gloomy, in the uniform aspect of these steppes (of Venezuela.) Every thing seems motionless.—All around us, the plains seemed to ascend towards the sky; and the vast and profound solitude, appeared to our eyes like an ocean covered with verdure." The first aspect of the *llanos* excites scarcely less astonishment than the lofty peaks of the Andes.

210. In Hungary, there is an extensive steppe of a similar character, between the Rivers Danube and Theiss.

211. On the sea coast of the United States, south of New-York, extensive plains are found in which scarcely any thing but diminutive pines will flourish. They are called *pine barrens*, and are frequent on the coast of New-Jersey, Maryland, the Carolinas, and Georgia.

212. In the state of Ohio, there are also extensive level tracts, which resemble prairies, except that they are more elevated and dry. They are called *barrens*, from being destitute of timber. They are free from stones, and sufficiently fertile; but the want of materials for building is a great obstacle to their settlement.

213. The *peat moors* of Great Britain are plains of several miles in extent, of a brown colour. Not a tree or a shrub is to be seen, nor a spot of grass to relieve the eye. The soil, however, is wet and spongy, and is scarcely passable except in the driest seasons, or when hardened by frost.

214. Many countries are covered with extensive, *desert plains*, which are destitute of all vegetation, except in small, insulated spots, anciently called *oases*.

215. Immense deserts form the most striking feature of Africa, Persia, and Arabia. The most remarkable known is the Sahara

of Africa, a vast ocean of burning sand, 2000 or 3000 miles long, and 700 broad, with fertile spots, like islands, scattered here and there.

Arabia is chiefly covered with deserts, interspersed with a few fertile spots. In Persia, are two principal deserts, which occupy a large part of the country. The Great Salt Desert is 700 miles in length.

That part of Hindoostan also, which lies between the Indus and the branches of the Ganges, is principally a desert, although not so desolate as those which have been described.

216. In most deserts, nothing *appears in view* but a level expanse of sand, bounded by the horizon, which is per. [27] petually moving with the wind, or rolling in waves like the ocean.

In a few hours, hills of some height are formed. There are no permanent mountains or hills, no trees or villages, to serve as landmarks to the traveller. He must be guided entirely by the compass or the stars. He is obliged to carry water as well as food; for it is only at great, and often at uncertain distances, that he can hope to meet with a single spring or rivulet.

217. The *fine sands* of the desert often float in the air, like vapour, and produce great inflammation of the eyes and mouth, and the most parching thirst. Sometimes they are raised by whirlwinds into *storms*; or in vast *columns*, whose tops are out of view.

From 10 to 40 of these columns have been seen at once by travellers; apparently from 3 to 60 feet in diameter, and moving with a swiftness which renders it impossible to escape them, if they are coming towards you.*

218. In the deserts of Asia, Africa, and America, travellers often meet with an optical deception, called the *shurab* or *mirage*. It is a haze or mist, which seems like a clear, still lake, reflecting the image of distant mountains, hills, or clouds, like water, and often mocking the hopes of the fainting traveller. The same appearance has been noticed by Humboldt, in the steppes of Hungary.

219. The great sandy *Desert of Cobi*, or Shamo, in Asia, is the most elevated of any extent upon the globe. This circumstance, and its northern latitude, preserves it from the scorching heats of more southern deserts; but it is equally destitute of water, and camels only can be used in crossing it.

220. *Russia and Siberia* abound with the vast plains which are indiscriminately called steppes. Some of them are deserts; some are marshes; and some are savannahs; but most of them are incapable of cultivation, either from the excess of drought, or moisture, or the abundance of salt.

221. One of the most remarkable tracts of this sort, is that

*Bruce's and Pottinger's Travels.

which lies *north of the Caspian Sea*, extending from the River Don to the Irtish. It consists of vast plains of sand, resembling the bed of the sea ; which are covered with marine shells, and abound with pools of salt water.

222. *In North America*, between the Platte River, and the head waters of the Colorado and Sabine Rivers, there is an extensive desert tract, which has been called the Great American Desert, stretching from the Ozark Mountains to the Chippewan. Indeed it extends along the base of the Chippewan Mountains, as far as we have any acquaintance with that range, from north to south, with an average width of 400 or 500 miles.

It is divided from north to south by a range of sandstone hills. The eastern portion is covered with a fine sand, with scarcely a rock or stone ; and is rendered in some measure productive, by the accumulation of animal and vegetable remains.

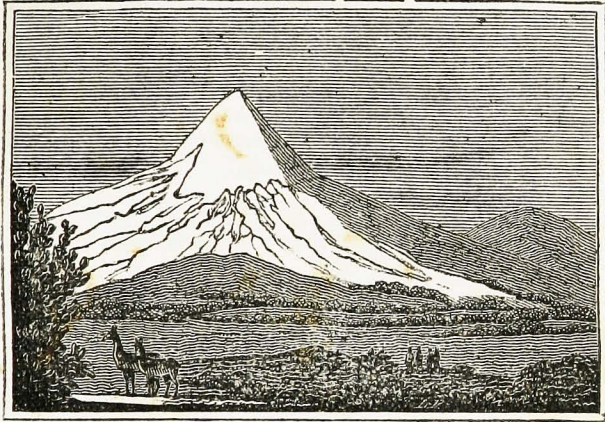
223. *In that portion which is traversed by the Platte River*, it has a strong resemblance to the barren steppes of Asia. [28] The soil and rocks are saline ; and incrustations of salt often appear on the surface. The plants are such as are usually found in saline tracts. Trees and forests are almost unknown. This waste is scorched in summer by the rays of the sun, and chilled in winter by freezing winds from the mountains.

¹ The mirage was here seen distinctly, by the members of the late American expedition.* The vapours were so dense that every valley upon which they looked down, appeared to contain a pool of water. A herd of bisons at a mile distance, seemed to be standing in water ; and their reflected images, were seen as distinctly as the animals.

224. The only part of *South America* resembling the deserts of the eastern continent, is said by Humboldt, to be the desert of Atacama, south of Peru. No drop of rain ever falls upon it. It is 440 leagues in length ; and contains rich mines of rock salt.

* Under Major Long. See Long's Journal.

MOUNTAINS.

(11.) *Chimborazo.*

225. MOUNTAINS sometimes occur *insulated*, rising suddenly from a level country. The Rock of Gibraltar, so celebrated for its fortress, rises in this manner 1500 feet, on the level of the beach of the Mediterranean Sea; and similar *examples* are found in other places.

226. But mountains are *generally united in groups or chains*, which traverse a great extent of country. Sometimes several chains issue from a central mountain or ridge, as in the Alps; sometimes they form a number of irregular groups, as in Asia Minor, and Persia. The great American chain is the only one which extends thousands of miles in a single line.

227. The following table shows the *length* of the principal chains of mountains, according to the best accounts. [29]

<i>Miles.</i>		<i>Miles.</i>	
The Andes,	4500	Dofrafield Mountains,	} 1000
Mexican and Rocky Mountains,	7000	Olonez Mountains,	
Whole American chain,	11,500	Allegany Mountains,	900
Altai Mountains,	5000	The Alps,	600
Mts. of the Moon, probably	2000	The Appenines,	} to 700
Ural Mountains,	} 1500	Carpathian Mountains,	
Mt. Atlas,		Green Mountains,	350
		The Pyrenees,	200

228. The great mountain chains of each continent seem to be *connected*, more or less distinctly, and to form a boundary to the ocean.

229. We find the *Pacific Ocean* locked in on the east by the immense uninterrupted chain of America, comprising the Andes, the Mexican Cordilleras, and the Chippewan Mountains, and embracing some of the highest summits on the globe. It generally reaches to the coast ; but in some parts retires a little into the interior. On the *opposite side* we find the great Asiatic chain, extending from Beering's Straits to Hindoostan and Persia ; and apparently connected by the mountains of Arabia, with the chains of Eastern Africa, which terminate at the Cape of Good Hope.

If we suppose ourselves standing on New Holland, we shall find the principal mountain chains of the globe, arranged round us in one vast arch, or single chain ; embracing the immense basin of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and combining both continents in one system.

230. In the *Southern Atlantic Ocean*, a similar boundary appears to be formed by the high mountainous shores of South America, on the west ; and on the east, by the chain which is seen from the coast of Lower Guinea, connected with the mountains of South Africa and Upper Guinea.

231. The *North Atlantic* is hemmed in by the Allegany, or Apalachian range, connected with the mountains of New-Hampshire and Maine, on the west ; and the chains of Norway, Germany, France, and Spain, form a similar limit, with few interruptions, on the east.

232. The broad *alluvial tracts*, which lie between these ranges and the sea, abound in shells, and other marine relics, which show that the ocean once extended to the foot of the mountains.

233. The *declivities* of mountains are sometimes long and gentle, and sometimes sudden and precipitous. Most mountains have a rapid declivity on one side, (usually towards the sea,) and a more gradual descent on the other ; as the Andes and Alps.

234. A declivity is sometimes so gradual as to form a *table land*, whose waters flow into the ocean ; as in the Gauts of India, and on the peninsula of Mexico.

235. In *other cases*, table lands preserve the same level to a great extent, like that of Tartary ; containing their own system of mountains and rivers.

These expansions of mountains are found in Europe, of small size ; but in Asia, Africa, and South America, they form tracts of great extent.

[30] 236. The *valleys* or depressions which separate mountains, assume various forms ; and sometimes every projection on one side is so fitted to a cavity in the other, that they appear

as if produced by a division of the mountain. Such instances frequently occur in the Alps, the Pyrenees, and other chains.

237. The *valleys of lowland regions* are not usually definite in their form, and gradually descend into the plains around them ; but those of *elevated regions* are usually enclosed by mountains.

238. They are generally long and narrow ; some, however, are round like the basin of a lake ; as those of Bohemia and Cashmere.

Such valleys often contain lakes, and a set of rivers which have no other outlet. This is the fact with the Lake of Titicaca, in South America ; the Sea of Aral in Asia ; and many small lakes in other countries.

239. *Passes or defiles* are narrow valleys which pass through chains of mountains, and are often the scenes of battles ; as the celebrated pass of Issus, and the straits of Thermopylæ.

240. These openings are *also termed* the *gates* of the country. Such are the gates of the Caucasus, and the gates of the Caspian, which form the only passages to Asia, between the Black and Caspian Seas. In the United States, they are usually termed *gaps* or *notches*. In many instances they are mere chasms of great depth, with perpendicular sides ; as among the White Mountains.

The principal pass in the White Mountains, is "The Notch," which seems to cleave the group to its base. It extends for two miles, between lofty walls of rocks, in one part only 22 feet distant from each other ; and presents every where a striking assemblage of rocky ruins.

241. The Andes abound in chasms of a similar kind, called *quebradas*, some of which are nearly a mile in depth. They render travelling dangerous, and are crossed only by bridges of ropes.

242. Sometimes a *defile forms the passage of a river*, and presents a scene of striking grandeur ; as in the passage of the Potomac through the Blue Ridge, and the Missouri through the Rocky Mountains.

Such also is the passage of the Susquehannah through the water-gap of the Blue Ridge ; and of the Hudson River through the high precipitous mountains, called the Palisadoes. The gates of the Rocky Mountains, which form the passage for the Missouri, present a sublime spectacle. The river is only 450 feet broad, and runs for nearly six miles between overhanging precipices, 1200 feet in height.

243. It is the opinion of the most celebrated naturalists, that the chasms and valleys of the earth, could not have been produced by any cause now in operation. Such immense and extensive changes can only be ascribed to a universal deluge.*

244. The chasm which forms the channel of a river, is sometimes covered with a portion of the rock, which seems not to

* See Brogniart—Buckland, &c.

have been removed by the convulsions that have produced it, and forms a *natural bridge*.

245. *The most celebrated* curiosity of this kind, is the bridge which passes over Cedar Creek, in Rockbridge, Virginia. It consists of a lofty arch of rock, covered with earth and trees, passing across the chasm, at the height of 210 feet above the water.

[51] The bridge is about 65 feet wide, and 40 in thickness. "The view from below is as delightful, as that from above is painful. The arch seems to spring almost to the sky; and no scene of nature can produce higher emotions of the sublime."*

In Scott County, Virginia, there is a similar bridge, 1000 feet long, and 300 high; and in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, is one 60 feet high.

246. At *Icononzo*, in South America, on the route from Santa Fe de Bogota to Popayan, there are two remarkable bridges of this kind, 300 feet high. They cross an immense chasm, forming the bed of a torrent which could scarcely have been passed in any other way. Two others occur in Mexico.

247. An appearance not unlike that of a natural bridge, is presented by *mountains which are pierced* by a cavity passing through them.

Mt. Torghat in Norway is thus pierced, by a cavity 180 feet in height, and 3000 in length. A rock near New Zealand, and the Doreholm, in the isles of Scotland, are pierced in the same manner by an arch through which the sea passes.

248. Mountains assume a great variety of *forms*, according to the rocks of which they are composed. Sometimes they rise like a dome or a bell, and sometimes shoot up in a form which gives them the name of *needles*. Chains are frequently diversified with numerous pointed peaks, which have led the Spaniards to give them the name of *sierra*, or saw.

249. *Volcanic peaks* are generally distinguished by their regular conical form, produced by the materials thrown out from the top; as in Etna, and the Peak of Teneriffe.

250. *Mountains of granite*, of which the Alps and Norwegian Mountains furnish striking examples, are usually broken into rugged, lofty peaks, abounding with steep cliffs. The valleys are, in general, deep and narrow, and often bounded by precipices.

The Table Mountains, one in South Carolina, and one at the Cape of Good Hope, are striking examples of precipices of granite. The latter is 3000 feet high.

251. Mountains composed of *stratified rocks*, such as gneiss, mica slate, and clay slate, are less rugged. In passing through the transition to the secondary class, they become smooth and

round-backed ; and in the secondary regions, are reduced to gentle swells and valleys, which appear like the waves of the sea.

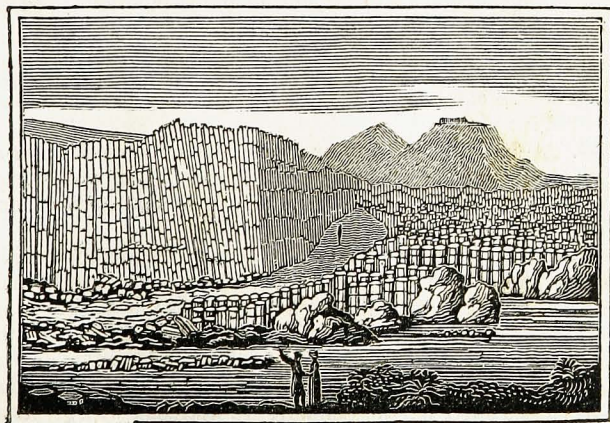
252. *Limestone* of the transition and secondary formations, is marked by deep valleys, and numerous chasms and caves, and often presents rough cliffs and precipices. The *upper* or *flatz limestone* usually forms extensive tracts of flat country.

Kentucky and Tennessee furnish examples of these appearances. The chasms are so numerous in some parts, that they often absorb the waters of springs and streams, and produce a drought.

253. *Mountains of sandstone* are seldom of any great height ; and as this rock easily decays, they present a great variety of forms. In the uppermost *sandstone*, the valleys are deep and romantic ; the hills conical, steep, and abounding in cliffs ; and it often presents grand colossal pillars and masses, which form the most striking rocky scenes.

In some instances, they appear at a little distance like a city in ruins ; as in [32] several parts of Africa, and on the banks of the River Volga ; and they have sometimes been described as such. The Castle Rock, observed by Major Long, near the Rocky Mountains, has a similar appearance.

254. *Mountains of trap rocks* are composed of columns of five or six sides, divided into joints, which are closely united to each other, and appear like a solid honeycomb. They present high precipices, which often have the regularity of walls constructed by art. A mass of fragments generally lies at the base ; and the whole appears like the ruins of immense towers or castles.



(12.) *The Giant's Causeway.*

255 Striking examples of this formation are seen in the basaltic rocks, on the northern coast of Ireland, of which the *Giant's Causeway* is the most celebrated. It consists of three piers of columns, extending several hundred feet into the sea, whose tops present a level pavement of stone.

The columns rarely exceed 30 feet in height. More striking appearances are found in other parts of this basaltic range, which extends along the coast 40 miles in length, and 20 in breadth. The two most remarkable points are the promontories of *Fairhead* and *Bengore*. They consist of similar ranges of columns, rising 150 feet perpendicularly at Fairhead, and at Bengore 400 feet.

256. The *Hebrides*, or Western Isles of Scotland, present similar examples of basaltic columns ; and those of a less perfect kind are found in the *United States*, in the Palisadoe Rocks of the Hudson River—at East and West Rock, near New-Haven, in Connecticut—at Mount Holyoke, near Northampton, and other places in the range of mountains extending north from these bluffs.

257. The *height* of mountains of *trap* is generally small ; but in South America, these rocks cover some of the highest peaks of the Andes.

[33] It is remarkable, that Chimborazo and Antisana, are crowned by immense walls of porphyry ; a rock allied to trap, rising to the height of 6,000 or 7,000 feet ; and basalt, which has never been observed higher than 4,000 feet in Europe, rears its castled precipices on the top of Pichinca, 18,000 feet above the level of the sea.

258. The *elevation of mountains produces a great effect on the air*. As we rise above the level of the sea, it becomes more rarefied. At any considerable height, the difference is so great, that breathing becomes difficult, and all efforts laborious ; and the blood often starts from the eyes and lips.

The change is so regular and gradual, that a traveller may determine the height of the spot on which he is, by means of the barometer, an instrument which measures the pressure of the air. The elevation of mountains is usually determined in this manner.

259. At the height of two or three miles, the *air becomes so dry*, as to produce the most distressing thirst. The traveller finds himself elevated above the region of clouds and storms ; and often sees them roll and burst beneath him.

260. The *heat* also diminishes rapidly in ascending mountains. At the height of two and a half miles above the sea, in latitude 40 degrees, and three miles at the equator, the cold is so intense, that every trace of animal *life is extinct*. All above is the abode of silence and desolation. At this height, snow and ice continue through the year ; and hence the peaks of the Andes, the Alps, and other lofty mountains, are whitened with *perpetual snow*.

261. The elevation of *table lands* produces the same effects on

the air and climate as in mountains ; and the distinctions of latitudes and zones are often lost, over a great extent of country thus elevated.

262. The *habitations of men* are rarely found in Europe above the height of 6,500 feet ; and the highest inhabited spot is the monastery of St. Bernard, 8,000 feet above the sea. But in the Torrid Zone of South America, we find large cities, such as Quito and Santa Fe de Bogota, at this height. Considerable settlements, such as the town of Guanica Velica, are still higher ; and the single farm-house of Antisana, is 13,400 feet above the sea.

263. Immediately below the region of perpetual snow, we find in the plains and valleys of lofty mountains, those vast lakes of ice called *glaciers*. They are formed by the alternate melting and freezing of the snow, by the change of seasons ; and therefore occur chiefly in the Temperate and Frigid Zones. They are found of the *greatest extent* and magnificence among the Alps.

These mountains contain not less than 400 glaciers. They are of various sizes, but frequently extend 16 or 18 miles in length, and the total area of their surface is estimated at 1000 square miles. They are from 100 to 600 feet in depth.

264. The *surface of the glaciers* is, in some cases, smooth and unbroken, and presents an immense mirror of ice. In others, they are broken with waves, and appear like the sea congealed in the midst of a tempest. In many instances they are crossed by [34] deep chasms, and adorned with pinnacles of ice, rising in various forms, appearing like the spires and turrets of a city of crystal.

265. Glaciers also occur in the highest parts of the *Pyrenees* ; and the coasts and mountains of *Norway*, *Lapland*, and *Spitzbergen*, present scenes of desolation of this kind, whose magnificence is beyond description.

266. Vast masses frequently break off from the snows and glaciers of lofty mountains, and roll into the valleys with a tremendous roar. In Switzerland, houses, and even villages, have been buried by these falling masses of snow and ice, which are there called *avalanches*.

267. At first view, the rugged mountain ranges of the globe appear like deformities on its surface. But they are found to *serve important purposes*, by the care of Him who made them.

268. They collect and condense the clouds and vapours, and thus supply the springs and streams which fertilize the earth. The loftiest are covered with perpetual snows, even in the Torrid Zone ; and thus serve to cool and equalize the temperature of these burning regions, while they furnish inexhaustible reservoirs for the supply of water. They also arrest the progress of

the winds, and cause a variety of currents in the atmosphere, by which every part of it is put in motion, and thus preserved pure and salubrious.

The numberless varieties in the form and aspect of mountains diversify the surface of the earth, and furnish every species of grand and beautiful scenery. A particular description of the peaks, and precipices, and chasms, which have excited the admiration of travellers, would form a volume of itself.

CLASSIFICATION OF MOUNTAINS.

269. *Mountains may be arranged according to their height, in twelve classes, as exhibited in the following table, and in the "Comparative View of Mountains," which is placed as the frontispiece to this volume.*

<i>Class.</i>	<i>Height.</i>	<i>Example.</i>
I. <i>about 5 miles, or</i>	<i>27,000 feet,</i>	Himmaleh Mts.
II. " 4 "	21,000 "	The Andes.
III. " $3\frac{1}{2}$ "	18,000 "	Popocatapetl.
IV. " 3 "	15,000 "	Mt. Blanc.
V. " $2\frac{1}{2}$ "	13,000 "	Teneriffe.
VI. " 2 "	10,000 "	Mt. Etna.
VII. " $1\frac{1}{2}$ "	8,000 "	Mexico.
VIII. " 1 "	5,000 "	Mt. Heckla.
IX. " $\frac{3}{4}$ "	3,000 "	Mt. Vesuvius.
X. " $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2,500 "	Allegany Mts.
XI. " $\frac{1}{3}$ "	1,500 "	Mt. Tom.
XII. " $\frac{1}{5}$ "	1,000 "	Mt. Holyoke.

270. The following table contains the principal mountains on the globe, arranged in their classes, with their estimated height in feet.

[35] It will be observed, that where a chain is mentioned, as the Himmaleh, &c. the highest point is set down. Those in *Italic* belong to the Western Continent.

HEIGHT OF MOUNTAINS.

<i>FIRST CLASS.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Third Class continued.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>
Him'ma leh Mts.		El bur'us Caucasus	
Da wa la ge'ri	27,677	<i>Mt. El'ias</i>	
		<i>V. Orizaba</i>	
		<i>V. Po po cat a petl</i>	17,000
<i>SECOND CLASS.</i>			
Him'ma leh Mts.			
2d peak	25,659	<i>FOURTH CLASS.</i>	
13th peak	22,217	<i>V. Pi chin'ca</i>	
<i>Chim bo ra'zo</i>	21,440	Mt. Blanc Alps	
<i>Man'flos</i> (Chili)		Mt. Ro'sa do.	
<i>Chil'lan'</i>	20,000	Geesh (Abyssinia)	
		Egmont (N. Z.)	15,000
		Hamar (Chin. Tar.)	
<i>THIRD CLASS.</i>			
<i>Fol. Co to pax'i</i>			
Mou na Ka'ah (Owhyhee)	18,000	<i>FIFTH CLASS.</i>	
		<i>Mt. Fair'weather</i>	14,900

<i>Fifth Class continued.</i>		<i>Eighth Class continued.</i>	
	Feet.		Feet.
Mt. O'phir (Sum.)	13,000	Ce vennes' Sansi	6,300
Mt. A'las		O lym'pus (Tur.)	6,000
Peak of Teneriffe	12,200	Blaa serk (Greenland)	
Rocky Mts.	12,500	Mt. Hec'la	5,000
Highest peak		Mt. I'da (Tur.)	
SIXTH CLASS.		NINTH CLASS.	
Si er'ra Ne va'da (Spain)	11,800	Moose hil'lock (N. H.)	4,500
James's Peak	11,500	Ben Nev'is (Scot.)	4,300
Per du' Pyrenees	11,000	Sad dle Mtn. (Mass.)	4,000
Mt. E't'na		Green Mts.	
Al tai'an Mts.	10,000	Mansfield	4,000
Snow Mts. (Africa)		Cairn go'rum (Sc.)	
Mt. Cen is' Alps	10,000	Gauts (Hind.)	3,900
Volcano of Bourbon		Table Mtn. (S. C.)	
SEVENTH CLASS.		Otter Peak (Vir.)	3,900
City of Quito	9,500	Cats'kill Mts. (N. Y.)	3,800
Mt. Ar a rat		Round Top	
Leb'a non	9,000	Mt. Ve su'vi us	3,700
St. Goth'ard Alps		Snow don' (Wales)	3,500
Ve li'no Appennines	8,000	Ta'ble Mt. (S. Af.)	
Lom nitz Car pa'thi an		Mont ser ra' (Spain)	3,300
V. Du'i da (Gui.)	8,000	As cutney (Ver.)	
Mts. of Gon'dar		TENTH CLASS.	
Dofra field Mts.	8,000	Cats kill Mts.	2,600
EIGHTH CLASS.		White Face	
Blue Mts. (Jam.)	7,000	ELEVENTH CLASS.	
City of Mex'ico		Mt. Tom (Mass.)	1,500
City of Pu eb'la	Rock of Gib ra'tar		
Pi'co (Azores)	7,000	TWELFTH CLASS.	
White Mts.		Mt. Ho'ly oke (Mass.)	1,250
Washington	6,634		

ISLANDS.

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271. ISLANDS are the tops of mountains or table-lands, whose base is in the bed of the ocean, and whose valleys and passes are filled with its waters.

272. They have all the varieties of *situation and appearance* which belong to mountains; some rising alone, like insulated mountains, as the celebrated rock of St. Helena; others arranged in groups; and others still in chains.

They present, in short, the same appearance as a hilly or mountainous country, covered with a flood, which leaves only the most elevated spots exposed.

273. *Small islands* are sometimes mere rocks, scantily covered with soil, without rivulets, and often without springs. *Large islands* are only continents in miniature; and have their own system of mountains, valleys, and streams.

274. The same variety of *structure* is found in islands, as in hills and mountains. Some are composed of rocks, varying in form according to their class: others consist of mere banks of sand, or alluvial beds, thrown up by the sea, or by the current of a river.

275. Some *islands have been produced* within the memory of man, and others enlarged or elevated by the eruptions of volcanoes in the sea. There are many others, like the Canaries, Azores, and Lipari Islands, whose appearance and rocks indicate that they were formed in this manner.

276. Some islands consist entirely of *coral* or madreporæ, a rock which is formed by a small marine insect or polypus, of the torrid zone, for its habitation.

A portion of the rock seems to be first formed on the bed of the ocean by these insects, upon which they build until the mass rises to the surface in the form of *coral reefs*. Sand, shells, and other substances, are thrown upon them by the waves; and they become the resort of sea-birds. Small animals and the seeds of vegetables are then lodged upon them from floating wood or seaweed; and they are at length covered with soil, and prepared for the habitation of man.

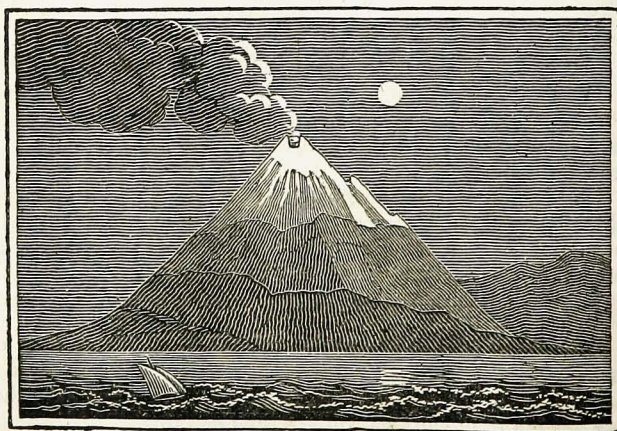
277. *Reefs and islands of coral* are found in every stage of formation; and new ones frequently appear in places where the water is unfathomable, surpassing the proudest work of man.

A single reef of coral, on the eastern coast of New-Holland, is 350 miles in length, without any considerable opening; and the Island of Tongataboo, with many others in the Pacific, consists chiefly of coral.

278. Several *harbours* of the Red Sea have been blocked up by the labours of these animals; and the port of Bantam in Java was closed in the course of a century in the same manner.

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VOLCANOES.

(13) *Mount Etna.*

279. VOLCANOES have not the same *permanency of character* as other features of the globe. They are in fact, only mountains

which are subject to the action of internal fire, and their number and character are liable to continual change from its effects.

280. The fires of volcanoes burst forth in *eruptions* of smoke and flame, and melted stones, or *lava*, from an opening called the *crater*.

281. A few, like that of Stromboli, near Sicily, *blaze continually*. But in *most volcanoes*, eruptions take place only at intervals; and for a great length of time, nothing but smoke issues from the top; accompanied in some cases, as in Vesuvius, by a small stream of lava from an opening in the side. Some *ancient volcanoes* have become extinct or dormant, and *new ones* have burst forth, within the memory of man.

282. More than 200 *volcanoes* are *known* to exist in the world, one half of which are in America; but many of them have never been described, and have scarcely received a name in works of geography.

The volcanoes of Europe and Asia are generally on islands; but those of America are chiefly on the main land; as will be seen in the following statement of their number by Jamieson.

Europe,	on the continent,	1—	on islands,	12.
Asia,	" " "	8—	" "	58.
America,	" " "	97—	" "	19.
Africa,	" " "	unknown	" "	many.

The *extent and connection* of these volcanoes is such, that we may trace them through the greater part of the grand mountain ranges of the earth which have been described.

283. Commencing at Terra del Fuego, or the land of fire, [38] on the southern extremity of the *Western Continent*, we find a range of volcanoes, some active and others dormant, extending along the American chain, to the Arctic Circle.

Not less than 40 volcanoes are continually burning, between Cape Horn and Cotopaxi. The whole mountainous region of the province of *Quito*, may be considered, according to Humboldt, as one immense volcano, more than 2,000 square miles in extent; throwing out its fires through the craters of Cotopaxi, Tunguragua, Antisana, and Pichinca; and a large part of *Mexico* exhibits similar appearances. The Peaks of Orizaba and Popocatepetl, with those which have been mentioned, rise three or four miles above the level of the sea, and form the loftiest volcanoes upon the globe.

284. At *Beerling's Straits*, we find the same range continuing in a winding course, through the chain of islands which connects the two continents, to Kamschatka, and the islands south of it; and thence, through Japan and Formosa to the Philippines, the Moluccas, the Sunda Isles, and the New Hebrides.

285. Marks of volcanic fire are also found in the *solitary islands* of New Amsterdam, and St. Paul's, in the Indian Ocean; and that of Gebel Tar, in the Red Sea; and *thence* we may find the *traces of these fires* in earthquakes, hot springs, volcanic rocks, or active volcanoes, through Syria, Greece, Italy, Ger-

many, and France, and even through England, to Iceland, Etna, Vesuvius, and Hecla, are the *most conspicuous* volcanoes in this range, and among the most celebrated in the world.

The *Archipelago* has witnessed many volcanic eruptions. The *Lipari Isles* appear to be of volcanic origin, and contain the volcano of Stromboli, which has burned without interruption for more than 2,000 years. It is appropriately styled the great light-house of the Mediterranean.

The *Apennines*, even to the north of Italy, furnish abundant traces of volcanic fires; and the hot springs and volcanic rocks of Germany, France, and England, form links of the same chain, which seems to extend to Mt. Hecla, and other volcanoes in Iceland.

286. Respectable authors observe, that "*almost all the islands* in the Atlantic, and many in the Pacific Ocean and Indian Seas, are volcanic." No less than 42 volcanoes, active or dormant, are found *among the Azores*; and the whole group of the *Canaries* seems to be founded on a submarine volcano.* The Peak of *Teneriffe*, in this group, is the loftiest known volcano, except those of America.

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287. The eruption of a volcano is preceded, sometimes for several weeks, by the shocks of earthquakes, or by vast columns of smoke which rise from its summit, often involving the surrounding country in darkness. Tremendous explosions, like the discharges of a great train of artillery, then commence; and are succeeded by sudden flashes of red flame, and showers of red-hot stones. A stream of lava next bursts forth from the side of the mountain, or in a great eruption, from the crater at the [39] top, and flows like red-hot metal, in a sluggish, but destructive current down the sides. After the lava ceases to flow, the volcanic ashes, composed of sand and fragments of lava, are thrown out in large quantities from the crater, and fall in showers on the surrounding country.

288. The ordinary streams of lava spread into fields, which soon congeal on the surface into a hard, black scoria, like the slag of a furnace; and which may be crossed in safety when the mass beneath is still fluid. In great eruptions, the quantity is such as to form extensive rock masses; and sometimes buries the adjoining villages. In this way the city of Herculaneum was buried in solid lava to the depth of 70 feet, during an eruption of Vesuvius, in A. D. 79.

289. The quantity of ashes is often so great as to darken the air, and sometimes to bury considerable tracts of country. During an eruption of Tamboro, in the island of Sumbawa, near Java, in April 1815, the showers of dust produced total darkness, at a great distance from the volcano. At Madura, 330 miles distant, it continued from 3 o'clock in the afternoon till 11 the next morning. On the island of Sumbawa, it continued 22 hours. The explosions of this eruption were heard at Ternate, one of the Spice islands, which is more than 800 miles distant.†

290. During the eruption in which Herculaneum was overwhelmed, the shower of ashes was so abundant as to bury the city of Pompeii. Both cities have been partially excavated, and many remains of their inhabitants discovered. (See *Ancient Geography*.)

291. Torrents of hot water and mud occasionally descend during the eruption of volcanoes, which sometimes contain fish. They are ascribed by many to the melting of the snows on their summits. The lofty volcanoes of South America and Mexico seldom throw out lava, but produce their most destructive effects by

* Bakewell—Humboldt.

† Edin. Philos. Journal.

these torrents. Forty thousand persons have been destroyed in this manner during a single eruption.

292. There is one class, termed *mud volcanoes*, which throw out mud and water by the explosion of confined air; but rarely emit flame. One of the most remarkable is that of Macalouba, in Sicily. Others occur at Modena and Bologna, in Italy; in the Crimea, in Russia; and in Java, and Iceland.

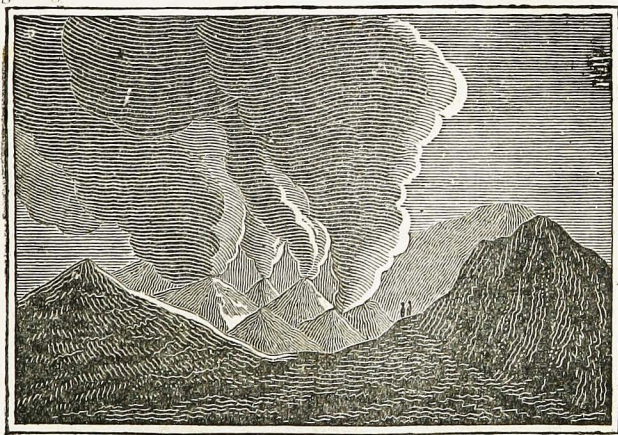
293. *Eruptions are most frequent* in the lowest volcanoes. Those which are lofty often remain quiet for many years.

The eruptions of the Peak of *Teneriffe* have been very rare during the last two centuries; and for a long time, it seemed extinct. Vesuvius was quiet for nearly 100 years at one period; and travellers have sometimes been able to descend into its crater.

294. *Volcanoes sometimes become entirely extinct.* They often retain much of their heat, and exhale great quantities of sulphur and salts of various kinds. The *Solfra Terra*, near Naples, is a plain of some extent, lying in the crater of an extinguished volcano. The heat of the surface is considerable; and such quantities of sulphur are exhaled as to render it a valuable mine.

295. *The eruptions of volcanoes frequently issue from several openings, or smaller craters, within the great crater at the top.* Their number and size is changed by eruptions; and they sometimes burst out in the sides of the mountain. The materials thrown out usually form a hill around the opening.

The cone from which the smoke of Vesuvius ascended a few years since, [40] was 150 feet high, and situated in the midst of the great crater. The great crater of Etna contained, at one period, a number of smaller ones; as represented in the engraving.



(14.) *Crater of Etna.*

296. *The tracts around a volcano*, which are covered with recent lava, have a rugged and desolate appearance. But those districts where the lava has decayed into soil, or the earth has been impregnated with the salts and ashes from the volcano, and is cherished by the heat, are uncommonly fertile. This is the fact with the country at the foot of Etna and Vesuvius. The torrents of mud from the American volcanoes also enrich the soil of the countries they desolate.

297. The eruptions of volcanoes sometimes change the face of a country. During an eruption of Vesuvius, a hill 1,000 feet high was thrown up in a single night. At Jorullo, in Mexico, after a series of terrible earthquakes, in 1759, a considerable tract of country swelled and burst open with volcanic fires, and threw up numerous peaks. The highest is the volcano of Jorullo; which rises 1,500 feet above the plain, and is continually in a state of eruption.

298. *Volcanoes most frequently exist* in the vicinity of the sea, or of great lakes; and sometimes burst out from unfathomable depths in the ocean.

Submarine volcanoes are preceded by a violent boiling and agitation of the sea. Smoke, flames, and lava, are thrown up through its waters, with volumes of inflammable air, which roll in sheets of fire over the waves.

299. In some cases, the quantity of matter is so great, as to rise above the surface of the water, and form new reefs and islands. In 1811, a volcano burst out in the sea, near St. Michaels, one of the Azores, and formed an island of considerable height, about a mile in circumference, which was named Sabrina. It has since disappeared. Similar instances have occurred in the Archipelago. In 1814, a volcanic island arose near Oonalaska, on the western coast of North America.

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(II.) EARTHQUAKES.

300. *Earthquakes* are sudden motions of the earth, which are intimately connected with volcanoes.

301. They are usually *preceded* by a general stillness in the air. The sea swells and roars, without wind. Sometimes it rises to a great height, and overflows the land: and then sinks back as suddenly to its level. The fountains are agitated, and send forth muddy or impure waters. A deep, rumbling noise, like that of carriages over a rough pavement; a rushing sound, like wind; or a tremendous explosion, like the discharge of cannon, immediately precedes the shock. The ground suddenly heaves upward, or is rocked from side to side, with successive vibrations, overthrowing the feeble structures erected by man, and scarcely permitting their inhabitants to totter into a place of safety.

302. *The first shock* seldom lasts longer than a minute, and frequently completes the most awful destruction in this short period. This is often followed by many others in succession, and sometimes for several weeks.

303. *Chasms are occasionally opened* in the earth, from which smoke and flame, or torrents of water burst forth. In some cases, they have been so extensive, that large cities have sunk down in a moment, as was the fact with the city of Euphemia, in southern Italy, and Port Royal, in Jamaica.

304. *Earthquakes sometimes change the aspect of a country.* Whole islands are sunk or raised; the course of rivers changed; and the sea breaks in upon the land, forming new bays and gulfs, or cutting off islands from the main. It was by such irruptions of the sea that Callao, in Peru, was overwhelmed in 1687, and St. Ubes, in Portugal, in 1755, with great numbers of their inhabitants.

305. *The most dreadful earthquakes* have been felt in the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea, and in those which surround the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico. In Peru, they are frequent. They have been occasionally felt in most other countries.

About fifty have been felt in the *United States*, most of which were slight.

306. In 1755, a very *remarkable* and destructive *earthquake* was felt, over a large part of Europe, Africa, and America. It was most terrible in Portugal and the neighbouring countries. St. Ubes was swallowed up in the sea; Lisbon was almost destroyed; and several towns in Spain and Barbary were either destroyed or very much injured. It was felt in the north of Europe, and the northern United States; and even the waters of the great lakes of North America were agitated by it.

307. *One of the most recent earthquakes of importance* occurred in the northern part of Syria, in the autumn of 1822. By the first shock, Aleppo was destroyed to its foundations, and almost every village in the province. 20,000 persons are supposed to have perished in the ruins. The shocks continued to be felt for nearly two months, and kept the inhabitants in continual alarm.*

308. From the beginning of the year 1811 till 1813, a great extent of the earth lying between 5° and 48° of north latitude, from the meridian of the Azores to the [42] Chippewan Mountains of North America, and from the coasts of Venezuela and the Andes of New Grenada, to the Green Mountains of Vermont, was shaken by numerous earthquakes. More than 200 shocks were felt in the island of St.

* Missionary Register, London.

Vincent; and during the same period, the volcanic island of Sabrina arose among the Azores.

309. *The earthquake of Venezuela*, in 1812, was one of the most dreadful in modern times. In the city of Caraccas, the shock lasted less than one minute; yet nine-tenths of the city was entirely destroyed.

310. *The most violent ever known in the United States*, were those felt from 1811 to 1812, in the middle, southern, and western states, from New-York to Florida and Mississippi; and particularly on the Mississippi River. Eighty-seven shocks were counted in seven days.

The river was so violently agitated that the crews of boats could not stand on their feet. The banks, in many instances, fell in, and new islands arose from the bed of the river. The earth moved like the waves of the sea. Whole forests were overthrown, and others were swallowed up in chasms, so deep as to conceal their tops. The village of New-Madrid was almost destroyed. Trifling shocks are still frequent in some parts of this region, especially at Cape Girardeau and New-Madrid.

311. Earthquakes are *most frequent* in volcanic regions. The shocks are the most violent at the greatest distance from the volcano, or when it is not in a state of eruption.

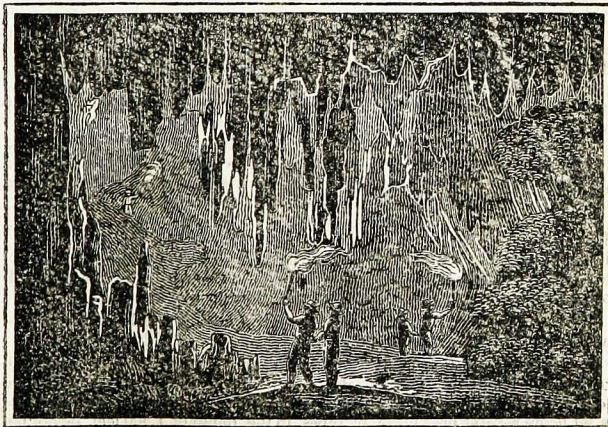
312. These circumstances, and the similarity of the phenomena of volcanoes and earthquakes, indicate their *common origin* in the internal fires of the earth. Volcanoes have been styled *the chimneys* through which these fires have vent; and their eruptions are considered as a means of securing the surrounding country from the more dreadful and extensive destruction of an earthquake.

313. *The shocks and eruptions* are probably *produced* by the sudden formation of vapour and gases, (perhaps by the influx of water from the sea,) which burst forth like the smoke from a cannon, or the steam from an overcharged boiler.

But from the very nature of the subject, man can do little in investigating the causes of these awful phenomena, which exhibit in so striking a manner the power of the Creator—"HE looketh on the earth, and it trembleth; HE toucheth the hills, and they smoke."

(II.) CAVES.

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(16.) *Grotto of Antiparos.*

314. In various parts of the earth, *Caves* are found which are often objects of curiosity and wonder.

315. Many are mere *naked cavities*, wonderful only on account of their great size and extent; or sublime, from the awful gloom which pervades them, and the echoes which roll like thunder through their vaulted passages. Some are of *great depth*; as that of Frederickshall in Norway, which is calculated to be 11,000 feet in depth. Others *contain* rivers and cataracts, which add to their beauty or grandeur. Sometimes they receive into their bosoms considerable streams of water, for which there is no visible discharge.

316. One of the grandest natural caverns known is *Fingal's Cave*, in Staffa, one of the Western Islands of Scotland. Its sides are formed of ranges of basaltic columns, which have almost the regularity of hewn stone. The roof is composed of the tops of others, which appear to have been broken away. The length is 370 feet, the height at the entrance 117 feet. Its bottom is covered by the sea, and the light pervades every part of it, presenting a striking example of the grand and beautiful architecture of nature.

317. In *Iceland*, there are many caves, formed by the lava from its volcanoes. One of these, called Sutzkeller, in the north-eastern part of the island, is 40 feet high, 50 broad, and 4,300 long. It contains large quantities of ice and snow.

318. *The caves found in the neighbourhood of volcanoes*, often exhale hot and sulphureous vapours. The sulphur is condensed in some of them, and obtained as an article of commerce.

319. In *South America*, is the Cavern of Guacharo, which is said to extend for leagues. It has never been examined more than one-fourth of a mile; but thus far, its form was found uncommonly regular.

[44] 320. In the volcanic country *near Rome*, there are many natural cavities of great extent and coolness, which are sometimes resorted to as a refuge from the heat. The grottoes in the *Cevennes Mountains*, France, are both numerous and extensive, and abound with objects of curiosity.

321. Such *caverns* in France and Italy, not unfrequently, are so cool as to *preserve ice* through the year; and thus form natural ice-houses. The water trickling from the roof, continually renews the supply.

Natural ice-houses are also found in fissures or cavities at Williamstown in Massachusetts; and in the Meriden Hills, and a range near New-Haven, in Connecticut. At Szeilitze, in Hungary, is a cave with numerous winding passages of great height, of the same kind.

322. Caverns are *most frequent* in limestone rocks. In these instances, the water trickling through the roof dissolves a portion of the lime, and again deposits it when dropping. It thus gradually forms a slender tube, like an icicle, called a *stalactite*, of pure and brilliant whiteness. In the progress of time, these stalactites are lengthened into large pillars, hanging from the roof. This class may be termed *stalactic caves*.

323. The water which falls on the floor of these caverns makes a similar deposit, and forms a pedestal there, called a *stalagmite*, which often unites with a stalactite, and completes a column. These columns are frequently enlarged to a great size, varied in their shape, and sometimes beautifully fluted.

324. In some cases, the parts are imperfect. A stalagmite rising from the floor, seems like an altar or a statue; or a number of stalactites depending from the roof, are united into a curtain. In this way the most interesting and fantastic forms are produced; and one of these cavities often resembles an immense cathedral, lined with columns, or a magnificent palace in ruins.

The deposit which forms the stalactites and stalagmites, is capable of being polished and wrought into the most beautiful ornaments, and is usually called *spar*.

325. The most celebrated cavern of this kind is the *Grotto of Antiparos*, on the island of the same name, in the Archipelago. The passage at the entrance glitters with the torch light, as if it were studded with diamonds. From this, the traveller is let down several precipices, by ropes, to the depth of 1,500 feet, before he reaches the principal grotto, a magnificent vault, 360 feet long, 340 wide, and 180 in height.

The roof is adorned with stalactites, many of them 20 feet long, and hung with festoons of varied forms and brilliant appearance. In some parts, immense co-

turns descend to the floor. In others, is presented the appearance of trees and brooks, turned to marble.

326. The *Peak Cavern* in Derbyshire, England, is also a celebrated curiosity of this kind. It is nearly half a mile in length, and at its lowest part, 600 feet below the surface.

The mine of Fluor Spar in *Castleton*, Derbyshire, passes through several stalactic caverns, which are said to rival that of Antiparos in beauty. Many other caverns are found in this neighbourhood, and in other parts of England, with the same general features. Some of these contain subterraneous cascades, whose beauty and grandeur are increased by the circumstances in which they are seen.

327. In the rock of *Gibraltar*, there are a number of stalactic caverns, of which the principal is St. Michael's Cave. The entrance is 1,000 feet above the sea, leading into a spacious hall, incrustated with spar, and terminated by immense columns of the same substance. Most mountains of limestone contain similar caves, varying chiefly in the circumstances of size and depth.

328. In the limestone regions of England, Germany, and Hungary, caverns are found containing great quantities of the bones of the elephant, rhinoceros, hyena, and other animals now extinct. That of Kirkdale, in England, and Gailenreuth, in Germany, are among the most remarkable.

The bones are enclosed in a bed of clay, which bears evident marks of diluvial origin. The animals were doubtless natives of the country; and were probably all destroyed by the deluge. No species of the same animals are now found, except in hot countries.

329. There are many stalactic caves in the *United States*.

Madison's Cave, in Rockingham County, Virginia, is an interesting object of this kind, extending 300 feet into the earth, and adorned with beautiful incrustations of stalactites.

Wier's Cave, in the same county, is of the same kind, extending 800 yards, but extremely irregular in its course and size. It does not appear to fall short of any in the United States, in the beauties peculiar to such caverns. Near the *North Mountain*, in Frederick County, Virginia, is a stalactic cave, 400 feet in extent.

330. On the banks of the *Swetara* River, a branch of the Susquehanna, in Pennsylvania, and in *Clarendon*, *Dorset*, and *Derby* in Vermont, *Watertown*, New-York, and many other places in the United States, are similar caves. At *Rhinebeck*, Dutchess County, New-York, is a cave of this kind, composed of two chambers, one above the other.

331. Another class of caves includes such as produce nitre, and salts of different kinds.

332. Near Corydon, Indiana, is a cave which has been explored for the distance of several miles; celebrated for producing *Epsom Salt*, which is continually forming in the earth on the bottom.*

333. In *Kentucky* and *Tennessee*, caves are numerous, which appear to have been used as burial places. The earth found in them, is often so impregnated with nitre, that great quantities of this article are manufactured from it. Some in Kentucky are said to be several miles in length, containing rooms of immense size, and frequently adorned with stalactites.

In the north-west part of Georgia, is a cave of this kind called *Nickojack Cave*, 50 feet high, and 100 wide; which has been explored to the distance of three miles. A stream of considerable size runs through it, which is broken by a waterfall, at this distance from the mouth.

334. In the Allegany Ridge, in Virginia, is a *blowing cave*, from which wind constantly issues. It is 100 feet in diameter, and the current of air is so strong as to keep the weeds prostrate, to the distance of 60 feet from its mouth. A similar one is found in the Cumberland Mountains †

335. Caves are sometimes found which exhale *poisonous vapours*. The most remarkable known, is the Grotto Del Cane, a small cave near Naples, in Italy.

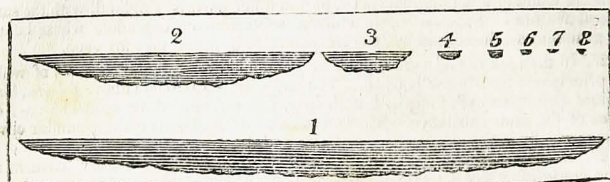
* Silliman's Journal.

† Morse.

A continual stream of fixed air, or carbonic acid gas, issues from it, which will put out a torch or destroy the life of an animal held in it. This air is heavier than common air, and rises to a small height only from the ground. From this circumstance a man may walk upright, without any injury; while a small animal falls down breathless, and dies unless it is taken out.

[46.]

RIVERS.



(17.) Sections of Rivers, across the channels.

1. Mouth of the La Plata.—2. Amazon.—3. Orinoco.—4. Ganges.—Hoang He.—5. St. Lawrence.—6. Danube.—7. Rhine.—8. Connecticut.

336. RIVERS are chiefly supplied with water by the springs and snows of the mountains. The quantity depends in part on the elevation of the mountains from which it flows, and the extent of their snows or glaciers: but the magnitude of the stream increases generally, in proportion to the extent of country which forms the declivities of its basin.

This may be seen by comparing the various rivers of the earth, as represented on the maps. The basin of the Amazon is 3 millions of square miles in extent; or equal to the whole of Europe. The basins of the Mississippi and La Plata are 1½ millions of square miles each; or nearly equal to Russia.

337. In many instances the same mountains, or highlands, send their waters into different and distant seas; as is the fact with the Alps in Europe. Hence the sources of streams which empty into different oceans, are often very near each other; as those of the Columbia and Missouri Rivers. In such instances they sometimes communicate with each other, like the Illinois, and the Chicago of Lake Michigan, in the United States.

338. The basins of rivers sometimes pass into each other, so that the streams are connected. Thus the Amazon and Orinoco are connected by means of the Cassiquari.

339. There are some streams which dry up during the warm season, and are only filled during the months of winter, or of rain. Persia, and East Persia, present many examples of this kind; and the same fact is seen in the Canadian River, and other streams of the Great American Desert.

340. The current of rivers is at first occasioned by the descent of the ground; but this impulse sometimes drives them on, over ground which is almost level. Thus the Amazon descends only one-tenth of an inch in a mile, for the last 400 miles of its course;

and the Paraguay, one thirty-third of an inch in the same distance.*

In one part of its course, the Seine descends only one foot in a mile; and the Ganges, only nine inches.

341. The *course of rivers* is generally winding. This increases the length and difficulty of navigation; but it checks the velocity, which would otherwise prevent navigation entirely. The earth also is more thoroughly watered; and the destructive effects of a violent current are prevented.

342. *Those rivers, or portions of rivers, which flow through primary or transition countries,* meet with sudden declivities, and frequently roll through rocky channels, with steep rugged banks, which are not liable to change. They are often obstructed by bars, straits, falls, and rapids; and navigation is generally difficult, and often impracticable. The narrowness of the channels frequently renders *floods* very destructive.

343. These rivers generally empty by a *single mouth*, which is deep and unobstructed, so that the access from the ocean is easy. The *water* is usually pure; and the rapid descent of the streams produces *mill seats* in great abundance. The rivers of New-England furnish many examples to illustrate these remarks.

344. *The rivers of secondary and alluvial districts* flow with a slow, but powerful current. The channel is deep and unobstructed; and the streams navigable, often to their sources. Even the rapid rivers of primary regions, when they reach these level vales, often expand into broad and tranquil streams, resembling lakes.

Examples of these facts occur in the lower portions of the Mississippi, the Amazon, the Orinoco, the Nile, the Ganges, and the Rhine; and in the rivers of the secondary and alluvial regions of the United States, particularly in the Atlantic States, south of New-Jersey.

345. The *banks* of these streams are usually low, and gradual in their descent; and are composed of soft rocks or alluvial grounds, which are easily worn away by the waters. Hence the channel is very liable to change, especially in those rivers which are liable to floods. The waters of the Po flow several miles from their former channel.

346. *The streams of alluvions form marshes, savannahs, and rich meadows* on their banks, which are very fertile, but often extremely unhealthy; as in the Southern United States. The water is muddy and impure; and sometimes partially corrupted, from the sluggishness of the current.

347. *The country at the mouths of these rivers* is usually level ; and they divide into a number of channels, often obstructed with bars and shoals, by which the communication with the ocean is rendered difficult or dangerous.

348. The tract enclosed by these channels, is called a *delta* ; from the resemblance of its form to that of the Greek letter, Δ (delta.) It is usually divided into a number of small islands ; as in the Mississippi, the Nile, the Danube, and the Ganges.

349. *The course of rivers is not always along the regular line of descent.* They frequently pass through considerable chains of mountains ; as is the fact with the Amazon, the Missouri, the Rhine, the Rhone, and many others.

The *Elbe*, after traversing the basin of Bohemia, issues from it by breaking through the chain of Erzgebirge, on the north ; although the range on the south is less elevated. The Danube, after flowing for some distance along the foot of the Carpathian chain, passes through it. In Asia, the *Yenesai*, the *Obi*, and the [48] *Irtish*, pass through mountain chains. The *Indus* and the *Ganges*, break their course through the lofty ranges of the Himmaleh ; and the *Orinoco* and *Amazon* of South America, through the inferior ranges of the Andes. In the United States, almost all the great rivers pass through the chains of mountains. The *Missouri* and the *Potomac* have been mentioned. The *Hudson*, the *Delaware*, and the *James*, pass through the Blue Ridge ; and some rivers cross several chains of this range.

350. *The floods of rivers deposite* the heaviest articles which are brought down, in the bed, and on the banks of the stream ; and as they flow farther back, the water becomes clear, and deposites less. In this manner, the level of a stream is often permanently raised above the surrounding country.

Thus the waters of the Rhine, in Holland, and of the Adige and the Po, in Italy, are elevated above the level of the country ; and are only prevented from overflowing it by dykes. The Po flows above the level of the roofs in the neighbouring city of Ferrara.*

351. *Many rivers are lost*, or disappear in the earth, before they reach any extensive reservoir of water. In some instances, they appear to descend into caverns, and rise again at some distance. The Rhone is lost in this manner, on the borders of Switzerland, and rises again at the distance of 300 feet. The Guadiana of Spain is lost for several miles ; and a number of examples of the same kind occur in France and England.

352. Sometimes *rivers disappear*, in consequence of being *absorbed* by the earth, or evaporated by the heat. In some instances, they form small lakes which have no outlet, and are evaporated in this way. The Rio Dolce, and other rivers in the Pampas of Buenos Ayres, disappear in this manner ; and many examples occur in the deserts of Asia and Africa.

353. The waters of a stream are sometimes reduced by

drought, when it is termed *low water*. At other times, the melting of the snows, or heavy rains, fill their channels, and form *high water*; or raise them above the banks, and cover the surrounding country with a *flood*. The rise of a large stream frequently checks the current, and drives back the water of its branches; and thus extends the flood to a great distance.

354. *In the streams which descend immediately from mountains covered with snow*, as in the Alps, the heat of the Sun produces high water every day; and the increase is greatest in the hottest days.

355. Most of the large rivers on the earth are subject to *annual* or semi-annual *floods*, of greater or lesser extent. The St. Lawrence, of North America, is probably the only one which is not affected by rains or drought.

The level of its waters is changed only by winds. A west wind sometimes raises the Eastern extremity of Lake Erie six feet.

356. Floods are *most remarkable* and extensive in the Torrid Zone; and occur during the rainy season, or soon after. Those rivers which flow from *east to west*, as the Niger and Orinoco, [49] receive the rains in every part about the same time, and increase equally in all portions of their course. But in those which *flow north and south*, like the Nile and the Indus, the flood does not take place in the lowest parts of the stream, until some time after the rains have fallen at their sources. Rivers which receive numerous branches from an extensive basin, like the Mississippi, are usually irregular in their floods, from the variety of seasons in different portions of the basin.

357. The *floods* of the Nile, the Ganges, and the Mississippi, rise about thirty feet above the common level. The Ohio, and other branches of the Mississippi, often rise forty or fifty feet; and the Orinoco, from seventy to one hundred and twenty feet. The floods of the Orinoco, the Amazon, and the Ganges, cover the country for 100 miles in breadth.

In the floods of the Mississippi, its waters flow down on the adjacent country, producing an extensive range of swamps. It has been necessary on this account, to protect the cultivated lands by an embankment called the *Levee*; which extends for the distance of 200 miles on the *eastern shore*, and 300 on the *western*.

358. *The floods of rivers*, especially in the Torrid Zone, are often very *destructive*, sweeping away houses and villages. It was estimated that the flood of the Ganges in 1822, destroyed from 50,000 to 100,000 persons. At the same time they are *highly useful*, by leaving behind a deposit of vegetable mud or slime, which renders the vales of rivers the most fertile spots on the earth. Egypt is entirely dependent on the floods of the Nile, for watering, as well as fertilizing its lands.

359. The *current* of a river is often *so powerful*, that the waters may be distinguished from those of the ocean, at some distance from the shore, especially during a flood; as in the Amazon and Orinoco.

A British fleet lying opposite the mouth of the Rhone, occasionally took up fresh water at some distance from the shore. The waters of the Amazon are said to remain fresh, for 240 miles from the coast; and Columbus found his vessel in the fresh water of the Orinoco, before he discovered the continent of South America.

360. The level of rivers falling into the sea usually varies with the tides, for some distance from their mouths, which depends on the obstructions of the current and channel.

In the Amazon, the tide is perceived 400 miles from its mouth; in the Thames of England, 70 miles. In the Connecticut it ascends 50 miles; in the Hudson, 160; in the Potomac, 200; and in other rivers of the United States, it does not generally pass the limits of the alluvion.

361. The *current of a river in meeting with the tides* or waves of the sea, sometimes produces an elevated ridge of waters which obstructs the passage of ships; as in the Garonne of France. The force of the sea often prevails against the current, and a mountain wave rolls swiftly up the stream, overturning boats, inundating the banks, and often producing extensive destruction.

[50] This phenomenon is called the *bore*, in India; and in South America the *pororoca*. In the Garonne and Amazon, it occurs twice a day at the time of high tide. At the mouth of the Ganges, it occurs three times during every rise of tide, and often rises five feet instantaneously at Calcutta.

362. *The rivers of the earth may be arranged* according to their length, in twelve classes; as exhibited in the Comparative View of Rivers, in the following table.

Class.	Length.	Examples.
I.	3000 to 4000 miles.	Amazon, (S. A.)
II.	2000 to 3000 "	Nile, (Afr.)
III.	1500 to 2000 "	Orinoco, (S. A.)
IV.	1000 to 1500 "	Ohio, (U. S.)
V.	800 to 1000 "	Tigris, (Asia.)
VI.	600 to 800 "	Potomac, (U. S.)
VII.	500 to 600 "	James, (U. S.)
VIII.	400 to 500 "	Connecticut, (U. S.)
IX.	300 to 400 "	Hudson, (U. S.)
X.	200 to 300 "	Shenandoah, (U. S.)
XI.	100 to 200 "	Schuykill, (U. S.)
XII.	below 100 "	Lehigh, (U. S.)

363. America contains the largest rivers of the globe. The *Mississippi*, if we follow the Missouri (which supplies the greater part of its waters,) is the longest river in the world. The *Amazon* is not so long as the *Mississippi*; but in the magnitude of its basin, and the volume of its waters, it far surpasses this, and all other rivers. Its mouth is 50 miles wide. The *branches* of the Amazon and *Mississippi*, hold the second rank among the

rivers of the world; and compare with the largest on the continent.

364. The waters of the *St. Lawrence* expand into a chain of lakes, which cover a surface of 90,000 square miles. It thus ranks among the first rivers in point of grandeur. The *Paraguay* is unrivalled in the size of its estuary of fresh water, 150 miles wide, on which ships may sail without seeing the land. The *Orinoco*, although inferior in length, surpasses most rivers of the eastern continent in the volume of its waters. Its principal mouth is 25 miles in width.

365. The *Kiang* of China, is probably the first river on the eastern continent in length. Its course is about 2,200 miles; and its channel, for some distance, is two or three miles in width.

366. The *Ganges* is equally wide in the lower part of its course; and near its mouth, it is probably the largest stream in Asia.

367. The *Nile* holds the first rank among the rivers of Africa. It is remarkable that it does not receive a single branch, for the last 1,000 miles of its course. This has led many to believe, that it is a continuation of the *Niger*, according to the uniform account of the Moors.

368. The *Rivers of Europe*, although more celebrated in history, are much inferior in length and size to those of Asia and America.

369. In the following table, the principal rivers of the world are arranged in their classes, with their estimated length annexed.

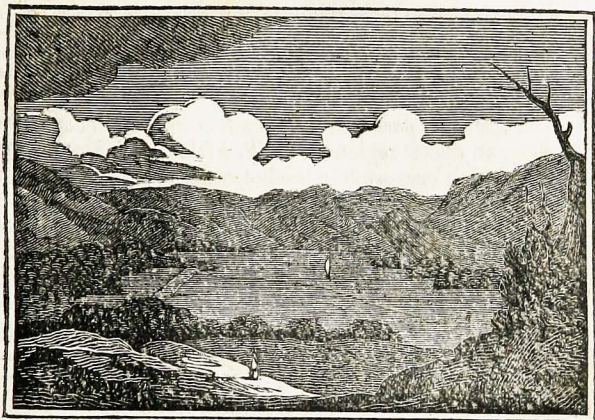
LENGTH OF RIVERS.

<i>First Class.</i>		Miles.	<i>Third Class.</i>		Miles.
<i>Am'azon</i>	}	4,000	<i>Dan'ube</i>	}	1,600
<i>Mis sis sip' pi</i>		3,000 to	<i>Gan'ges</i>		
<i>Mis sou' ri</i>		4,000	<i>O ri no'co</i>		
<i>Second Class.</i>			<i>Ma dei'ra</i>	}	
<i>Vol'ga</i>	}	above	<i>To can'tins</i>		
<i>Nile</i>		2,000	<i>La Plat'te'</i>		
<i>Kiang</i>			<i>Red River</i>		
<i>N'iger (prob.)</i>			<i>Colum'bia</i>		
<i>Ar'kan saw</i>			<i>Nel'son's River</i>		
<i>Mac ken'sie's River</i>		<i>Eu phra'tes</i>			
<i>Rio-del-nor'te</i>	}		<i>Burrampoo'ter*</i>		
<i>St. Law'rence</i>					
<i>Rio-de-la-Plata</i>		about	<i>In'dus</i>	1,300	
<i>(with the Paraguay)</i>		2,000	<i>Ira wad y*</i>	1,200	
<i>Ho ang-ho</i>			<i>Ten nes see'</i>	}	1,100
<i>A'mour</i>			<i>Yellow Stone</i>		
<i>Yen i se'i</i>					
<i>Me'con, or</i>			<i>* It is now believed that Burrampooter is distinct from the Sampoo, and that the Sampoo is a branch of the Iravady. This would elevate the Iravady to a higher class.</i>		
<i>Cam bo'dia</i>					
<i>O'by</i>					
<i>Le'na</i>					

Questions.—Mention the rivers of the first class in order. Where is the source of the Amazon, through what countries does it pass, and where does it empty? Give the same account of the Mississippi and Missouri. Which division of the earth contains them? Give the same account of other classes of rivers. Which is the largest river of Europe? Of Africa? Of America?

LAKES.

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(18.) *Lake of Derwentwater.*

370. LAKES are valleys filled with water, which have no direct communication with the ocean.

371. *Most lakes discharge their waters* through a river, into the ocean; and such are usually fresh. Some of them form the sources of rivers, and are supplied only by springs. Others receive and discharge rivers; and are, in fact, mere expansions of the stream, produced by some obstacle which raises the waters, like an artificial dam.

Thus the Lake of Geneva is only an expansion of the Rhine; and Lake Constance, of the Rhone. The River Irtysh passes through Lake Nor. Lake Baikal is traversed by the Angara; and the Abyssinian Nile expands into the Lake of Dembeah. The great lakes of North America are only expansions of the waters of the St. Lawrence.

372. *Some lakes are formed periodically* in this manner, during floods; which disappear when they subside. The Lake Xarayes, on the Paraguay River, is an example of this kind, which has been alternately written and effaced on the maps of South America.

373. Another class of lakes consists of those *which receive rivers, but have no visible outlet.* The waters are probably carried

off by evaporation. As there is no current to convey away the salts continually washed in from the surface of the land, such lakes are always salt, except in a few instances, in mountainous regions. The Caspian Sea, the Sea of Aral, and most of the lakes of Asia, Africa, and South America, are of this kind ; but they are rare in Europe and North America.

[54] Lake Urumea, one of the largest in Persia, is entirely salt. The Sea of Urrah, which receives the rivers Helmund and Ferrat, is fresh in the centre, but brackish near the shores. The celebrated Lake Asphaltites, or Dead Sea of Syria, is remarkable for the excessive saltness and bitterness of its waters. They are said to destroy the fish brought into it by the River Jordan and other small streams.

374. *Salt lakes are particularly abundant* in the hot countries, and the dry and desert regions of Asia, Africa, and South America. These often *evaporate* in the hot season, and leave a crust of salt on their beds, which forms a valuable mine.

375. Some lakes *contain soda*, or natron, which collects on the bottom in a similar manner. The most celebrated are the six Natron Lakes of Egypt, lying west of the Nile ; which furnish large quantities for commerce.

They are numerous in Hungary, and are found in Mexico and New Grenada. A lake in Maracaybo, (N. G.) deposits more than 1,000 pounds in two years ; which is taken from the bottom by Indian divers.

376. In Thibet, there is an insulated lake which deposits a peculiar salt, the *borax* or *tincal* of commerce, which is much used in soldering metals.

377. In the largest lakes, like those of North America, already mentioned, the *level of the waters* is rarely affected by rains or drought. Smaller lakes are often materially changed ; and some, as has been already stated, become entirely dry in the hot season.

The Lake of *Cirknitz*, in Illyria (Austria,) is remarkable for losing its waters through a number of apertures on the bottom, during the summer. They ascend with considerable force in September ; and abound with fish during the winter. They pass off entirely in June, and the bed becomes a fine pasture during the summer.

378. Large inland waters, like the Caspian Sea, and the lakes of North America, are subject to *storms* as violent and dangerous as those of the ocean. They are more sudden and more unsteady, on account of the mountains, which interrupt and vary the winds.

379. Some lakes are liable to sudden and *violent agitation*, without any visible cause. This is the fact with Lake Baikal, in Siberia ; Loch Lomond, in Scotland ; and Lake Wetter, in Sweden.

380. Loch Lomond is remarkable for *floating islands*, composed of twigs and brush, mingled with turf. They are found in some other lakes of Scotland, and in the lakes of Ireland, Swe-

den, France, Germany, and Italy. In one or two instances, they are of considerable size.

381. Lakes are often celebrated on account of the *scenery* around them; which of course varies with the geological character of the country.

382. *The lakes of primary regions*, like those of the Alps, of Norway, Sweden, Scotland, and Finland, are distinguished for the wild and romantic character of their scenery. Their shores are usually lined with rugged precipices and dark forests; and they are often studded with rocky islands, which add to their beauty.

Lake Maler, in Sweden, is said to have 1,200 islands; several of which [55] are covered by the city of Stockholm. The lakes of Geneva, Neufchatel, and Lucern, which are celebrated for their beauty, are situated among the Alps, more than 1,200 feet above the level of the sea.

Lake Baikal, in Siberia, is distinguished for the sublimity of its scenery.

383. *The lakes of secondary regions*, like those of Derwent-water and Windermere, in England, are characterized by the softer beauties of the landscape. The banks are gently undulating, and usually adorned by cultivation. (*See Engraving, No. 18.*)

Such is the aspect of the Lakes Lucarno, Maggiore, Como, and others in Italy, below the Alps. This is also the character of the lakes of Ireland. Those of Killarney are said to be among the most beautiful in the world.

384. *The lakes of alluvial districts* have low and level banks. They are often mere stagnant waters, with no beauty of scenery; and in some cases they produce unhealthy exhalations, from the marshes which border on them.

385. Lakes of this kind are *frequent* in alluvial coasts, and especially at the mouths of large rivers, like the Mississippi, and the Nile. They are formed by the bars and shoals common to such regions; and are usually connected with the sea, so as to partake of its saltness.

The shores of the Gulf of Mexico are lined with these lakes. Lakes Borgne and Ponchartr'n, at the mouth of the Mississippi, are the largest. The sounds of North Carolina have something of the same character. The Lakes Patos and Mirim, on the coast of Brazil, are of this kind. They are large and navigable bodies of water.

At the mouths of the Nile are the celebrated Lakes Mareotis, Aboukir, and Borlos, on the west; and Lake Menzaleh, on the east of Damietta.

386. *North America* is the most distinguished for the size of its lakes; which have even been the scenes of naval engagements. Lake Superior is the largest body of fresh water on the globe. The lakes of Nicaragua, in Mexico, and of Maracaybo, and Titicaca, South America, are also very large bodies of fresh water. These, as well as the great lakes of North America, are navigable for ships of any burthen.

387. The *Caspian Sea* of Asia is the largest inland body of water on the globe ; but its waters are salt, and it is supposed by some to have been formerly connected with the Black Sea, and the Sea of Aral.

388. *Lake Baikal* is the largest body of fresh water on the eastern continent ; but is less than Lake Superior.

389. Lakes Ladoga and Onega are *the largest in Europe*. Both are less than Lake Ontario.

390. *Africa* has few lakes. Lake Dembeah compares with the Lake of the Woods in size. The Lake of Tsad, recently discovered in Central Africa, which receives the Niger, is supposed to be as large as Lake Huron.

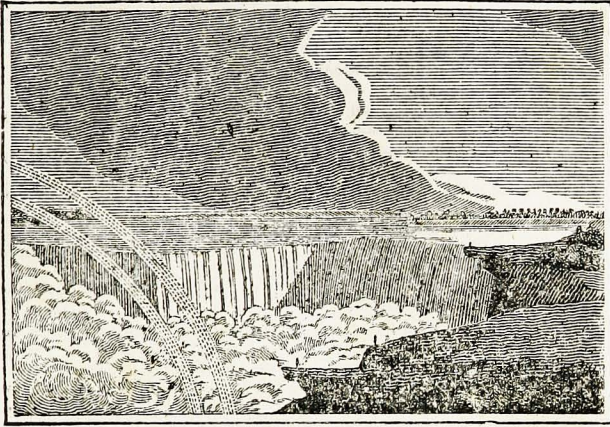
391. The following table shows the size of some of the principal lakes.—

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SIZE OF LAKES.

	Length.	Breadth.	Sq. Miles.
Caspian Sea	640	260	
Sea of Aral	250	120	
Lake Superior	360	100	35,000
Baikal	360	20—50	12,000
Huron	220	90	20,000
Michigan	300	70	15,000
Winnipeg	250	50	
Erie	230	45	10,350
Slave Lake	270	50	
Lake Maracaybo	200	70	
Ontario	180	40	7,200
Balkash (Chin. Tar.)	180	80	
Onega	130	70	
Ladoga	140	75	6,200
Nicaragua	120	41	
Champlain	128	15	
Wenner	80	30	
Malier	80	20	
Lake of the Woods	70	40	
Wetter	65	16	
Lake of Geneva	50	10	
Cayuga Lake	40	12	
Lake Constance	40	10	

(H.) FALLS AND CATARACTS.



(19.) Horse-shoe Fall at Niagara.

392. When a river passes down a sudden declivity, it produces *rapids*; when it flows over a precipice, it forms a *cataract*; when it falls from step to step in successive cataracts, it is often called a *cascade*. All these descents of water are termed *falls*.

393. The rivers of *primary* and *transition* countries abound in rapids, of [57] ten of considerable height. Sometimes they occur in *secondary* regions, but the descent is always more gentle. Falls are *almost always* found in the passage of streams from the primitive to the other formations; but rarely occur in *alluvial districts*.

Thus the line which divides the primitive and alluvial formations on the coast of the United States, is marked by the falls or rapids of its rivers; but none are found in the alluvion below.

394. *Rapids and falls* interrupt the navigation of rivers; but they are very useful in furnishing a cheap and convenient means of moving mills and other machinery, important to our comfort; and open sources of wealth in the most rugged countries.

In Holland, the West Indies, and other flat countries, the inhabitants are obliged to depend on mills moved by the wind, or the labour of animals; and some portions of the western United States also suffer much inconvenience for the want of mill-seats.

395. *Cataracts* are often remarkable for their sublimity and beauty. They are so numerous in all mountainous countries, that only a few can be described, as specimens of the whole.

396. The *Falls of Niagara*, in the river of the same name, surpass all others of the known world in grandeur. The whole mass of water, which forms the great inland seas of America, is here compressed into a channel of three-quarters of a mile in width, and plunges over a precipice of 150 to 160 feet in height, into an abyss whose depth has never been fathomed.

The river is divided by Grand and Navy Islands, more than a mile above the falls, and from this place has a gradual descent of 57 feet. The banks preserve the level of the country, and rise in some parts 100 feet from the water. The rapidity of the current is such that the whole stream is covered with waves, and foams like the sea in a storm. At the grand falls, the river is three-fourths of a

mile broad, and the precipice winds nearly in a semicircle, extending in the longest line on the American or eastern side.

397. The falls are divided by Goat Island into two principal portions; the *American Fall* on the east, and the *Horse-shoe Fall* on the west, or Canada side. A portion of the fall on the American side is cut off by a small island on the precipice, and forms a narrow sheet between this and Goat Island. The rest descends in one body from a precipice 164 feet in height, and 1000 feet in length. The water is more shallow than in the other fall, and descends almost perpendicularly. Both the falls on the American side are crossed by bridges.

The Horse-shoe Fall is 14 feet less in height, but far superior in grandeur. The great body of the water passes over this fall, and with such force that it forms a curved sheet, and strikes the stream below at the distance of 50 feet from the base of the precipice.

The wind and stream are frequently in a state which permits visitors to pass behind the sheet of water; but there is much danger of injury from the fall of rocks, which occasionally break off from the precipice.

The best view of the falls is from Table Rock, a projecting mass of rock on the Canada bank, in front of the Horse-shoe Fall.

[58]. 398. The concussion of the waters produces a shock and roar which has been described as "a thunder which fills the heaven and shakes the earth." The clouds of spray which rise from the bottom and conceal the source of this tumultuous roar from the spectator, ascend to the height of 100 feet above the precipice, and float away in varied shapes to a considerable distance. They are frequently illuminated with a rainbow. Sometimes three are visible in different parts of the cloud, and crown the sublimity of the scene with their dazzling splendour.

The whole river seems to be in a foam, and for some distance is agitated with a deep tremour or vibration, like the heaving produced by the shocks of an earthquake.* The emotions inspired by such a scene are beyond description. The mind is overwhelmed with a sense of the weakness and littleness of man, and the awful power of the Creator.

399. In describing this wonderful cataract, the most sublime features of all others are described. The foam, the roar, the clouds of vapour, and usually the rainbow, attend most cataracts in a greater or less degree. A minute account of others would involve the repetition of similar circumstances, less grand and interesting in their character.

400. The *River Montmorenci* forms a cataract 220 feet in height, 9 miles below Quebec, which is in full view from the St. Lawrence. The body of water is small, and the breadth only 50 feet. The waters appear like snow-white foam, enveloped in a cloud of vapour, and the whole effect is grand. The falls of the *River Chaudiere*, which are not far distant, are about 100 feet in height, and are surrounded with interesting scenery.

401. The *Mississippi* forms a cataract, 40 feet in height, above its junction with the Ohio, which is more conspicuous for beauty than grandeur. The stream is 700 feet in width; the country around is level and fertile, and there are no precipices to interrupt the view.

402. The *Missouri*, at the distance of 500 miles from its sources, descends 360 feet in 18 miles, generally in a series of rapids. There are three principal cataracts; the highest is 87, the second 47, and the third 26 feet in height. The river is 1,000 feet broad, and the whole scene is said to be surpassed by no other of the kind except Niagara.

403. The falls of the *Passaic*, a small river in New-Jersey, are among the most celebrated in the United States. They are situated at Paterson, about 15 miles from New-York. The river is 120 feet broad, and falls in one entire sheet into a chasin 70 feet in depth and 12 wide. Its waters form the moving power for one of the most considerable groups of manufactories in the United States.

* Dwight's Travels—the principal source of this description.

404. The *Mohawk* River, near its junction with the Hudson, forms the falls termed the Cohoes, about 60 feet in height. In the *Housatonic* River, in the north-western corner of Connecticut, is a cataract of the same height, which is the finest in New-England. When the river is high, it is said to surpass the Cohoes in grandeur.

405. The *small streams* of the United States abound in cataracts and cascades, too numerous to mention. In the mountainous districts of *South Carolina*, there are several of considerable height and beauty. The *Catawba* River, in one part of its course, is precipitated in several falls, through a rocky channel, to the depth of 100 feet.

406. In *Georgia*, there is an interesting cataract in the Tockoa Creek, which flows from the Cunawhee Mountain, the southern termination of the Alle- [59] gany Ridge. It passes through a channel 20 feet wide, over a precipice 187 feet high. In a wet season, it descends in one sheet; but in ordinary periods, the waters are separated into a fine rain, or spray, before they reach the bottom.

A similar cataract occurs in the small river Ache, in Bavaria. It falls over an elevation of 200 feet by five steps; and is entirely scattered in spray. Its noise is heard several miles; and the current of air is so strong as to drive back the visitor from the gulf.

407. The *Connecticut* River has several falls or rapids, of which the most remarkable is Bellows Falls, near Walpole. The river, when low, is compressed into a rocky passage, 16 feet in width, and rushes down with immense force, and a tumultuous roar. The whole scene is grand and striking. There is a similar rapid in the *Hudson* River, at Glen's Falls.

408. The *highest cataract in America* is that of Tequendama, in the River Bogota, or Funza, a branch of the Magdalena. This river rises in the lofty plain on which Bogota is situated, 9,000 feet above the sea, and is precipitated into the lower country through deep ravines, and over steep precipices; and finally plunges 600 feet into a deep chasm.

409. The *Cataracts of the Nile* have been very celebrated. They are described by Broce as overwhelming the mind by their grandeur; principally as it would appear from the wildness and desolation of the scene. The first cataract is at Syene, and the other at some distance above. The stream is narrow in both places; and the highest fall does not exceed forty feet.

410. The *primary regions of Europe* abound in cataracts. They are numerous among the mountains of Scotland, Norway, and Sweden. The torrents are seldom of great size; but the rocky beds, over which they roar and dash, in foam and spray—the dark, precipitous glens into which they rush—and the wildness of the whole scenery, often produce the most elevated emotions.

The most remarkable in Scotland is the Fall of Fyers. The River Gotha, which empties at Gottenburgh, has a fall of some celebrity, at Trohletta. It descends 100 feet, in four distinct portions of 25 feet each.

411. *One of the most considerable water falls in Europe* has lately been discovered in the River Lattin, in Swedish Lapland; which is said to be half a mile in width, and 400 feet in height. Another of immense size, has been discovered by Professor Esmark, in the River Maam-lven, in Norway. It consists of three separate falls; two of them upon inclined planes, and the last over a perpendicular descent. The whole height is 800 feet.

412. The *Alpine highlands* of Europe abound in cataracts, some of which are of immense height.

The cataract of the Rhine, near *Schaffhausen*, which is 450 feet broad, and 70 in height, is much celebrated for its grandeur. The River Orco, which descends from Mount Rosa into Italy, forms a cascade whose height is estimated at 2,400 feet.* The fall of the *Evanson*, flowing from the same mountain, is stated to be 1,200 feet high. At *Staubbach*, in the canton of Berne, in Switzerland, a small stream descends in a cataract 1,400 feet in height † In these instances the quantity of water is small, and the chief interest is produced by the height from which it descends.

* Pinkerton.

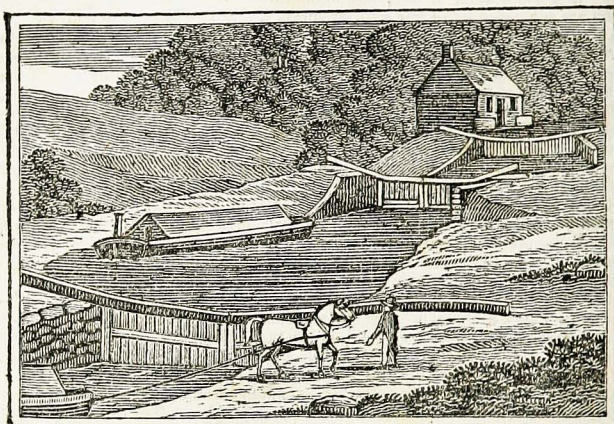
† Edinburgh Gazetteer.

[60] 413. In *Italy* are the falls of *Terni* and *Tivoli*; which are celebrated for beauty rather than grandeur.

At *Terni*, about 45 miles north of *Rome*, the *Evelino* plunges over a precipice of marble rocks, 300 feet high; which has given it the name of the *Marble Cascade*. The water descends by three steps, and falls into the *Nera*, a branch of the *Tiber*, with a noise like thunder. The waters are very clear; but they contain lime, which is deposited on the rocks, and often produces petrifications.

414. At *Tivoli*, 18 miles north-east of *Rome*, are the falls of the *Anio*, or *Teverino*, another branch of the *Tiber*. It glides with a gentle current, till it reaches the brink of the rock; and then precipitates itself, in one mass, to the depth of nearly 100 feet.

(II.) CANALS.



(20.) *Locks, on the Grand Junction Canal, (Eng.)*

415. *Canals* are artificial passages for water; constructed sometimes for the sake of irrigation, but generally for inland navigation.

They are supplied from natural streams, which are more elevated. As works of man, they do not properly belong to Physical Geography; but as channels of navigation, it is important to consider them in connection with the natural waters they are designed to unite.

416. When canals pass over level ground, as in *Holland*, *Egypt*, and other low countries, it is necessary only to dig a channel, and fortify it with banks. The expense is here comparatively small, and the navigation is carried on without interruption, by means of boats drawn by horses. They serve in fact, as a most perfect kind of road, on which a horse will draw thirty times as much as on land.

417. It is, of course, very important to preserve the level of a canal, even where the ground is irregular. *Valleys* which are not very extensive, are sometimes crossed by canals built on arches, to a great height. Numerous structures of [61] this kind, which are termed *aqueducts*, were built by the ancients to supply cities with water; and many still exist in *Italy*, *Spain*, and *France*. Artificial embankments often serve in place of aqueducts.

Modern canals are frequently carried across valleys and rivers in this manner. The passenger in *England*, will frequently see a boat sailing over his head, across the road he is travelling; and those who navigate the rivers, often see other boats moving, as if by magic, in a stream which flows over them at a great height.

The Grand Canal of New-York, presents several examples of this kind, which exhibit, in a striking manner, the powers of modern art.

418. In passing *mountains and hills*, which cannot be avoided, or cut down, subterranean passages are sometimes dug through them, which are called *tunnels*. The water is conducted through them, so that boats can pass on without interruption; and the traveller seems to enter the bowels of the earth.

An excavation of this kind in a branch of the Duke of Bridgewater's Canal, is nearly a mile in length, through a solid rock, in some places 120 feet below the surface. Those of the Canal of Languedoc, are only 375 and 543 feet in length, and 9 feet in diameter.

419. *Canals are usually carried over heights of land* by less expensive means.

The *canals of China* are rendered navigable on declivities, by means of flood-gates, which form a temporary dam. They raise the water to a considerable height on the top of the declivity, and are opened at stated hours in the day, when the boats collect, and are allowed to pass down the torrent formed by the accumulated waters. Where the declivity is too great to admit of this, they are obliged to resort to powerful engines, by which the boats are drawn up along an inclined plane, and let down in the same manner.

420. In European canals, great improvements have been made by the use of *locks*. These are no more than a succession of tight reservoirs, or basins of water, built on the declivity, one a little below the other, which are closed by flood-gates at both ends, and are alternately filled and emptied to enable the boats to descend gently.

421. In descending, the water of the first lock is gradually let off into the second, until the water, and the boats upon it, sink to the level of the second. The flood-gates are then opened, and the boats of the upper lock pass into the second. The waters of the second then flow into the third, until they are on the same level, and the boat passes without any shock or danger into the third; and so on to the bottom of the declivity.

In the same manner a boat may pass in the opposite direction, from the lower lock to the second; and may gradually rise to the summit of the hill, without any exertion of force. This is repeated whenever a boat is to pass, and renders the navigation easy and safe.

422. Canals are often constructed around the *falls and rapids* of rivers, to aid in their navigation. But they are frequently formed along the banks of unobstructed streams, in order to avoid the inconveniences arising from the droughts of some seasons, and the floods of others, and the uncertainty and danger of a navigation depending on winds and currents.

423. The *Imperial Canal of China* is the most extensive monument of human industry, of this kind, in the world. It extends 500 miles, from the neighbourhood of Peking to the Yellow River. At its entrance into this stream, it is three quarters of a mile in width. Its construction, however, is very imperfect.

424. The *longest canal in Europe* is that of Languedoc, in France, which [62] connects the Mediterranean Sea with the River Garonne. The whole distance is 140 English miles, and it is navigated by boats of 100 tons. It passes one ridge, through a tunnel 543 feet in length.

425. The *Canal of the Centre*, in France, uniting the Saone to the Loire, is 71 miles long. About 4,000 boats pass annually.

The Canal of *Burgundy*, uniting the Saone to the Seine, which is partially completed, will be 148 miles in length. The Canal of *Picardy*, forming a part of the navigation from the Scheldt to the rivers of France, is remarkable for two tunnels, one of which is more than 3½ miles in length, and 26 feet in width.

426. The *Canal of Kiel*, or Holstein, passes across the isthmus of Denmark, from the Baltic to the North Sea. It is the largest on the continent; admitting sea vessels of 120 tons, and sometimes 2000 in a year.

427. There are several canals which *connect the rivers of the Baltic* with one another, and with those of the Caspian and Black Seas. But they are generally of no great length; and passing through a level country, are destitute of any remarkable exhibitions of skill or labour. The *longest* is the Canal of *Lodoga*, which passes more than 60 miles, along the bank of that lake, in order to avoid the irregularities of its navigation.

428. *England* is not excelled by any other country, for skill and enterprise in the structure of canals. More than 2,400 miles of artificial navigation have been formed, in various parts of the kingdom.

429. One of the principal canals is the *Grand Trunk*, which passes from the River Mersey, 99 miles to the Trent, near the centre of the kingdom; and thence, 40 miles to the Severn; making in the whole about 140 miles. From the *Grand Trunk*, the *Oxford Canal* extends 90 miles to that city. From the upper part of the *Oxford Canal*, a branch of 100 miles is carried into the Thames, a short distance above London; which connects this metropolis with the great system of artificial navigation in the interior, and is called the *Grand Junction*.

The *Ellesmere and Chester Canal*, connects the Rivers Mersey, Dee, and Severn, by two lines, crossing each other. It contains an aqueduct of iron, 1,000 feet long, and 126 feet high; probably the largest ever constructed.

430. In *Scotland*, the *Caledonian Canal*, which connects the Murray Frith on the eastern coast, with the Atlantic Ocean, is 59 miles in length, (37 of which are in natural waters,) and is navigable for frigates of 32 guns. The *Forth and Clyde Canal* admits vessels which draw 8 feet of water. The whole expense of this canal was only 200,000*l*, and the annual revenue varies from 40,000 to 50,000*l*.

431. The *Grand Canal of Ireland* extends from the Liffey, at Dublin, 83 miles, to the River Shannon. The *Royal Canal*, which is north of this, extends in a parallel line, seldom 10 miles distant from it, from Dublin to another portion of the Shannon. There are several branches extending to various rivers and towns, by which the capital is connected with the western and southern coast, and principal towns of the kingdom.

432. In the *United States*, the *Middlesex Canal*, was the first of any magnitude. It was commenced in 1790. It passes across the peninsula between the Merrimac River, and Boston Harbour, a distance of 31 miles. It admits boats of 14 tons, which are drawn by one horse, 3 miles an hour. Packet boats pass down the whole length in 5 hours, and go up in 7.

433. The *next canal of importance*, executed in the United States, was from the Santee to the Cooper River, in South Carolina. It is 22 miles in length, and [63] admits boats of 20 tons. The *Great Dismal Canal*, passing through the swamp of this name, in North Carolina, is not entirely executed; but even now, proves very useful.

There are several canals in the flat alluvial delta of the Mississippi, intended to connect its various channels.

434. The *third extensive canal* finished in the United States, was the Northern Canal of New-York, from Whitehall, on Lake Champlain, to Fort Edward, on the Hudson. It passes in part through the channels of small streams, and the navigation is extended around the obstructions in the Hudson River, to Albany.

435. The *most important canal* in the United States, and the longest in the world, except the Imperial Canal of China, is the *GRAND WESTERN CANAL* of New-York. It passes along the Mohawk River, generally above its level, to Rome; and thence westward, across the head of the small lakes, and over the Genesee River, to Lake Erie, at Buffalo.

It rises about 526 feet above the level of the Hudson River, and contains in the whole about 80 locks, with several considerable embankments and aqueducts. It was commenced in 1817, and finished in 1825.

436. A number of *short canals* have been constructed at the falls of rivers in the United States. The navigation of the Connecticut, the Potomac, the James, and other rivers have been considerably extended by this means.

Some of the *most interesting* works of this kind are on the Connecticut River, at South Hadley. The upper fall is passed by a canal; the lower by means of an inclined plane of stone. A car with wheels is sunk beneath the boat in the lower canal, and is then drawn up by means of a water wheel, and landed in the upper canal in 15 minutes.

437. Canals have been commenced to unite Delaware River with the Hudson and Susquehanna, and Delaware Bay with the Chesapeake. Others are also proposed in various parts of the country.

A more particular account of the various lines of canal navigation, will be given under the head of Inland Navigation, in the account of the grand divisions of

the world. The following table exhibits the size and greatest elevation of the principal canals in the world. *

Canals.	Connecting	Long	Broad	Deep	Elev.	Locks.
		n.	feet.	feet.	feet.	
Imperial, Chinese,	Pekin and Canton,	n. 500				
Western, N. York,	Hudson and Erie,	360	40	4	526	89
Languedoc,	Garonne and Mediter.	140	64	6	207	103
Grand Trunk,	Mersey and Trent,	140	30		3.6	89
Leeds and Liverpool,	L. and L.—England,	140		4½	483	
Grand Junction,	Thames and Grand Tr.	100	36	4½	395	121
Grand Irish,	Shannon and Liffey,	83	40	5	240	44
Central, France,	Saone and Loire,	71	48	5½	400	80
Ladoga,	Along L. Ladoga,	67½	70	7	level	
Orleans, France,	Loire and Seine,	45	30	4½	137	28
Caledonian,	Atlantic and Murray Frith.	59	110	20	94	
Forth and Clyde,	Forth and Clyde,	35		8	160	39
Middlesex,	Merrimac and Boston,	31	54	4	107	16
Kiel,	Baltic and North Sea,	22	100	10	27	3
Santee,	Santee and Cooper Rivers,	22	35	4	68	13
Champlain,	Champlain and Hudson,	22	40	4	140	42

GRAND DIVISIONS OF THE EARTH.

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438. The *Grand Divisions* of the Earth are also natural divisions. *South America* and *Africa* are obviously mere projections of their respective continents; the former connected only by the sand-hills of Suez; the latter, by the rocky isthmus of Darien. *Europe* also is evidently a distinct projection of Asia; although the breadth of the land at its union renders it difficult to assign a satisfactory boundary; and *Asia* remains as the nucleus or centre of the old world.

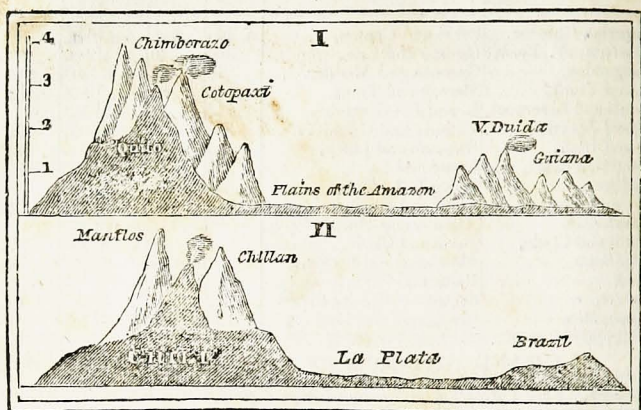
The English Geographers have generally considered the boundaries of Europe as formed by the Ural Mountains, the Volga, and the Don; but the more natural and distinct course seems to be by the Ural Mountains and River to the Caspian; and from the southern extremity of this sea, by the boundary of the Russian Empire, to the Black Sea. By this course we embrace Georgia and Circassia, where the European race exists in the greatest perfection, and whence, perhaps, it originated.

The Eastern Continent is distinguished for the antiquity of its empires and cities, and the splendour of its works of art. But the Western Continent is most remarkable for the magnificence of its natural features; and excels all other divisions of the world in the grandeur of its mountains, lakes, rivers, and cataracts.

The following articles contain a connected description of the surface and natural features of each of the grand divisions, agreeably to the physical boundaries, marked by seas, mountains, and rivers.

* The reader is referred to page 336, for additional statements on the subject of canals.

SOUTH AMERICA.



(20.) *Physical Sections of South America, from east to west.*
 I Northern Part.—II. Southern Part.

439. SOUTH AMERICA has a very irregular surface, and embraces some of the loftiest mountains, the most extensive plains and basins, and the largest rivers in the world.

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MOUNTAINS.

440. *The Andes*, and their subordinate chains, give character to the whole surface of South America. The principal chain runs from north to south, its distance from the shores of the Pacific Ocean varying from one to two hundred miles; and appears to continue, as already stated, through the Isthmus, along the coast of North America. Its height is by no means uniform. In some places it rises to more than 20,000 feet, while in others, it sinks to less than 1,000 feet above the level of the sea. The whole range seems based upon volcanic fires, and numerous peaks are continually burning.

441. This vast trunk sends forth *several branches* towards the east, in the southern part of the continent, nearly at right angles to its principal direction. *The most celebrated* of these secondary chains is that which stretches along the northern coast of South America, towards the island of Trinidad, and is often called the *Chain of Venezuela*. Its summits, according to Humboldt, are from 14,000 to 15,000 feet in height.

442. *The second*, or middle of these chains, leaves the main ridge between the third and sixth degrees of south latitude, and stretches towards the east to an unexplored extent, though it has been traversed for about 600 miles. Its highest points are inferior to those of the former ridge.

443. *The third lateral branch* makes almost a semi-circular sweep between 15 and 20 degrees of south latitude, passing through the province of Chiquitos, and is hence called by Humboldt the Cordillera, or chain of Chiquitos. It appears to connect the main body of the Andes with the mountains of Brazil and Paraguay, supplying the rivers that feed the Amazon from its northern declivity, and the branches of the La Plata from the southern. Its precise direction, elevation, and structure, are but imperfectly known.

444. Different portions of the Andes present the greatest diversity of *aspect and character*. In some parts, the vast summits constitute only one ridge; but in others they are arranged in two or three. *In Chili* the breadth of the Andes is about 120 miles, forming one compact chain. *In Peru*, they divide into three distinct and parallel chains, which continue to about the sixth or seventh degree of south latitude. In the province of *Quito* they form only two ridges, which unite further north. The distance of the western ridge from the sea here exceeds 100 miles; the crests are seven or eight leagues from each other; and the plain that separates their bases is five or six leagues in width. Within this narrow limit a vast population is concentrated, and towns have been built containing from 30,000 to 50,000 inhabitants each.

445. *The principal ridge* of the Andes generally rises abruptly, with numerous and frightful precipices, hiding its lofty summits in the clouds, or rising with awful majesty into the pure regions of the air above them. They are *remarkable* for the number of immense chasms, termed quebradas, which are found among them. They are covered with perpetual snow; but the uniform temperature of the equatorial [66] and tropical regions prevents the formation of *glaciers*. Their declivities present all the varieties of climate and productions found upon the globe.

PHYSICAL DIVISIONS.

446. By means of the Andes and their branches, South America may be considered as *divided* into five principal parts—the western declivity—the basin of the Orinoco—the basin of the Amazon—the basin of the Paraguay—and the southern extremity.

The *western declivity* has an abrupt descent towards the Pacific Ocean, admitting only of short, rapid streams, which are often mere torrents. It is chiefly occupied by Chili and Peru. Only a small part of these countries approaches the level of the sea.

447. Between the southern and middle branches of the Andes lies the vast alluvial *basin of the Amazon*, 2000 miles in length, and 1500 in breadth, covering about three millions of square miles, or nearly half the surface of South America. In examining the northern physical section of South America, (No. 20) it will be seen that this tract is generally a plain, which rises very little above the level of the sea. The astonishing fertility of the soil, and the numerous streams which intersect it, combine with the heat of a tropical climate to produce the most luxuriant vegetation.

448. On the north of the middle range is the *basin of the Orinoco*, which is much less extensive, but not less fertile. It embraces the greater part of Venezuela, with its vast steppes or llanos, extending about 1000 miles from east to west, and pervaded by navigable streams in almost every part.

449. South of the Andes of Chiquitos is the *basin of the Paraguay*, more than a million of square miles in extent, embracing the immense plains or pampas of Buenos Ayres. The natural fertility of the soil is not less than in the basin of the Amazon; and many parts are equally productive. In other portions, the want of water, and the diminished heat of the climate, render vegetation less luxuriant.

450. *Around the ridge of Chiquitos*, is a considerable extent of elevated table-land, which seems to form the centre of the continent, and from which the country descends in all directions. It is much diversified, however, with mountains and valleys. At the heads of the Topayos and Madeira Rivers, are those barren, sandy plains, called the *Campos Parexis*, which embrace some of the most valuable gold mines of Brazil. West of the Madeira, it includes the mountainous region which contains the rich silver mines of Peru and La Plata.

451. Many of the *valleys and plains of this table-land* are very fertile; especially in Paraguay and the western part of La Plata. Their elevation in these tropical regions, renders the *climate* a perpetual spring, and enables them to furnish the productions of the Temperate, as well as of the Torrid Zone. The greater part of Chili and Peru, and the elevated valleys which lie between [67] the ridges of the Andes, in La Plata, New Granada, and Venezuela, have the same delightful and healthy

climate. But they are often desolated by the eruptions and earthquakes produced by the volcanic fires of their mountains.

452. The descent from the central table land, towards the eastern coast, is gradual. After forming a considerable valley, the land again rises with a gentle acclivity, into the chain called the *Brazilian Andes*, which lines the whole coast of Brazil from the River La Plata to Cape St. Roque. This chain descends abruptly towards the ocean, sometimes bordering immediately upon it, and sometimes at a short distance. The greatest height is probably about 4,000 feet. The passages are difficult, and the commerce from the interior to the ocean is carried on by means of mules.

INLAND NAVIGATION.

453. The inland navigation of South America is entirely confined to natural streams. The rivers on the western declivity descend too rapidly, and have too much of the irregularity of mountain torrents, to admit of any important navigation.

454. The rivers *Magdalena* and *Cauca* admit of navigation for flat bottomed boats to the interior of New Granada; but it is attended with considerable difficulty, and often with danger. These streams, and their branches, were used to some extent in the commerce between Europe and the countries on the western side of the Andes.

A branch of the River Atrato, which falls into the Gulf of Darien, rises within a few leagues of the Pacific Ocean, and might be connected with it by a canal. Another branch of this stream has long been connected by a small canal with the River St. Juan which falls into the Gulf of Guayaquil, and during the seasons of high water, boats pass from sea to sea.

All the produce of the mines, and other valuable exports of Peru, and New Granada, were formerly carried over the Andes on mules, or llamas, and thence conveyed to the Caribbean Sea, by some of the streams which flow into it. The chief place of communication was by means of the River Chagres, or Cruces, which empties into the sea not far from Porto Bello. It is navigated by boats as far as the village of Cruces, whence the goods are conveyed by land, twenty-five miles, to Panama. It has been proposed to connect the two oceans by means of a canal at this place.

455. The basin of the *Orinoco* is furnished with great facilities for inland navigation, by means of this river and its branches; and through the River Meta, it is extended to the foot of the Andes. But the rapidity of its current, and the variety of its eddies and counter-currents, often produce great difficulty and delay. The main stream is obstructed by falls, in passing through a branch of the Andes, at Apures. Only seven of its 50 mouths are navigable; and boatmen sometimes wander for days among

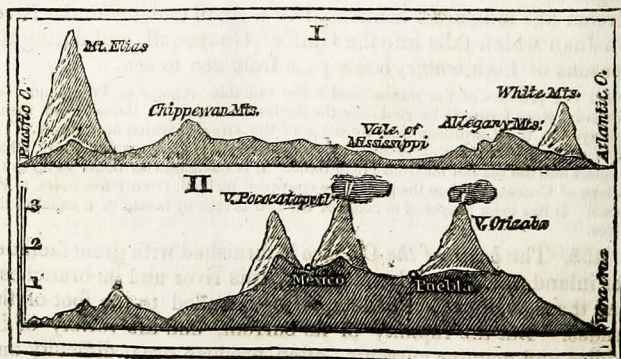
the numerous islands and currents of its delta, before they can find their way to the place desired.

456. The *basin of the Amazon* is traversed by numerous navigable streams. The immense size and depth of the Amazon, would admit of a ship navigation from 1,000 to 2,000 miles, did not the rapidity of its current prevent. The boat navigation extends about 3,000 miles, to the Pongo, or rapids at Jaen, [68] where it passes a subordinate chain of the Andes. The uninhabited, or savage state of the country, has prevented travellers from exploring its branches to any great extent. By means of the Cassiquiari, a stream which flows from the Negro, the Amazon communicates with the Orinoco, and a boat navigation is opened between the two basins.

457. The *La Plata*, or *Paraguay*, opens to the ocean with an estuary, 180 miles in breadth. The entrance is somewhat dangerous on account of its sand banks, and the violent winds called *pamperos*, which frequently sweep over it from the neighbouring pampas. It is said to be navigable for ships 1,000 miles, to Assumption; and for boats, about 800 miles farther.

By the *Parana*, *Pilcomayo*, and *Vermeyo*, the navigation of the *La Plata* is extended through a considerable tract of country to their very sources. The *Parana* is interrupted by a rapid in latitude 24° , which is passed with great difficulty. The *Pilcomayo* furnishes a conveyance to the ocean, for the rich products of *Potosi* and the mining regions around it.

NORTH AMERICA.



(21.) *Physical sections of North America.*

- I. *From the Atlantic to the Pacific in the United States.*—
- II. *From Vera Cruz, across Mexico.*

458. *NORTH AMERICA is united with South America* on the west, by the rocky Isthmus of Darien. *On the east*, the West India Islands form a chain of connection, supposed by some to have been once uninterrupted. They appear to belong to a single chain of mountains; which may be traced from the north-western point of Cuba, through the mountains of St. Domingo and Porto Rico, and a number of lofty peaks on the Caribbean Islands, to the shores of Venezuela. Several volcanoes and volcanic mountains are found in different parts of the range.

It is *connected with Asia* on the west, by a similar chain, the Aleutian or Fox Islands, which are also the seats of volcanic [69] fires. The two continents are only 40 miles distant, at Beering's Straits.

MOUNTAINS.

459. North America is unrivalled for the magnitude of its *lakes*, and yields only to South America in the size of *its rivers and basins*; but its *mountains* are generally inferior to those of the other grand divisions. It is traversed by *two great chains* of primitive highlands; the Rocky or Chippewan Mountains, on the western side, and the Apalachian Chain, embracing the Allegany Ridge and the White Mountains, on the east.

460. The great *western chain* commences at the Isthmus of Darien, in a range of low mountains, and may be considered as a continuation of the Andes of South America. *On proceeding north*, it rises into the elevated table-land of Mexico, 9,000 feet above the sea; with its ridge of lofty peaks, termed the Cordilleras; of which Popocatepetl, and Orizaba, are the highest. The plain continues to the northern part of Mexico, and terminates in the *table-land* of the Rocky or *Chippewan Mountains*; which is about 50 miles in breadth, and forms a part of the declivity from these mountains to the Mississippi River. This table-land is probably 3,000 feet above the sea, and from it, the mountains rise abruptly into lofty peaks and ridges, interspersed with many broad and fertile valleys. Their sides present the usual varieties of climate and vegetation. The upper portions above the limits of common herbage, are almost naked, even of moss.

461. *The highest peaks* are covered with perpetual snow, and are visible 100 miles from their base. The only heights ascertained with certainty, are James' Peak, 11,500 feet, and Long's (or Highest) Peak, 12,500, which lie near the sources of the Arkansas and Platte Rivers.* The average breadth of this chain

* Major Long's Narrative.

is from 50 to 100 miles. It runs nearly parallel with the coast of the Pacific Ocean, at the distance of several hundred miles and probably extends to the Arctic Circle.

462. *A branch of the Chippewan Mountains* extends to Hudson's Bay, between 50° and 60° north latitude, and proceeds south-east, to the source of the Ottawa or Ottawas River. Thence it turns north-east, and runs to the coast of Labrador separating the rivers which fall into Hudson's Bay, from those which fall into the great lakes, and the St. Lawrence.

463. *Along the coast of the Pacific* is another range which seems to form a step to the Chippewan Mountains. It extends from the Cape of California, through this peninsula, along the coast to Cook's Inlet, generally rising to no great height in the southern portion. In the northern part, La Perouse states that it is 10,000 feet high; and at its northern extremity is Mt. Elias, 18,000 feet high, which is the loftiest peak of North America.

464. In following the course hitherto pursued, of tracing the mountains from south to north, we find the chains east of the [70] Andes, entirely interrupted, except in the chain of the West India Islands, by the Gulf of Mexico, and the alluvial grounds which lie north of it.

Immediately on their borders, *east of the Mississippi River*, a confused group of mountains rises gradually from the level of the sea, to the height of 3,000 or 4,000 feet, which seems to form the root of the great *Apalachian Chain*, or the eastern chain of America. This chain traverses the United States, with few interruptions, through their whole length, extending in various ridges from south-west to north-east, nearly parallel to the coast, and dividing the streams which flow into the Atlantic, from the branches of the Mississippi and the great chain of lakes.

465. The *Allegany Ridge* is the principal or central ridge, and sometimes its name is given to the whole chain.* It *commences* in the northern part of Georgia, and forms the boundary between North Carolina and Tennessee, under the names of the White, Smoky, Bald, Iron, and Yellow Mountains, which are given to various parts according to their appearance. *On entering Virginia*, it assumes the name of the Allegany Ridge, which it retains through Virginia, to its apparent termination in Pennsylvania. It is sometimes considered as continuing by a range of highlands, till it terminates in the Catskill Mountains, west of the River Hudson.

* It is thought advisable, to avoid the confusion which would arise from this, by substituting the name, Apalachian.

466. *Two considerable branches* from Tennessee, unite with the Alleghany ridge; the Clinch Mountains on the south side of the Tennessee River, and the Cumberland on the north. The Cumberland Mountains commence near the River Ohio, and separate the Rivers Kentucky and Tennessee, through their whole course.

467. The *Blue Ridge* is a lower subordinate chain, which lies between the Alleghany Ridge, and the Atlantic Ocean. It commences near the same spot with the Alleghany Ridge, and traverses the Atlantic States, at the distance of 50 or 100 miles from the coast, until it terminates at West Point, on the Hudson River.

468. Here the Blue Ridge appears to be connected with the *Taghonnuc Range*; which passes through the western part of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and unites with the *Green Mountains*. Considerable branches also pass off, connecting the Green Mountains with the range of the *White Mountains*, which gradually diminish in height, and *terminate* near the Gulf of St. Lawrence, in the highlands that separate the waters of this gulf from those of the Atlantic, and form the northern boundary of the United States.

469. In *Virginia and Pennsylvania* there are a number of *ridges*, west of the Alleghany, which occupy most of the western portions of these states. In Pennsylvania, the two principal between the central ridge and Pittsburgh, are the Laurel Ridge, and Chesnut Ridge.

470. The *general breadth of the Apalachian chain*, is from 100 to 180 miles. Its *course* is nearly parallel to the coast. In point of *height* it is surpassed by most of the great mountain chains of the globe. The *loftiest summit* is Mount Washington, the principal peak of the White Mountains, which rises 6,634 feet above the level of the sea.

The *average height* of the Apalachian chain south of New-York, is from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. No portion attains the height necessary for perpetual snow, or the production of glaciers.

Moose Hillock, in New-Hampshire, is 4,636 feet in height; Mansfield Mountain and Camel's Rump, in Vermont, Saddle Mountain in Massachusetts, Round Top, among the Catskill Mountains, Otter Peak in Virginia, and Table Mountain in South Carolina, are about 4,000 feet high.

471. Although some parts of the range are primitive, there are few examples of the rugged, awful *character* exhibited by the Alpes and the Andes. The summits are generally rounded, and the declivities accessible with comparative ease.

472. The *White Mountains* of New-Hampshire have more of

the rough, precipitous appearance of primitive mountains, than most others in the United States. They are diversified with deep chasms, numerous cascades descending from precipices, and forming some of the most sublime and romantic scenes which our country presents. They comprise a long range of proud eminences, of which Mount Washington is the commanding peak. During nine, ten, and sometimes eleven months of the year, their summits are covered with snow; and in clear weather, they are surrounded or capped with white fleecy clouds.*

These circumstances have given them their name, and render them visible to a great distance at sea in serene weather. They are surrounded with three zones, above the region of cultivation. The first is covered with a growth of stunted evergreens, a few inches in height; the second produces nothing but moss; and the upper region is a mass of naked rocks.

473. *The northern primary region of the United States*, or New-England, is traversed by a system of mountains, whose ranges generally follow the course of its rivers. The principal and central range is that of the *Green Mountains*, which commence in the precipitous bluff of West Rock, at New-Haven, in Connecticut, and pass through Litchfield, into Massachusetts and Vermont, declining in height as they approach 48 degrees of latitude, and thence forming the highlands between Maine and Lower Canada.

The principal peaks are Mt. Tom, in Litchfield county, Connecticut: Killington Peak, near Rutland; the Camel's Rump, 1½ miles south east of Burlington; and Mansfield Mountains, north-east of this place, in Vermont.

474. On the west of the Green Mountains is the *Taghonnuc Range*, which commences near Norwalk, in Connecticut, and passing through the western parts of Massachusetts and Connecticut, unites with a low spur of the Green Mountains, south of Middlebury, in Vermont.

475. *The principal eminences in this range*, are Taghonnuc [72] Mountain in the western part of Massachusetts, and a spur, called from its form, Saddle Mountain, which passes off near the northern boundary of Massachusetts, through Williamstown.

Saddle Mountain is the highest point in Massachusetts, 4,000 feet above the level of the sea. Its length is about six miles, and it is visible at great distances, from the surrounding states.

476. On the east of the Green Mountains, is a range which commences at East Rock, near New-Haven; and forming in its course the peak of Mount Carmel, and the Farmington and Talcott Mountains, it passes the Connecticut River at Northampton and leaves a channel for its waters between Mount Tom and

* Dwight's Travels, from which the account of New-England is chiefly taken.

Mount Holyoke. Not far from this place, it unites with a similar, but lower range, which runs from Lyme, near the mouth of the Connecticut River; and both proceed in a single range, which has been called the *White Mountain Range*, through Massachusetts and New-Hampshire, to the northern boundary of the United States.

The chief eminences are Mount Tom, Mount Holyoke, and Mount Toby, near Sunderland, in Massachusetts; Monadnock, near the southern boundary of New-Hampshire; Sunapee Mountain, near Fishersfield; Moose Hillock, eight miles from Haverhill; and the White Mountains. Ascutney, near Windsor, in Vermont, and Wachuset, in Princeton, in Massachusetts, are two detached mountains about 3,000 feet in height.

477. In *New-Hampshire*, there are several ranges which pass from east to west, uniting the White Mountain range with the Green Mountains.

478. Little is known of the *mountains of Maine*. Mount Katahdin is a lofty peak, which has not yet been examined or measured.

PHYSICAL DIVISIONS.

479. The great mountain chains of North America, divide it into *four principal declivities*: 1. The western declivity of the Chippewan Mountains; 2. The northern declivity, descending from the head waters of the great lakes, towards the Arctic Ocean; 3. The eastern declivity of the Apalachian Chain; and 4. The great southern declivity, or basin of the Mississippi, which may be considered as extending along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, to the foot of the Cordilleras. The *basin of the St. Lawrence* forms another grand division of the Continent, lying between the northern and southern declivities.

480. The *western declivity* of the Chippewan Mountains is chiefly inhabited by Indian tribes, and has been very little examined. The *southern portions* forming a part of Mexico, are well watered and fertile.

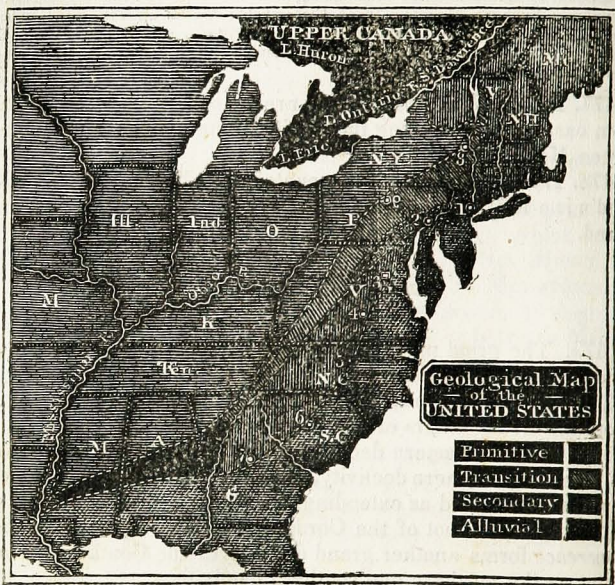
The *great table-land of Mexico* is a very productive region, so elevated that it enjoys the climate of the Temperate Zone, far within the tropics. The only defect is the want of water, which is sometimes destructive to their harvests.

481. The *northern declivity*, extending from the highlands bordering on the lakes, to the Arctic Ocean, is also little known. From the discovery of coal and salt springs by Mackenzie, it is supposed to be a continuation of the great secondary region of [73] the Mississippi. It has numerous rivers and lakes; but it appears to resemble Siberia in its dreary aspect and inhospitable climate.

and affords a scanty subsistence to the Indians who wander through it in pursuit of game and furred animals.

482. The eastern, or *Atlantic declivity*, comprises the primary region east of the Hudson River; and the alluvial region thence extending south to the Gulf of Mexico.

The geological divisions of the United States will be most easily understood from an inspection of the following map.



The letters are the initials of the States. The figures refer to the places mentioned below. The formations are indicated by the various modes of shading, as explained on the map.

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| 1 New-York. | 4 Richmond. | 7 Milledgeville. |
| 2 Philadelphia. | 5 Raleigh. | 8 Albany. |
| 3 Washington. | 6 Columbia. | 9 Williamsport. |

483. The alluvion of the eastern declivity, commences on the southern shore of Long Island, and extends between the Atlantic Ocean and the primary ridges of the Apalachian Chain, until it passes round the southern extremity of these mountains, and unites with the basin of the Mississippi on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico.

It is bounded on the interior by a line commencing a little below

Newark, in New-Jersey, extending north of Amboy to the River Raritan, and thence pursuing a south-west course to Trenton, [74] Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, nearly parallel to the coast, to Augusta, on the Savannah River, and thence to Natchez on the Mississippi, as exhibited on the map.

484. The *shore* is low and sandy. The *elevation* gradually increases in proceeding south. The tide extends through the whole alluvion, on all the rivers north of the Roanoke, but below this it does not reach the western boundary. Through the whole formation, there is very little that deserves the name of rock. The great mass below the soil is composed of sand, gravel, pebbles, shells, clay, and marl; the last of which sometimes forms extensive beds.

A bed of shells, sometimes cemented into shell-limestone, extends from Eutaw Springs, on the Santee River, to the Savannah River, and the Chickasaw Bluffs, on the Mississippi. It is 600 miles long, from 10 to 100 broad, and in some parts, 300 feet thick. In other parts, the gravel and sand are converted into a loose, friable sandstone. The whole tract is considered by some as belonging to the *tertiary class*. Remains of vegetables are found at the depth of 100 feet in various places.

485. The *character* of the alluvion varies, according to the nature of the countries lying at the head of its streams.

The streams north of the Rappahannock, flow chiefly from the transition and secondary formations, and render the alluvion on the bays, in a part of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and New-Jersey, very fertile.

The streams south of the Rappahannock, as far as the Altamaha, flow from the primitive portions of the Alleghany Ridge, and bring down only sand, or gravel, or the hard materials of primitive rocks, which produce a more sterile soil in North and South Carolina, and a part of Georgia and Virginia. The region south and west of this, is chiefly an alluvion from secondary regions, and is extremely fertile.

486. *In the states south of Maryland*, those tracts which are low and moist are soon covered with vegetation, from the heat of the climate, and the accumulation of vegetable soil renders them fertile. The same heat renders the dry tracts more sterile; and there is a greater contrast between the rich and poor soils in this region, than in colder climates.

487. *The primitive formation of the United States*, rises into the most elevated ridge of the Apalachian Mountains, through the greater part of their length, separating the Atlantic declivity from the basin of the Mississippi.

It *commences* at Milledgeville, in Georgia, and is *bounded* on the east by the line of the alluvion just described, as far as the

Hudson River. It then *expands*, and covers the whole of New-England, and the north-eastern part of New-York, extending an unknown distance to the north. It gives to the eastern section of the United States, the usual rugged character of a primary formation.

488. *On the west*, it extends nearly to the borders of Tennessee. It is thence bounded by a line of transition rocks, which separates it from the secondary basin of the Mississippi; running [75] north-east, across the Blue Ridge west of Washington, and a little west of Philadelphia and Easton, in Pennsylvania, to Newburgh, on the Hudson, and the eastern boundary of New-York. This region, however, contains several tracts of secondary and transition rocks.

The great transition formation passes between the primary of New-York and New-England, east of Lake Champlain. A district of transition rocks also extends from Rhode Island to Boston; and another narrow strip from the Delaware to the Yadkin River. A secondary region extends from New-Haven, along the Connecticut River, to Vermont; and another from the Hudson to the Rappahannock, which covers the primitive in New-Jersey. Richmond has a secondary coal formation. The banks of streams, lakes, &c. present many examples of limited alluvions.

489. A remarkable *granite, or gneiss ridge* forms the boundary between the primitive and alluvial formation, which is believed by some to have been the ancient line of the sea coast. It crosses Long Island Sound, at Hurlgate near New-York; the Delaware, at Trenton; the Susquehannah, at the rapids near its mouth; the Potomac, at Georgetown; the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg; James River, at Richmond; and the Roanoke, at Halifax; producing rapids or falls, in all these streams, except the Potomac, which obstruct navigation.

490. *The transition formation* occupies a long but narrow tract, bordering on the primitive, extending from 20 to 100 miles to the west. It is described by Maclure, as extending on the west to Lake Champlain, and bounded by a line passing through Albany, below Tioga, through Williamsport, (Penn.) and thence south-west, to the western boundaries of Maryland and North Carolina. It embraces the coal mines of the Susquehannah and Lehigh, the rich valley of the Shenandoah, and the region of the most celebrated mineral springs of Virginia.

491. The great *secondary region* of North America, or the basin of the Mississippi, occupies the centre of the continent, and extends from the Hudson River and the boundaries of the transition, to the basin of the St. Lawrence; and beyond the Mississippi, probably to the foot of the Rocky Mountains. On the south it is bounded by the alluvion of the coast, without any intermediate formation.

492. The basin of the Mississippi is traversed by *three distinct ranges of mountainous country*, besides the branches of the Appalachian chain.

The *Ozark Mountains*, run north-east from the Red River, across the Arkansaw, and between the heads of the Osage and White Rivers, to the confluence of the Missouri with the Mississippi; and thence are continued in a low range of hills, towards Lake Superior.

They pursue the same course with the Appalachian chain, but are much inferior in height. There are no elevated peaks; but the whole form a mountainous tract, 100 to 150 miles in width, and rising in some parts, 1,500 or 2,000 feet above the level of the sea. Like the Appalachian Mountains, they have a basis of primary rocks, covered by secondary rocks, which form their [76] highest points. They abound in metallic minerals, especially lead and copper.

The Wisconsin, or *-Ouisconsin Hills*, are a range of hilly, broken country, commencing on the Quisconsin River, and extending north to Lake Superior. They resemble the Ozark Mountains in their geological character, and metallic productions; and appear to be a continuation of them.

The *Black Hills* separate the Yellow Stone, and its branches; from the Missouri.

493. The whole *basin* of the Mississippi is generally *characterized* by the fertility of secondary and alluvial countries; and extends through such a range of latitudes as to furnish the principal productions of hot and cold climates.

494. *The delta of the Mississippi*, and the alluvial regions lying around the Gulf of Mexico, include the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The inexhaustible fertility of the soil renders them luxuriant in every production adapted to the climate.

495. *In the middle of the basin*, east of the Mississippi, is a mountainous section, embracing the greater part of Kentucky and Tennessee, and the western parts of Virginia and Pennsylvania, between the Ohio and the Allegany mountain. It abounds in hills, elevated near the Ohio, from 400 to 1,000 feet above the river, and higher in the neighbourhood of the mountains.

This section is based upon limestone, which gives great fertility to its soil; but is so much broken by fissures and caves, that it is liable to extreme drought in the summer, by the sinking of the water. It is in some degree rugged; but enjoys a temperate, healthy climate, and is capable of a high degree of cultivation.

496. *The northern section* of this part of the basin, between

the Ohio, the Mississippi, and the lakes, embraces the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and the North-Western Territory. It may be divided into three portions; the hilly country, the plain country, and the valley country.

497. *The hilly country* occupies about one-third of the surface, extending from the Alleghany Ridge, and the hilly districts of New-York and Pennsylvania, to the ridge running from the mouth of the Wabash to the eastern part of Lake Erie, which divides the waters of the Wabash and Lake Erie from the branches to the Ohio. Its surface is uneven, and in many places, rugged and broken; but a large part of it is susceptible of cultivation.

No high mountains are to be seen. The hills usually rise from 600 to 800 feet above the common level, which is about 1000 feet above the level of the stream or the water-table of the country. They invariably present rounded summits, and the soil is generally productive. Numerous fine tracts are interspersed among the hills, and the valleys of the streams are extremely fertile. The banks of the streams are usually abrupt and precipitous, and the channels deep.

498. *The plain, or undulating country*, extends from the hills to Lakes Erie and Michigan, and the Fox and Wisconsin rivers. On entering this section, the land gradually changes from a rough to an undulating surface; not entirely destitute of hills [77] but rising into broad and gentle swells in some parts, and subsiding into extensive plains in others. Three-fourths of the region is occupied by prairies or savannahs remarkable for the richness of their soil. They yield a spontaneous and luxuriant growth of herbage, but are only skirted with trees.

499. The country is so little inclined, that the streams flow sluggishly, the water of rains stagnates on the surface, and the exhalations render the air moist and unhealthy. Extensive tracts are well adapted for settlement, but many parts of the country must remain uninhabited for many years, on account of the scarcity of timber, and the deficiency of mill-seats and springs.

500. *The valley country* embraces the alluvial tracts in the valleys of the streams, usually called *bottoms*. They are composed of alternate layers of sand and soil, deposited by the streams; and vary in fertility, according to the nature of the formation from which the streams originated. In the vale of the Ohio, the quality of the soil appears to improve from its source downward.

The climate of the valley country is, almost without exception, unhealthy; but cultivation will gradually diminish, and perhaps remove the causes of disease, by clearing the land of putrefying vegetation.

The most extensive tract of valley country, east of the Mississippi, is called *American Bottom*, extending about 81 miles on the Mississippi, from the Kaskaskias to the Missouri. Its average breadth is four miles, and it is considerably elevated above the present level of freshets. It is generally very rich, and is de-

ute of timber, except on the margin of the river. Other bottoms of great extent are found below the junction of the Missouri. The Ohio bottoms are uniformly covered with deep forests, and have no prairies of importance.

501. *The country lying between the Mississippi and Missouri*, above their junction, contains no mountains of any magnitude. It is not destitute of abrupt hills and precipices; but is characterized by an undulating surface, variegated by broad river vales, and tracts of upland. It is generally destitute of *forests*, and only chequered with stripes of wood land on the borders of the streams. The *bottoms* on the Mississippi and Missouri are very rich, and generally covered with timber; but prairies become more numerous on going upward from their junction. The *soil* of this region is probably equal, if not superior, to that of any other tract of upland in the United States; but the scarcity of *timber, mill-seats, and springs*, must for a long time impede its settlement.

502. *The tract extending south of the Missouri*, to the Red River, between the Mississippi longitude 96° west, has a surface much diversified. An extensive bottom lies on the Mississippi, extending from the Ohio to the Red River, which contains large swamps of cypress-trees, almost impenetrable from the under growth of shrubs. The Great Swamp, the most considerable, commences near the head of this tract, and stretches about 200 miles in length, and from 5 to 30 in width.

The lowlands on the Mississippi are bounded by the *region of the Ozark Mountains*. With the exception of the alluvial tracts on the borders of the streams, it is extremely hilly and [78] broken. The mountains rising from 800 to 1,800 feet above the streams, with rounded summits and often perpendicular cliffs, and have a rocky surface, which admits only a scanty growth of timber. The portion on the Missouri and its branches, resembles the country north of the Missouri, in the prevalence of prairies and the scarcity of trees. The southern part is better supplied with forests. The streams are rapid and furnished with mill-seats.

503. From longitude 96°, or the meridian of the Council Bluffs, to the Chippewan Mountains, is a *desert region* of 400 miles in length and breadth, or about 160,000 square miles in extent. The hilly country last described, gradually subsides to a level but undulating surface, with nothing to limit or variegate the prospect, but here and there a hill, knob, or insulated tract of table land.

On approaching within 100 miles of the *Rocky Mountains*, their snow-capped summits become visible. Here the hills become more frequent; elevated rocks more abundant; and the soil more sterile, until we reach the abrupt chain of peaks which divide it

from the western declivity of North America. The surface generally naked, and not a thousandth part is covered with tree

This tract is separated from the Chippewan Mountains by a range of sandstone ridges, presenting abrupt and precipitous fronts. They resemble ruins and works of art, and form scenery of a grand and interesting character.

The insulated table lands rise from 600 to 800 feet above the common level, surrounded, in many instances, by rugged slopes and precipices, and give to the whole tract a singular appearance. Their surface is usually waving, and occasional rises in knobs several hundred feet high. They are sometimes covered with stunted trees, but often nearly bare.

504. The *predominant soil* of this region is a sterile sand, and large tracts are often to be met with, which exhibit scarcely trace of vegetation. The streams are broad and shallow, and running through a bed of sand, are liable to become dry in the hot season. The valleys of the rivers and creeks are usually sun 150 or 200 feet below the common level of the country; they are bounded, in some places, by perpendicular precipices; and in others by bluffs or banks of gentle slope. Many of them are rich, especially near the mouths of the rivers; but towards the sources become sterile.

The *salts and magnesia* mingled with the soil, are often so abundant as to destroy vegetation. The waters are to a great extent impure, and frequently too brackish for use.

The valley of the Canadian River is incrustated to a great extent, with salt near pure, resembling ice or snow in its appearance. The waters of the river are impregnated with salt as to be unfit for use; and this is the case with other tributaries of the Arkansas and the Red River. These streams are also tinged with deep red, from the soil over which they flow.

"In regard to this extensive section," says Major Long, "we do not hesitate in giving the opinion that it is almost wholly unfit [79] for cultivation; and of course uninhabitable by a people depending upon agriculture for their subsistence."

Although tracts of fertile land, considerably extensive, are occasionally to be met with, yet the scarcity of wood and water, almost uniformly prevalent, will prove an insuperable obstacle in the way of settling the country. Agreeably to the best intelligence we have, the country both northward and southward of the described, commencing near the sources of the Sabine and Colorado, and extending to the northern boundary of the United States, is throughout of a similar character.

505. The *basin of the St. Lawrence*, comprising the great lakes, is a narrow tract, bounded on both sides by ranges of high lands, which separate its waters from those of the surrounding declivities. It resembles the basin of the Mississippi, with which it is intimately connected, in its geology and soil, from Lake Superior to Montreal. The northern parts of the state of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and New-York, and the north-eastern part of Pennsylvania, which belong to this basin, are generally level, and

equal any part of the United States, of the same extent, in fertility.

506. The *basin of the Columbia River* is about 900 miles long, and 400 broad. It embraces many fertile tracts, some of which are prairies, and others covered with heavy timber. Its climate is mild; and its streams abound in fish, which support numerous villages of Indians on their banks.

INLAND NAVIGATION.

North America is penetrated by *two great rivers*, the Mississippi and the St. Lawrence, by which navigation is extended to a great distance into the interior.

507. The **MISSISSIPPI** and its branches drain the great central basin which lies between the Alleghany and Chippewan Mountains. On the Mississippi, the navigation for boats of considerable burthen, extends to the Falls of St. Anthony. On the Missouri, which is the largest, and in fact the principal stream, it extends to the Gates of the Rocky Mountains.

From the secondary character of the country, the numerous *branches* of these great rivers are generally navigable, and afford a passage from almost every part of the Western States, and the vast regions at the base of the Rocky Mountains, to the Gulf of Mexico and the Ocean, at least during the season of high water, from the spring to the middle of the summer.

508. The *current* of the principal streams is so rapid, that although their depth would admit vessels of considerable size, the navigation is chiefly by means of steam-boats. Even the ascent from the mouth of the Mississippi to New-Orleans is so difficult, that vessels are sometimes delayed 30 days.

The navigation of the Mississippi is attended with some danger, from the numerous trees fixed in its bed, which are called by the boatmen *planters* and *sawyers*, and are as fatal to the boats as reefs of rocks. Below Natchez, these dangers are obviated by the depth of the water. Above this, they become more and more numerous, and difficult to pass: but the main channel, though intricate, affords depth of water, in all stages, sufficient for boats of 5 or 6 feet draft, to the mouth of the Ohio. From this point to the mouth of the Missouri, 220 miles, the navigation is obstructed by shoals at low water, which will not admit boats drawing more than 3 feet. Its current probably averages $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles an hour.

509. The obstructions to the navigation of the *Missouri* resemble those in the Mississippi, but are much greater. This

stream is rapid and turbulent. No part of it is exempt from rapids, snags, or other obstructions, and the channel is very intricate. From March to July or August, it is raised by freshets to such a height as to admit boats of any burden; but during the remainder of the year, it can scarcely be called navigable except for boats drawing 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet of water. Its velocity at a middle stage of water is $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles; in freshets $5\frac{1}{2}$ per hour. It is usually blocked up with ice during the winter.

510. The *Ohio* is navigable for boats of considerable burden from the middle of February to the latter part of June, and again a few weeks during the freshet in the Autumn. The falls at Louisville can be passed by large boats only in the highest water. During low water, boats of small burden cannot pass some of the rapids and shoals, and the river is fordable in many places.

511. The *Arkansas* is the next branch to the Missouri in size. It has only short periods of flood, and will not admit boats of considerable burden. A part of its channel is sometimes called 'The Canadian,' a branch of the Arkansas, 1,000 miles in length, leaves its channel dry a large part of the summer.

512. The *Red River* is navigable most of the year to the Great Raft, a collection of timber which closes the passage, 100 miles from its mouth. The *River St. Francis* is blocked up at its mouth by rafts of logs and drift wood, which entirely prevent the passage of boats.

513. The *branches of the Missouri* are usually blocked up at their mouths after the freshets in July, until the next spring, when the mud, brought down by the Missouri. They are of course navigable only during the freshets.

The *Platte* is a broad, shallow stream, fordable in almost every part, and navigable only for canoes of skins. The *Yellow St.* is nearly as large as the branch which takes the name of the Missouri, and is navigable through the greater part of its course.

514. The *St. Lawrence* is navigable nearly to Montreal for vessels of 600 tons burden, where it is obstructed by rapids. The boat navigation continues above them to Ogdensburg, whence sloops and large vessels may be navigated 170 miles through Lake Ontario to the river Niagara. Above the falls of Niagara, small vessels may proceed without interruption to Lake Huron, and boats by a canal to Lake Superior.

At the falls is a portage of 7 miles, after which there is a navigation of 231 miles through Lake Erie, for vessels of 60 or 70 tons. The navigation continues by the straits of Detroit, 28 miles; Lake St. Clair, 20 miles; and the River St. Clair, 10 miles, to Lakes Huron and Michigan. Between Lakes Huron and Superior the *Rapids of St. Mary's Straits*, along a part of which a canal has been formed by the British North-West Fur Company, for the convenience of their traders.

515. The *common route of the fur trader* in their bark [81] canoes, is from the St. Lawrence through the Ottawa or Grand River, and thence by a short portage to Lake Nipissing, and down the French River into Lake Huron. This route is one third shorter than that through the great lakes.

From Lake Huron, they proceed through the Straits of St. Mary, and Lake Superior, to the Grand Portage, 9 miles in length, which brings them to the great northern chain of lakes, beginning with the Lake of the Woods, at the distance of 1,100 miles from the place of their departure.

The River St. Lawrence, above Quebec, and a great part of the lakes, are frozen over from the beginning of December till April; but an easy and rapid conveyance is afforded over the ice by means of sledges.

516. *Lake Champlain* is a tributary of the St. Lawrence, emptying into it by the River Sorel, or Richelieu. Vessels of 150 tons may ascend 12 or 14 miles; and boats, to Chambly or St. Johns. From this place, there is a ship navigation of 160 miles on the lake, to the shores of Vermont and New-York.

The *River St. Francis*, one of whose branches rises in Lake St. Francis, and another in Lake Memphremagog, is also a channel of navigation to the St. Lawrence.

517. The numerous RIVERS ON THE EASTERN DECLIVITY of the Apalachian Chain, afford the advantages of a good inland navigation to most parts of the Atlantic States. In all those streams which flow through the alluvial region, from the Mississippi to the Roanoke, the *tide waters* of the ocean terminate at some distance from the foot of the mountains, varying from 30 to 120 miles. From the Roanoke to the Delaware, they extend through the alluvial region, to the base of the primitive hills; but in no river south-west of the Hudson do they pass beyond the alluvial region. As far as the tides flow, the streams are generally navigable for sloops.

518. *In passing from the hilly and primitive, to the flat and alluvial region*, the streams are almost uniformly precipitated over ledges of rocks; by rapids which obstruct their navigation. Indeed the boundary of the alluvion marks the limits of navigation from the sea, which passes through Milledgeville on the Altamaha—Augusta on the Savannah—Columbia and Camden on the Santee—Richmond on the James—Fredericksburg on the Rapahannock—Georgetown on the Potomac—and Trenton on the Delaware. Above the rapids, navigation is performed entirely by boats propelled by oars or poles, or drawn up by ropes, or by means of the bushes growing on their banks.

519. The *Savannah River* is navigable for ships to Savannah, and for boats 350 miles to Augusta. The *rivers of South Carolina* are navigable nearly through the alluvial region; and there-

are some good *harbours* at their mouths. That of *Charleston*, which is formed by the Ashley and Cooper Rivers, is excellent and is connected by Cooper River and the Santee Canal, with the Santee River.

520. The *coast of North Carolina* is lined with a range of low [82] sandy islands, enclosing a chain of sounds. Their entrances are generally obstructed by bars, and no vessels of considerable size can enter. But the *streams* are navigable for sloops soon distance into the interior.

521. The *Chesapeake Bay* is of itself an inland sea of considerable size ; and with the numerous streams and inlets on its borders, forms an important channel to the ocean for a large extent of country, comprising the whole of Maryland, and the eastern declivity of Virginia ; and extending through the middle section of Pennsylvania, nearly to the small lakes of New-York. The largest ships have access to its shores, and proceed soon distance in several of its streams. Not far from the entrance of the Bay are *Hampton Roads*, the first anchoring ground for vessels from the ocean.

522. The *James River* is navigable for large ships to Jamestown, and for sloops to Richmond. Canals are formed around the falls at this place, and several obstructions above, which extend the boat navigation 227 miles above Richmond.

523. The *Potomac* is navigable for ships of any burden to the navy yard at Washington ; and this is the most inland point of the United States, to which the largest vessels have access. Above Washington, there are five falls on this stream, which are rendered passable by *canals*. A boat navigation is thus opened to its sources, which are connected with the waters of the Mississippi by the great Cumberland Road.

524. The *Susquehannah* is obstructed at its entrance into Chesapeake Bay by a series of rapids, extending 40 miles, to Columbia, which can scarcely be ascended by boats. Attempts have been made to remove these obstructions, at great expense ; and a canal of one mile in length has been cut around the Conewago Fall 20 miles above Columbia. But the navigation of this river is still so difficult, that the *trade* is principally confined to the conveyance of timber in rafts, and of produce in large flat boats, termed *arks*, from the interior to the bay. Above the falls of Conewago there are few obstructions in the Susquehannah to the boundaries of New-York, and batteaux may ascend to its very sources.

525. The *Delaware Bay and River* are navigable for the large ships as far as Philadelphia ; but the ascent is often much retarded by the current. *Sloops* ascend to the falls at Trenton ; and boats

of 8 or 10 tons, 100 miles farther, to Easton. This river, with its branches, the *Schuylkill* and *Lehigh*, affords inland navigation to a long, though narrow section of country, comprising the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and the western part of New-Jersey.

A canal is now forming to connect the Schuylkill with the Susquehannah, and thus open a direct navigation from the basin of the Susquehannah to Philadelphia, and the ocean. The *Lehigh*, one of its branches, has been rendered navigable for a part of its course, to open a conveyance from the extensive beds of coal upon its banks.

526. The *Raritan River*, in the northern part of New-Jersey, is navigable for sloops to Brunswick, within 28 miles of the head of sloop navigation on the Delaware; and the Passaic and [83] the Hackensack afford a short inland navigation. But the dry, sandy region of New-Jersey on the south, and the mountainous portion on the north, have no navigation except from their borders; and there are few harbours on the eastern coast.

527. The *Hudson* is the only river in the United States in which the tide passes through the alluvial, primitive, and transition formations. It is navigable for ships to the city of Hudson, and sloops of considerable burden pass through all the formations, to the falls of the secondary country, above Troy, which is 165 miles from the ocean. This is the most distant point to which the tides flow, and sea-vessels can approach in a direct line, in the United States. At its mouth, this river forms the harbour of New-York, which is considered one of the finest in the world. The *Northern Canal* connects the Hudson with the borders of Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence; and the *Western Canal* with the upper lakes, and the rich secondary region which occupies the centre of the state. This river is thus made the grand artery of an inland navigation, by which the wealth of this tract of country will flow to the city of New-York.

528. In the rivers of the United States, east of the Hudson, the tide extends only a small distance, and the navigation is obstructed by the falls and rapids which are common in primitive countries.

529. The *Connecticut River* is navigable for vessels of considerable size, 50 miles, to Hartford. Several canals and locks have been constructed on this river at South Hadley, Hanover, and some intermediate rapids, which extend the boat navigation to Haverhill, in New-Hampshire. In the eastern part of Connecticut, the *Thames* is navigable for sloops to Norwich, and forms the fine harbour of New-London at its mouth.

530. *Narraganset Bay*, and the streams which empty into it,

afford easy access from the ocean to every part of Rhode Island. A canal is contemplated, to extend from Providence into the interior of Massachusetts, to furnish an easy conveyance for fuel and produce to this flourishing sea-port.

531. The *Merimac* of New-Hampshire is much obstructed by rapids; but its upper waters are connected with Boston Harbour by the Middlesex canal.

532. The *ivers of Maine* are generally obstructed. The Penobscot, the St. Johns, and the western branch of the Kennebec, afford a boat navigation nearly to their sources. The heads of these rivers approach within no great distance of the waters of the St. Lawrence; and the portage from the head of the Kennebec to that of the Chaudiere River is only 5 miles.

533. The basins of the river St. Lawrence, and the Mississippi, and the Atlantic declivity are so intimately connected, that it would not be difficult to unite them by an inland navigation; and much progress has been made in accomplishing this important object.

534. *The waters of the St. Lawrence, or the great lakes, have two natural communications with the branches of the Mississippi* at particular seasons, by means of the Fox and Chicago Rivers, both emptying into Lake Michigan. A short canal would render either of these communications permanent.

[84] The *Fox River*, which flows into the branch of Lake Michigan called Green Bay, rises near the *Ousconsin* branch of the Mississippi, and afterwards flows within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of its channel, separated from it only by a short portage, over a prairie. During the season of high water, this river is easily navigable, and the intervening ground is overflowed, so that loaded boats may pass to the Ousconsin, which affords a rapid but unobstructed navigation to the Mississippi.

Another communication is stated to exist from the *Chicago River*, emptying into the south-western corner of Lake Michigan, to the *Illinois*. It is passed by boats of 50 tons, engaged in the fur trade, and is open nine months in the year.*

535. Through the *Hudson River*, and the *Northern Canal*, passing to Lake Champlain, the Atlantic waters are united with Lake Ontario, and the lower portion of the St. Lawrence. The Grand Canal of New-York will form a similar communication to the upper lakes.

Two routes have been proposed to connect the *Atlantic and western waters*, by means of the Grand Canal of New-York. The most obvious is by a canal from Lake Erie to the branches of the Ohio, which is now in progress, by the state of Ohio. The other route, is by a canal from Lake Erie to Lake Michigan, and a second from Chicago River to the Illinois. The latter route is but little longer than the former; and the navigation would probably be less obstructed.

536. It is also proposed to connect the *Ohio with the Atlantic*;

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by a canal from the head waters of the Monongahela to those of the Potomac, which will pass under the principal ridge of the Allegany, by a tunnel two miles in length. There is now a portage communication, by means of the Cumberland road.

The state of Virginia propose another portage communication, from the head waters of the James to those of the Great Kanhawa; and a third has been proposed in Pennsylvania, from the western branch of the Susquehannah, to the Allegany River, and also to Lake Erie.

537. Great facilities also exist for the establishment of an *inland navigation along the coast* of the United States, from New-Hampshire to Georgia.

The *Middlesex Canal*, connects the Merrimac River above the falls, and the interior of New-Hampshire, with the harbour of *Boston*. From this harbour and Massachusetts Bay, a canal across the isthmus which unites Cape Cod to the main, would form a communication through *Narraganset Bay*, and Long Island Sound, to New-York. The *Raritan* River could be connected with the *Delaware* by a canal of 28 miles, requiring only an elevation of 30 feet to the summit level. The Delaware Bay will be united to the *Chesapeake* by another, of 22 miles, between Christiana and Elk River, which is already commenced.

All these canals would pass through a flat country; and might be constructed without very great labour. It is somewhat doubtful however, whether the canal across the isthmus of Cape Cod would not be liable to obstructions, by the accumulation of sand; and another route has been thought more likely to be useful, connecting Boston Harbour with Taunton River, which empties into Narraganset Bay, by a canal 26 miles in length, rising 133 feet.

538. After descending the Chesapeake Bay to *Norfolk*, on the Elizabeth River, there is a canal passing through the *Great Dismal Swamp*, which extends the navigation to *Albemarle Sound*. From this sound a range of low islands extend along the coast to Florida, which forms an inland passage nearly the whole distance. A part of this distance may be traversed by the canal which connects the *Santee* River with the harbour of Charleston.

539. The COLUMBIA RIVER is from one to three miles wide in the lower part of its course. Vessels of 300 tons may ascend to the mouth of the Multnomah, 125 miles; and sloops, to the head of the tide waters, sixty miles farther. At the distance of 200 miles from the mouth, there are two rapids which require a short portage: but except these, the boat navigation is uninterrupted as far as the great falls, 260 miles from the sea.

ARCTIC REGIONS.

540. The ARCTIC REGIONS have not been fully explored ; but appear to comprise a considerable extent of land, of which North Georgia, Greenland, and the island of Spitzbergen, are the principal portions known. Greenland and the neighbouring regions, have usually been considered as belonging to North America ; but the channel of Barrow's Straits has been penetrated to 114° west longitude ; the sea has been seen at two places, between this and Beering's Straits, by Hearne, Franklin, and Mackenzie ; and it is probable there is no barrier but ice, to interrupt the passage across.

541. The *aspect* of these regions, is dreary and desolate in the extreme. The *coasts* only appear to be habitable ; and these present a surface of snow, varied with mountains of ice, during a greater part of the year. A scanty but beautiful vegetation appears, for a short period in the summer. The *interior* is traversed by naked, barren mountains, covered with perpetual ice, and interspersed with vast glaciers.

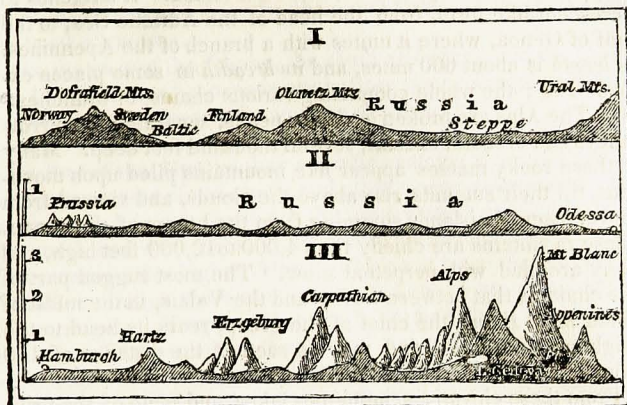
The *rivers* are neither numerous nor large. The waters and torrents of the summer, are chiefly converted into masses of ice during the winter ; and the inhabitants and travellers depend on melted snow for their drink. These dreary regions are but thinly populated, either with men or animals.

ANTARCTIC REGIONS.

542. South of South America are the uninhabited islands of *South Georgia*, *Sandwich Land*, and the newly discovered *South Shetland Isles*, whose limits are not yet known. They are the only tracts of land known, near the Antarctic Circle. They present even a more barren, desolate appearance than the Arctic Regions ; and are scarcely habitable on account of the cold.

EUROPE.

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(23.) *Physical Sections of Europe.*

- I. *From the Atlantic to the Ural Mountains in latitude 65°.*
- II. *From the Black Sea to the Baltic Sea.*
- III. *From the North Sea to the Mediterranean.*

543. EUROPE is very irregular in its figure, and deeply indented with seas, bays, and gulfs, which gives a sea coast to every country except Switzerland, and the small states of Germany. They also divide it into small portions, which do not admit the extensive basins and majestic rivers, so common in America.

MOUNTAINS.

544. The surface of Europe presents *two principal highlands*—the Alpine highlands on the south, and the Scandinavian on the north.

The southern, or *Alpine highlands*, have their centre in the Alps of Switzerland, and send forth branches which traverse two-thirds of Germany and France, and the whole of Spain, Italy, Austria, and Turkey. They pass through the north of Saxony to the Baltic, and through the north of Germany nearly to the North Sea, gradually descending to low ranges of hills. They extend through Poland and Prussia by the Valdai Hills, which connect them with the northern highlands and the Ural Mountains.

The principal mountains are the Alps, the Pyrenees, the Carpathian, and the Apennine Mountains.

545. The *Alps* are the most celebrated mountains in Europe

for their height and grandeur. This chain divides Italy, on the north, from Germany, France, and Switzerland. It stretches in a crescent-like form, from the head of the Adriatic Sea, to the Gulf of Genoa, where it unites with a branch of the Apennines. Its *length* is about 600 miles, and its *breadth* in some places exceeds 100 ; the whole comprising various chains, or branches. [87] The Alps are broken into lofty peaks, separated by narrow valleys and dreadful chasms, several thousand feet deep. Many of these rocky masses appear like mountains piled upon mountains, till their summits rise above the clouds, and viewed from above, resemble islands emerging from the bosom of the ocean. These mountains are chiefly from 4,000 to 12,000 feet high, and many are clad with perpetual snow. The most rugged part of this chain is that between Savoy and the Valais, in the midst of which *Mont Blanc*, the chief of the group, rears its head to the height of 15,660 feet, and may be seen at the distance of 140 miles.

From these elevations, numerous lakes, and some of the principal rivers of Europe derive their origin. Impetuous cataracts descend from their sides, the sources of which are often above the ordinary elevation of the clouds.

546. The *lower parts* of the mountains generally abound with woods and pastures, remarkable for their luxuriant verdure. The *middle regions*, to which the herdsmen and shepherds resort with their cattle and flocks during the summer, produce a great variety of odoriferous herbs, plants, and shrubs, and are enriched with excellent springs. The *upper division* is chiefly composed of rugged, and almost inaccessible rocks, often hidden beneath perpetual snow. In ascending the Alps, the traveller experiences all the varieties of European climate, and every season of the year. A few paces conduct him from the flowers of summer to the undissolved snows of winter. The *elevated valleys* are filled with glaciers : and tremendous avalanches sometimes tumble from their cliffs.

547. The chain of *Mount Jura* is an important branch of the Alps, extending north-east from Geneva, and forming the boundary between Switzerland and France. It is thence continued under the name of the *Vosges*, and separates the streams and basins of France from those of Germany. This chain has an elevation of 4,000 or 5,000 feet, and is covered with snow the greater part of the year.

548. Next in celebrity are the *Pyrenees*, which separate France from Spain, and extend from the Mediterranean to the Bay of Biscay, a *distance* of about 250 miles. Their *breadth* varies from

50 to 100 miles. This chain does not attain the *height* of many of the Alpine summits. The highest peaks, however, which are situated near the middle of the chain, are about 11,000 feet above the level of the sea.

On the east of the Rhone, the *chain of Lozere*, and the *Cevennes*, (or *Sevennes*,) proceeds north, from near the eastern extremity of the Pyrenees to the sources of the Loire.

549. The *composition and aspect of the Pyrenees* is different from that of the Alps, as they not only contain calcareous matter, but large masses of sea-shells and other marine substances. The northern and eastern parts are the most smooth and fertile, while the south and west exhibit the sterile and rugged scenery that characterizes the higher Alps. There are more than 50 defiles or passes through these mountains; but only 5 are passable [88] for carriages. Many of these are 7,000 feet above the level of the sea. The ascent on the side of Spain is steep and rugged; on the side of France, it is generally gradual and easy.

Neither of these chains is abundant in *mineral treasures*. These mountains, like the Alps, have their glaciers, and are subject to *avalanches*, which seldom fail to carry destruction in their progress.

550. The grand and extensive ridge of the *Carpathian Mountains*, extend in a semicircular form, from the southern point of Silesia, about 46° north latitude, and 23° east longitude, to the north and east of Hungary, sending off branches to Transylvania and Wallachia. The whole *length* of this chain is about 500 miles; but its *highest summits* do not exceed 8,000 or 9,000 feet, and few of them reach this elevation.

The *form* of these mountains is generally pyramidal, and most of their summits are covered with perpetual snow.* Their sides are clothed with extensive forests, particularly of pines and firs, enriched with a variety of mineral treasures.

551. The chain of *Mount Hæmus*, and the mountains of Turkey, have been too little explored by modern travellers to give us any correct materials for description.

552. The *Apennines* are that branch of the Alpine highlands which pass off from the Alps at Genoa, and traverse the whole of Italy from north to south. In the southern provinces, they divide into two chains, one of which turns off to the Straits of Messina, and the other terminates at the Capo di Leuca. Many of these mountains are dormant or extinct volcanoes, as is fully proved by

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the lava and volcanic rocks found upon their summits, even to the north of Rome. They are generally of less elevation than the Alps, and are frequently covered with trees to the very top. Some parts present in a very striking manner, the naked, desolate appearance which belongs to volcanic regions.

553. These mountains *divide Italy* into two principal declivities, and give rise to most of its rivers. Various branches diverge from them, which give an undulatory appearance to the whole country. Different parts of the group have different names, chiefly local in their use.

There are several *smaller groups* of mountains which are considered subordinate to the Apennines. One lies on the north of the Tiber, another on the south, and another on the Adriatic. A fourth is composed of Vesuvius, Solfaterra, and the volcanic mountains and islands of the Bay of Naples.

554. The *mountains of Spain* generally traverse it from east to west, between the channels of the rivers; of which the principal are the chains of Biscay, Castile, Toledo, Morena, and Nevada. The two central chains are said to contain great quantities of granite; but they are generally secondary. Their *elevation* is not great. The serrated or saw-like appearance of their summits, has [89] given them the name Sierra. They are covered with snow only a few months in the year. Long ranges of moderate sized *hills* lie between them, which render the whole surface of Spain uneven and waving.

555. The *Scandinavian Highlands* take their name from the ancient peninsula of Scandinavia. They commence in Norway, and passing through Sweden, Lapland, and Finland, extend with some interruption to the Ural Mountains.

The *principal chain* is that of the Norwegian Mountains, which separate Norway from Sweden. The middle portion of the chain is called Dofrafield, and this name has usually been applied to the whole. They commence about latitude 59° , and *extend* more than 1,000 miles from south to north, gradually diminishing in height as they approach the Northern Ocean. The *highest summits* are inferior in elevation to those of the Pyrenees, and perhaps to those of the Carpathian ridge; but they derive from their northern situation, all the horrors of perpetual winter. *Forests* of pine which flourish in the rigour of a cold climate, clothe their sides to a considerable height, furnishing inexhaustible stores of valuable timber for the more southern countries of Europe. The Norwegian Chain also yields marble, iron, copper, and other useful *minerals*.

556. These mountains send off several *branches* in Sweden

and Norway, and extend through Finland under the name of the *Olonetz Mountains*. These have been little examined, but do not appear to attain a great height in any part. *From the chain of Olonetz*, a range of *highlands* extends south to Petersburg, which seems to connect the chain with the southern or Alpine highlands. The most considerable portion is the *Valdai Hills*, which give rise to the Volga; and these are only 1,200 feet above the level of the sea.

557. From 50° to 67° of latitude, the *Ural Mountains* constitute the boundary between Europe and Asia, stretching through a space of more than 1,200 miles. This ridge, therefore, exceeds in *length* any of those already mentioned; but its *height* is not proportional, the loftiest summits being less than 5,000 feet. The people who live in its vicinity style it *Semenoi Poias*, the girdle of the world. After the Ural Mountains enter Asia, they separate into two *branches*; one of which extends towards the Altaian Chain, and the other to the Caucasian Isthmus. The northern part is imperfectly known; but is supposed to stretch nearly parallel to the River Oby, to the Frozen Ocean, and across the islands of Nova Zembla.

The loftiest summits are composed of granite, and covered with perpetual snow. These mountains slope much more on the western than on the eastern side. They are generally covered with forests, often diversified with rich valleys, beautiful meadows, and fine transparent lakes. The central parts abound in valuable minerals and metallic ores. The richest mines are on the Asiatic side.

PHYSICAL DIVISIONS.

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558. In describing the *surface of Europe*, it may be considered generally, as divided into three great portions; the northern and southern highlands, and the great lowland which lies between them.

The Scandinavian Highlands, including Norway, Sweden, Lapland, and Finland, as far as Petersburg, are almost exclusively primitive; and have all the ruggedness which belongs to primitive regions. The secondary rocks appear only on the borders of the Cattegat, and some of the great lakes.

559. The character of the *Alpine Highlands* has been already described. They are surrounded by the transition and secondary formations, in Spain and Italy on the south, and in France and Germany on the north.

A very extensive and regular formation of secondary limestone

extends from the Crimea, along the foot of the Carpathian and Bohemian Mountains, to Ratisbon; and thence along the Danube to the Rhine, the Rhone, and the Mediterranean. These regions have much of the roughness of a primitive country, with a great degree of fertility, and rich deposits of mineral treasures.

560. To this succeeds a level tract on the north, forming the *great lowland of Europe*, which reaches to the shores of the Baltic and the North Sea, including Denmark, Netherlands, the north of France, Germany, Prussia, and Poland, extending with few exceptions through all the southern part of Russia, to the secondary and transition range which borders on the Black Sea. This tract is generally very level and fertile, and traversed by numerous navigable streams.

561. The *northern part of Germany* is one immense plain, descending gently towards the sea; and there are no considerable mountains within 150 miles of the shore. This lowland extends into the southern and eastern part of *Russia*, and forms extensive steppes. The northern part of *Russia* is allied to the lowland in its character, and has one steppe which extends from the northern Dwina to the Petchora.

562. In *Denmark, the Netherlands*, and the portions of *Prussia, Poland, and Russia*, bordering on the Baltic and North Seas, the land descends nearly to the level of the sea, and forms extensive marshes. Holland indeed, is to a great extent below the level of the waters, and protected by banks from their inundations.

563. *By observing the course of the rivers*, it will be seen that Europe may be traversed from the south-west to the north-east without crossing any considerable river. This shows us an elevated ridge of land, which divides the streams flowing into the Atlantic and Baltic, from those which empty into the Mediterranean and Black Seas. It may be traced from the Ural Mountains by the Valdai Hills and the Carpathian Chain, to the Alps, the Cevennes, the Pyrenees, and the Atlantic Ocean.

Europe is thus divided into two *grand declivities*; the north-western and the south-eastern. These are subdivided into a number of smaller basins, corresponding to the seas which receive their waters.

[91] 564. The *Baltic and North Seas* form the receptacle for the numerous rivers of one division of the northern declivity which extend in a circle around their shores, from the Scheldt and the Rhine, to the southern cape of Norway. It embraces the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Prussia, Poland, the eastern part of *Russia* and Sweden, and may be called the *internal division* of the northern declivity. The *external division* of the

declivity embraces those portions whose waters empty into the Atlantic and Northern Ocean, including Northern Russia, Lapland, Norway, and the western parts of France.

565. *The southern declivity is divided into three portions :—*1. The extensive level in the south-east of Russia, which is drained by the Don and the Volga—2. The basin of the Danube between the Carpathian Chain and the Chain of Mt. Hæmus, embracing the empire of Austria, and the southern kingdoms of Germany—3. The three peninsulas of Turkey, Spain, and Italy. These peninsulas are traversed by chains of mountains, which give to each its peculiar system of highlands and declivities.

INLAND NAVIGATION.

566. Europe is so much penetrated by the arms of the sea, and traversed by so many rivers, that *the internal navigation* is extensive and easy. Few parts are destitute of a direct communication with the ocean; and its northern and southern seas have been connected in several places by canals of no great length, uniting the different streams of the central lowland.

567. *The Volga* is navigable from the Caspian Sea 2,000 miles to Rchef, 130 miles north-west of Moscow, and on the Oka branch to Vishnei Volotchok, midway between Moscow and Petersburg; thence by the Tvertza and a canal, it communicates with Lake Ladoga, the Neva, and the Baltic Sea.

To avoid the dangerous navigation of Lake Ladoga, a canal has been cut along its edge, from the Volkof directly to the Neva. By the *Sheshkna*, another of its branches, the Volga communicates through the canal of Mariëv with Lake Onega, which empties into Ladoga by the River Svir.

It is proposed to connect Lake Onega with one of the rivers of the White Sea, and thus form a direct communication from the Northern Ocean to the interior of the continent.

568. *The Dnieper* is navigable on the principal stream as far as Smolensk, more than 800 miles, and is only once interrupted in this distance, by a train of rapids of 40 miles in length. These can be passed in boats only at high water. By the canal from the Pryzpec branch, it is connected with the Niemen. By the Beresina and the Beresinsky canal, it is united to the Dwina; and thus furnishes a water communication from Riga, on the Baltic, to Odessa, on the Black Sea.

569. *The Don*, towards its mouth, is divided into two streams, and excepting in a season of flood, is scarcely navigable. Its mouth is also obstructed with sand, so that only flat-bottomed vessels can pass. [92]

One of its branches is connected with the Oka branch of the Volga. A canal

directly from the Don to the Volga, where they approach nearest each other, has been proposed but never executed.

570. The *Rhine* is the great channel of commerce for interior Germany, and is navigable from Switzerland to the sea. The current is generally rapid, flowing from four to five miles an hour. The chief descending trade commences at Basle. Few loaded boats ascend so high as this; but boats of 180 tons come to Strasburgh. Cologne is the chief seat of commerce on the Rhine, the goods being here transhipped in the large Rhine ships built expressly for the river, often carrying 1,000 tons, but drawing only five or six feet of water.

571. *Holland* is so much intersected by the mouths of the Rhine, and numerous artificial canals, that inland navigation is extended through the very streets of their cities, and to the interior of their farms. The low and flat surface of the country has rendered many embankments and canals necessary, in order to drain off its waters.

The interior navigation is also continually extended by the large cavities left in cutting turf for fuel: which are often 10 or 12 feet below the surface of low water, and soon become lakes. Almost all travelling and transportation is on the canals, in boats drawn by horses, which are called *track-schuits*. Many of the canals admit of ship navigation; but the vessels chiefly in use are the Rhine ships.

572. *Belgium*, or the southern Netherlands, is also pervaded by numerous canals. The *Scheldt* is connected with Ostend on the coast, by a canal which passes from Ghent through Bruges to that port, and admits vessels from 300 to 500 tons. Branches proceed from this canal along the coast, to Dunkirk.

Other canals, which are navigable for small vessels, connect the Scheldt with Brussels and Louvain. The navigation of the Scheldt ceases at Valenciennes. From this place a canal passes to the River *Somme*, and another from the *Somme* to the *Oise*, a branch of the *Seine*, which forms a communication between the rivers of the Netherlands and *France*.

573. The slopes of the *French Rivers* are well adapted to inland navigation, but very little is carried on. The *Seine*, from its mouth to Rouen, is obstructed by shifting beds of sand, and from Rouen to Paris, it is navigable only four months in the year. The great boats of Rouen carry 380 tons, and are drawn by 12 horses to Paris, in 18 or 20 days; but land carriage is often preferred to this tedious navigation.

574. The navigation from the *Scheldt* to the *Seine*, is extended by the Canal of Orleans, to the *Loire*. The *Canal of Burgundy* unites the *Seine* to the *Saone*, a branch of the *Rhone*; and the

Canal of the Centre, connects the Loire with the same river. A canal has also been commenced to connect the *Rhine* on the borders of France, with the *Rhone*, and with the rivers which empty into the Atlantic. The southern and eastern parts of the kingdom are also connected by means of the Garonne and the Canal of the Languedoc, as already described, § 424.

575. *Spain* is traversed by so many ridges of mountains, [93] that it has few advantages for inland navigation. Several canals have been proposed, and two were commenced long since, but none are yet completed.

576. The *Danube* affords a navigation of about 1,500 miles. Below Belgrade, it is obstructed by cataracts; but has a free navigation above, as far as Ulm. Its upper branches are too rapid for navigation; but the lower branches, the Inn, the Save, the Drave, and the Teyse, or Theiss, are navigable for some distance. Several canals have been dug to extend its inland navigation, and scarcely any part of the basin of this noble stream is far distant from navigable waters.

577. The great plain which forms the North of Germany, Prussia, and Poland, is traversed by several large rivers and their branches, which give almost every portion of the country the advantages of inland navigation. In the northern parts there are numerous lakes, which admit of being easily connected.

578. The *Ems* and the *Weser* are both navigable—the latter for 100 miles to the Hartz Mountains. The *Elbe* is navigable from the frontiers of Bohemia; and from a little distance above Dresden, to Hamburg, it is unobstructed. It is connected by means of the Havel and the Spree, with a canal to the Oder. A small canal of ancient date also passes from the Elbe to the free city of Lubeck.

579. The *Oder* is navigable above Breslau, about 300 miles; but its mouth is somewhat obstructed. The *Wasle*, one of its branches, is navigable 200 miles into Poland; and from this stream a canal passes to the Vistula.

580. The *Vistula* is navigable from Austrian Galicia to the Baltic at Dantzic, nearly 400 miles; and its branches, the *Bog* and *Narau*, about 100 miles each. Their streams convey the produce of Poland to Dantzic, in barges of from 30 to 60 tons.

The delta of the Vistula for some distance is an embanked country, intersected by many navigable canals. The great body of the river falls into the Frische Haff, by which the navigation is continued to Konigsburgh, on the *Pregel*. This river is navigable 30 miles farther.

The Vistula is connected through the Bog, and a Canal to the Dniester; and by another canal to the Dnieper. The Niemen is also connected with the Dnieper.

581. A series of canals between the *Elbe*, the *Oder*, the *Vistula*, and the *Niemen*, form an inland navigation from Hamburg

and the North Sea, through Prussia, to the frontiers of Russia, distance of 800 miles. It is chiefly through these rivers, with few canals of no great length or elevation. The course is nearly parallel to the shores of the Baltic Sea, at the distance of 100 miles and about the same distance from the frontiers of Austria.

582. *Italy* has been, from ancient times, traversed by navigable canals, most of which have been constructed in the northern part. The basin of the Po is traversed by numerous canals, designed to connect its branches and irrigate the country. They have been rendered the more necessary by the rapidity of the stream and its branches, and the great height to which they are often raised, by the melting of the snows on the Alps.

[94] *Bologna* is connected with *Ferrara* by a canal $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length; and from *Ferrara*, there is an inland navigation to *Venice*, by means of canals and the River Po. The canal which connects *Leghorn* with the River Arno, and the city of *Florence*, is the most considerable in Tuscany. Its waters flow from the Arno; but the descent is so gradual, that boats are drawn up with ease.

583. The coasts of *Sweden*, *Norway*, and *Finland*, are bordered by innumerable islands and bays. The whole interior of Sweden is interspersed with lakes of various sizes. They are fed, connected, and discharged by large rivers, which are generally interrupted by rapids, often dangerous. The necessity of inland navigation has led the hardy people of the north to a boldness in passing over cataracts of some height, which is almost beyond credibility. The rivers of Norway are still of little use in commerce, except in floating down trees from the mountains to the sea.

584. The *River Gotha*, in Sweden, by which lake *Wenner* is discharged into the Baltic, is interrupted by the cataracts of *Trolhetta*, which have been avoided by a canal. Another canal is commenced from *Lake Wenner to the Baltic*, which will complete the navigation from *Gottenburgh* and the *Cattogat*, across Sweden to the Gulf of *Bothnia*, and render the trade of Sweden independent of Denmark.

The *Lake Maler* is connected with the neighbouring Lake *Hielmar*, by an artificial passage. A canal also connects it with the province of *Dalerne*, at the head of the *Dahl*; and affords conveyance for large quantities of iron to the capital.

585. In *Denmark*, the River *Eyder*, which flows into the North Sea, is connected by the Canal of *Kiel* with the Baltic. The passage admits vessels of 120 tons, and 2,000 or 3,000 ships have passed in a year. But the *Eyder* is much obstructed with shifting sands; and many still prefer the longer route, through the Sound or *Cattogat*.

586. *Great Britain* is distinguished for the extent of its inland navigation. The canals are too numerous for minute description. It is sufficient to say, that no portion of England south of the River *Tees*, is 15 miles from navigation; and that no country en

joys greater facilities for the transportation of fuel, provisions, and other articles of necessity, to the doors of the inhabitants.

587. The *Thames* is navigable to London, 60 miles from the sea, for ships of the greatest burden. From this river there is a direct navigation, by means of canals, to the River Severn, and to several streams which empty on the southern coast of England. By means of these, and the Grand Junction and Grand Trunk Canals, an easy inland navigation is formed from all the principal seaports, and almost every county of the kingdom, to London, the great emporium of its commerce.

The Grand Trunk forms a communication from the Mersey to the Trent, and from the Trent to the Severn; and the Ellesmere Canal forms a direct channel from the Severn to the Dee and the Mersey. The northern branches of the Humber and Trent are also connected with Manchester and Liverpool by three canals, which cross the great central ridge of England.

588. The mountainous surface of *Scotland* admits of none but short, rapid, and obstructed navigation, by means of rivers. It also renders the construction of canals generally difficult.

589. The principal canal is the *Caledonian*, which connects the Murray Frith with the Atlantic Ocean. It is navigable for frigates of 32 guns, and a very dangerous navigation round the northern coast of Scotland may thus be avoided.

The *Forth and Clyde Canal* unites these two rivers, and intersects the island from east to west. A branch extends from it, through Glasgow, 54 miles, to Edinburgh.

The *Canal of Crinan* is cut across the peninsula which separates the Frith of Clyde from the ocean, and thus forms an inland navigation from the Irish Sea to the Caledonian Canal, and the northern part of Scotland.

590. *Ireland* enjoys an inland navigation of considerable extent and importance. The *Shannon* is the largest river in Ireland, navigable 50 miles to Limerick, for ships of 300 tons. It expands into a variety of wide lakes, and is obstructed by rapids; but it passes through a fertile country, and has been rendered navigable by artificial means through the greater part of its course. By means of the *Grand Canal* and the *Canal Royal*, there are two communications, at no great distance from each other, from this river and the western coast, to Dublin.

591. The *Barrow* is the second River in Ireland, and navigable 43 miles. It is united with the Grand Canal, and thus forms a communication from the southern coast of Ireland to Dublin. The *River Ban* which passes through Lough Neagh, is connected by a canal to the harbour of Belfast on the east, and Newry River on the south, forming an inland navigation from the northern to the eastern coast.

592. *From a review of these accounts, in connection with the map, it will be seen that Europe enjoys peculiar facilities for inland navigation.*

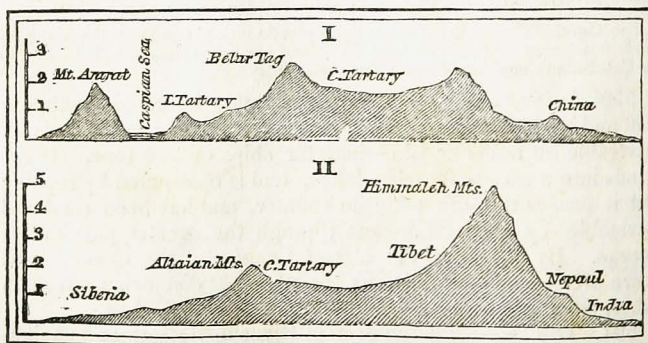
By the Volga and its canals, there is a direct communication from the Caspian Sea, to the Gulf of Finland, and the north of Russia ; and a canal which may be easily extended to the White Sea.

From the Black Sea, the Volga and its canals may be entered by means of the Canal from the Don, and navigation carried on from the Mediterranean to the Baltic and Caspian Seas. The Dnieper and Dniester also, by their connections with the Dwina, the Niemen, and the Vistula, afford a direct passage from the Archipelago, and Black Sea, to the Baltic ; or by means of the canals of Prussia, an inland communication to the North Sea.

593. By the canal of Languedoc, and the chain of canals through the Rhone, the Loire, the Seine, and the Scheldt, a direct communication is established from the Mediterranean, to the Bay of Biscay, the English Channel, and the North Sea.

594. By the canals of England, Scotland, and Ireland, inland navigation is opened from the Atlantic on the west of Ireland, to [96] the Irish Sea, and thence to the North Sea. From this sea, the canal of Kiel opens a direct passage to the Baltic ; and by the canal of Gottenburgh, to Stockholm, and the Gulf of Bothnia.

ASIA.



(24.) *Physical Sections of Asia.*

I. *From the Black Sea, east, to the Pacific Ocean.*

II. *From the Northern Ocean, south, to the Indian Ocean.*

595. *The most striking feature in the surface of Asia, is the table land in the centre, on which Chinese Tartary and Tibet are*

tuated. It forms the most elevated portion of the eastern continent, supported by immense ramparts of mountains; the Altaian to the north; the Belur Tag on the west; and the Himmaleh to the south. From this lofty region the principal ridges of mountains branch out; and here the largest rivers of Asia have their sources.

MOUNTAINS.

596. *The principal chain of Asia* is the Altaian. South of the great Lake of Baikal, it is supposed, are the highest points of this chain, which rise more than ten thousand feet above the sea, and are covered with perpetual snow. Most parts of it are much lower. After bending to the north, they are known as the mountains of Daouria, which are succeeded by those of Yablonoy and Stannovoy, and terminate in a portion termed the Mountains of Okotsk.

597. These mountains give rise to a number of large and important rivers, which traverse Siberia and empty into the Arctic Ocean. Little is known beyond the outlines and general direction of this range. Several lower ridges branch out from it, and diversify the neighbouring districts. *Its general character* appears to be primitive; and some parts abound in mines, which afford important articles of commerce, and yield a considerable revenue to the Russian Empire.

598. *A principal branch* of the Altaian are the Bogdo Mountains, which pass through Chinese Tartary on the south, in a [97] chain nearly parallel. They are sometimes called the Great Altay, and the chain on the north, the Little Altay. A low chain of mountains north of the Sea of Aral, connects the Mountains of Ural with the Altaian.

From the eastern extremity of the Altaian, another chain branches off towards the south, which passes along the western borders of China, and sends off various branches which traverse Farther India.

599. The mountains of *Himmaleh*, or Himalaya, separate Hindoostan from Tibet. They extend from 35° to 25° north latitude, in a south-easterly direction, from Persia towards the southern borders of China; and are considered the loftiest chain on the globe. Several of the summits have been estimated at 25,000 or 26,000 feet above the level of the sea.

The long range of pinnacles covered with eternal snow, seen from the burning plains below, has always been an object of wonder and religious veneration to the Hindoo. Various divisions of these mountains receive different names in different

places; such as Himadri, Himavut, &c.; all bearing an allusion to cold: *him* being an ancient word signifying snow.

600. The *declivity* of these mountains is rapid towards the equator, and is exposed to the full influence of a tropical sun. On the north they have a less rapid descent, and terminate in the high table land of Tibet. The *highest points* of the Himmaleh are east of the river Indus, which pierces this chain. East of Nepaul, it penetrates into an unexplored region, declining in altitude as it proceeds, and is supposed to terminate on the shores of the Bay of Bengal.

From almost every part of the immense store-house of snow on these mountains, copious streams descend to the plains, and unite into noble rivers, which water and fertilize the plains of Hindoostan. The Indus, the Ganges, and the Burrampooter are among the most distinguished rivers on the globe.

The passes through these mountains are exceedingly difficult and dangerous. Their sides, in some places, are covered with pines of an enormous size. Villages are found in the regions near this chain, which are covered with snow half the year. Some of the valleys have considerable vegetation.

601. West of the Indus, the Himmaleh are denominated *Hindoo Coosh*, or Indian Caucasus, and still further west, *Paropamisadae*. The Paropamisadae range forms the northern boundary of Cabul, and is sometimes called the Mountains of Gaur.

The chain of the *Belur Tag*, or cloudy mountains, the *Imaush* of the ancients, branches off from the Himmaleh west of the Indus, and turning north, connects this chain with the Altaian. It forms the western rampart of the immense table land of Central Asia, and forms the barrier between the independent tribes of Tartary and the Chinese Empire.

The *Mus Tag*, or Mooz Tag, lie west of the Belur Tag, called also the Kara Korum Mountains. The eastern ridges of these mountains are covered with forests, while those further west present a naked and desolate aspect. The Oxus or Jihon, the Sir, and the Kizil, rivers flowing into the Sea of Aral, have their sources near the Belur Tag.

[98] 602. The celebrated *Mountains of Caucasus*, stretch from the Black Sea to the Caspian, filling up the isthmus with their branches. The grand ridge runs like a wall from sea to sea, and admits of few passages from Europe to Asia. These mountains combine the most desolate peaks with the most fertile vales—regions of perpetual snow, with valleys where the heat is quite oppressive.

From the Steppe of Kuma, one of the most extensive plains

in the old world, the Caucasus is seen in all its grandeur; and apparently forming two separate chains, rising above each other. The highest is continually covered with snow, and its peaks are said to be little inferior to Mount Blanc in height. The northern ridge is less elevated, and is called by the natives, the Black Mountains.

603. The *Mountains of Taurus* rise abruptly near the shore of Anatolia, east of Rhodes. They extend towards the Caucasus, in a long declivity or table land, and terminate in Armenia, with a precipitous descent. They are lofty and rugged, and in many places covered with pine forests. They are traversed in summer by the Turcoman shepherds, who descend, and take up their residence in towns during the winter. Branches of this chain extend over a great portion of Asia Minor; and detached mountains rise in various parts. They give rise to celebrated rivers, of which the Euphrates and Tigris are the largest.

604. *Mount Lebanon* or *Libanus* is a small branch of the Taurus, which passes to the south through Syria, along the coast of the Mediterranean. In some instances the mountains run so near the sea as to leave but a narrow pass. The highest points of the ridge are between 30 and 40 miles from the shore. Its summits are frequently covered with snow. *Antilibanus* is a detached chain of inferior altitude, east of the former.

The mountains of Lebanon were celebrated in ancient times for their excellent cedars, and are still covered, in many places, with the descendants of those noble trees. They are chiefly composed of limestone, and present those castellated rocks, and those extensive caves, which are characteristic of that formation.

605. One of the principal branches of the Taurus, is the *Mount Zagro* of antiquity. It stretches from north to south between the Caspian Sea and the Tigris, and divides the Turkish and Persian Empires. This range runs nearly parallel to the River Tigris and the Persian Gulf, and sinks into a mere ridge of hills in the vicinity of Gombroon. Small branches either of the Taurus or Caucasus, extend through the western and southern region of Persia; but few of the ranges are of extraordinary elevation, although the summits of some of them are perpetually covered with snow.

606. The celebrated *Mount Ararat* is in the north-western part of Persia, near the Caucasus, and connected with it. It presents two insulated summits, the highest of which is covered with perpetual snow. The lower parts are chiefly composed of a deep, moving sand. One side presents a vast chasm, tinged with smoke, from which flame has been seen to issue.

[99] 607. Near the coast of the *Ægean Sea*, or *Archipelago*, the celebrated chain of *Ida* ascends abruptly from the plain. Its summit was called *Gargarus* by the ancients. It gives rise to the *Granicus*, the *Simois*, and other streams of antiquity. About 140 miles west of *Ida*, the *Asiatic Olympus* rears its summit to a still greater height, and is covered with snow most of the year. It is now called *Keshick Dag*.

608. On the south-west coast of *Hindoostan*, a chain of mountains called *The Gauts* rises near the 20th degree of latitude, and runs almost parallel to the shore, at a short distance, till it terminates in *Cape Comorin*. Another range diverges from this towards the north-east; and sweeping round the south of *Mysore*, and the east of *Balagaut*, ascends to about the 17th degree of latitude, forming what is usually denominated the table-land of the *Gauts*.

609. The island of *Ceylon* contains many mountains, some covered with verdure and others composed of naked rocks. About 80 miles east of *Columbo*, is a remarkable mountain called *Adam's Peak*, which rises about 9,000 feet above the level of the sea.

Borneo, *Sumatra*, and the remaining islands south-east of *Asia*, like most other islands, embrace a central, mountainous region, descending to flat and level tracts on the shores, which are often marshy. Volcanoes are found in many of them. Streams are usually numerous. *Sumatra* and *Java* are traversed by mountains through their whole length, which are so elevated as to produce a temperate climate in the interior. *Mount Ophir*, in *Sumatra*, is 13,000 feet high.

PHYSICAL DIVISIONS.

610. The great table-land of *Asia*, which is occupied by Chinese Tartary, descends towards the centre, and has its own system of mountains, and valleys, and streams. It is supposed to be in general about 9,000 feet above the level of the sea, and the extreme dryness and cold of its climate renders it unfavourable both to animal and vegetable life. The extensive desert or chain of deserts, called *Cobi* or *Shamo*, occupies a large part of it. The principal declivities of *Asia* descend from this central table-land, toward the north, east, south, and south-west.

611. The northern declivity, which forms *Asiatic Russia*, is a sterile alluvial region. It commences at the base of the *Altai* and *Caucasian* chains, descending with few irregularities of surface towards the *Arctic Ocean*, and stretching from the rocky shores of the *Pacific* on the east, to the *Ural Mountains* on the west.

It is chiefly composed of vast steppes, or plains, some fertile, some desert, and others marshy. The *most extensive* is that which stretches from the river Don to the Irtish, already described. A succession of others extend from the Irtish, beyond the Yenisei. The *Steppe of Barabintzi*, between the Oby and the Yenisei, is chiefly marshy. In the northern part it forms a plain of mud, frozen through the greater part of the year; and is covered only with moss, and a few drooping plants.

This declivity is traversed by numerous rivers, many of whose vales are fertile; and some parts of the southern and western [100] regions produce grain and grass; but its geological character, and its inhospitable climate, must render it in general a region of perpetual sterility.

612. The *eastern declivity*, embracing China and the eastern part of Chinese Tartary, has been little examined. It is traversed by several large rivers. China is so fruitful as to support a vast population. A portion of Eastern Tartary partakes of the character of the central table-land; but a part of it is productive.

613. The *southern declivity* of Asia, is occupied by the plains of Hindoostan and Farther India. Many parts of this region are alluvial; and almost all extremely fertile. They are watered by numerous streams; and the luxuriant vegetation of a warm and moist climate, gives them the title of the garden of the world.

614. The *south-western declivity*, embracing Arabia, and part of Persia, abounds in sterile deserts of alluvial sand. Independent Tartary, and the northern parts of Turkey and Persia, contain some fertile districts. The shores of the Mediterranean Sea, are among the most delightful portions of Asia.

INLAND NAVIGATION.

615. The *northern declivity* of Asia is furnished with numerous large rivers, which afford an easy navigation during the short season of warmth. The sterile nature of the country, and the small number of inhabitants, render them useful only in transporting the furs and minerals of this dreary region, and the commodities of China, to Russia. Two portages, from the Amour to the Selinga branch of the Yenisei, and from the Tobol to the Volga, are the only interruptions to the inland navigation, from the mouth of the Amour, through the Yenisei and Oby, to the Baltic Sea.

616. *China* is traversed by two very large rivers, flowing from east to west. Their branches are also large, and extend to most provinces of the empire. The navigation of the Kiang Ku is very good. That of the Hoang Ho is more obstructed. Canals

have been formed connecting their streams ; and a very extensive inland navigation is thus opened, from north to south and from east to west, connecting the capital with most of the principal cities and towns. This provision, in an empire which has so great a variety of soil and climate, supplies in a great measure the want of foreign commerce.

The Chinese historians give a minute account of the formation and management of the canals during a course of 1800 years. The principal line of canal navigation, is that from Pekin to Canton, 920 miles in length. The first division, 500 miles in length, from Pekin to the Yellow River, is called the Imperial Canal, because it is navigated by the imperial barges. From this place, the navigation is chiefly by the river and a branch which enters it from the south, to a chain of mountains which divide it from the province of Canton. Here there is a portage, or carrying place of 30 miles, to a stream which leads to Canton. Numerous branches extend from this canal, to smaller streams and to neighbouring cities ; and thus form a water communication from the capital, to almost all parts of the empire. The construction of the Chinese canals is very imperfect, and the navigation is tedious and difficult. The voyage from Pekin to Canton occupies three months.

[101] 617. *Hindoostan and Farther India* are furnished with an extensive inland navigation. The rivers of Farther India are little known ; but the streams of their deltas, and numerous connecting branches, provide employment for vast numbers of boats.

618. In *Hindoostan*, the *Indus and its branches* afford a free navigation for vessels of 200 tons, to Moultan and Lahore, about 850 miles. The current runs about one mile an hour, and boats descend in 12 days. The eastern branches of this river, were early connected with the Ganges, by canals which were intended chiefly for watering the country during the dry season. One of these is 114, and another 73 miles in length ; and they furnish inland navigation to a great extent of country.

619. The *Ganges* is navigable 1350 miles from its passage through the lower ranges of the Himmaleh Mountains to the sea. At 800 miles from the sea, in the lowest state of the river, it is 30 feet deep ; and continues of this size to its mouth, with a current of three or four miles an hour. Boats descend from 40 to 70 miles a day, according to the season ; and ascend from 17 to 20 miles a day. By means of this river and its branches, every part of Eastern *Hindoostan* is brought within 25 miles of navigable water. 30,000 boatmen are probably employed upon them, in transporting articles of commerce.

620. The *Kistnah*, *Godavery*, and other rivers, supply a sufficient internal navigation to the *South of India*. For 600 miles from the *Kistnah* to Cape Comorin, there is no port for shipping ; the coast forms a straight line ; and the access to the shores is dangerous, except for boats of a peculiar construction.

621. The *eastern coast* is almost destitute of rivers, as far as

the Gulf of Cambay, where the Nerbuddah empties. Its branches approach those of the Ganges.

622. The *western part of Persia*, being chiefly mountainous, has no navigation but through the branches of the Euphrates and Tigris. These rivers rise near each other, and unite and empty into the same channel. They were formerly connected by canals, some of which were made for irrigation; but they are now neglected, and chiefly destroyed. Turkey, the northern parts of Persia, and the countries intervening between them and Russia, are well supplied with means of navigation, by the inland seas which surround them. The Caspian Sea has scarcely any good harbours. Its shores are flat, and it is subject to dangerous storms.

623. The arid plains in the *south of Persia, and in East Persia and Arabia*, are traversed by torrents in the wet season; but their beds are dry in the summer. They admit of no commerce, but by means of the patient, hardy camel.

AFRICA.

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624. AFRICA is destitute of the inland seas of Europe, and the great navigable rivers of Asia and America. Communication between its countries is thus rendered difficult. Immense deserts, or oceans of burning sands, form its most striking feature. They cover most of the surface of Northern Africa, and probably extend south of the equator also, defying every effort of human skill and industry, and forming a barrier to the intercourse of nations, more difficult to pass than the ocean. The obstacles which the nature of the country and the barbarism of the people have placed in the way of the traveller, have kept us in such ignorance of its geography, that there are no materials for an accurate description of the interior.

MOUNTAINS.

625. The *chains of mountains in Africa* are not much inferior in elevation and extent to those of other quarters of the globe.

The chain of *Mount Atlas* on the north, extends more than half across the continent. It stretches through the greater part of Barbary; and divides it from the vast Desert of Sahara.

The mountains which form the eastern boundary of Morocco are by far the loftiest part of this chain. Their height is more than 13,000 feet; and their summits, even in this tropical region, are covered with perpetual snow.

626. As the chain alters its direction, and stretches through Eastern Barbary, it diminishes considerably in height, and spreads

into various *branches*, of which Mount Jurjura, in Algiers, is the most elevated. Lempriere, who traversed a part of these mountains, represents them as *composed* in a great measure of rugged and barren rocks, whose perpendicular and immense height, fill the mind with horror. These cliffs are intersected by deep valleys, filled with villages and gardens; and even in December, covered with the most beautiful verdure. Between this chain and the sea, is interposed a valley of from 50 to 200 miles in breadth, which embraces the cultivated lands of Barbary. Another ridge, denominated Little Atlas, passes through them in the same direction with the Greater Atlas, from the Straits of Gibraltar to Cape Bona, in Algiers. Some elevated chains are also found east of the Atlas, on the shores of the Mediterranean.

Neither of these chains is famed for its *mineral treasures*; but this may arise rather from the neglect of the inhabitants in exploring them, than from any real deficiency; particularly as silver, copper, lead, and iron, have been found in small quantities. The Atlas pours down innumerable *streams*; but from its peculiar situation, they are either received into the ocean, or lost in the sands of the desert, after a very short course.

627. The *central mountains of Africa* must be of still greater height than the Atlas, if we may judge by their fame throughout the continent, and by the large rivers to which they give rise. The loftiest portion appears to be that lying to the south of Abyssinia, [103] known to the ancients under the poetical appellation of the Mountains of the Moon, and called by the natives, Jibbel Kumri. These certainly contain the remotest source of the Egyptian Nile, as well as of other great rivers of which we know little.

On the other side of the continent, and nearly under the same parallel, we find the Mountains of Kong, which stretch without interruption from the coast to the meridian of Tombuctoo. It has been supposed that these mountains run eastward, till they reach the Mountains of the Moon, and form an uninterrupted chain across the whole breadth of Africa; but this is rendered doubtful by the remarks of recent travellers.

628. The *composition and structure* of these mountains is almost entirely unknown. Gold is washed down by numerous streams which descend from them: and there are large copper mines to the south of Darfur.

The Nile derives a considerable portion of its streams from the Mountains of the Moon. The Mountains of Kong give rise to the Gambia, the Senegal, the Niger, whose course is so mysterious, and some other rivers of importance.

629. *Along the coast of the Red Sea*, is a chain of mountains

which seems to connect the northern and central chains of Africa. At the point of their union is *Abyssinia*; which may be denominated the Switzerland of Africa. The whole country inclines to the north-west, and is guarded towards the east and south by vast mountain barriers. The long eastern range, called Lamalmon, which bars the entrance from the Red Sea, is elevated and rugged, and forms a continuous ridge. The whole range of mountains extends north and south for 80 miles. The mountains of Gorjan give rise to the Bahr-el-Azrek, or Abyssinian Nile.

630. Many of these mountains are very singular in their appearance, resembling the ruins of ancient walls, towers, and cities; and in some places are so steep as to be ascended by ropes and ladders. Sometimes a circuit of rocky walls supports a plain of considerable extent, covered with trees and verdure. The actual height of the Abyssinian mountains has not been determined; but it is evident that they approach the limit of perpetual snow, which in the tenth degree of latitude, is about 15,000 feet. Numerous torrents occasionally roll down from these chains; and springs issue from their sides, which unite and constitute several large rivers.

In the *Mountains of Abyssinia*, granite and slate have been very extensively observed; and it is probable that these primitive rocks occupy a great portion of the principal chains. They seem remarkably destitute of metals. The declivities of the mountains afford the most agreeable situations, and here the towns and villages are usually built. The deep valleys are unhealthy.

631. *The Mountains of Lupata* are supposed to follow the direction of the eastern shore of Africa, between 10° and 20° of south latitude. The existence of this chain is not fully ascertained; but is rendered almost certain, from the number and size of the rivers on the coast.

632. In *South Africa*, three successive ranges of mountains runs nearly parallel with the southern coast, and divide the greater part of the colony into three terraces. The first of these chains is called Lange Kloof, or Long Pass, and encloses a space between it and the ocean, varying from 20 to 60 miles in breadth.

Within this range is another, nearly parallel to it, called Zwarte Bergen, or Black Mountain. It rises still higher, and is more rugged than the former, and is in some places composed of double and triple ranges. From 80 to 100 miles north of the second range are the Nieuweldts, or Snowy Mountains, the highest chain in southern Africa. Its most elevated summits being generally covered with snow, are supposed to be 10,000 feet in height.

633. Besides the principal ranges of mountains in South Africa

already mentioned, others run nearly *parallel to the coast of the Atlantic*. The most noted hills are near the southern extremity of the continent. Behind Cape Town is Table Mountain, a stupendous mass of naked rocks, the north front of which faces the town, and runs nearly on a horizontal line, about two miles in length. Its face rises almost perpendicularly, and appears like the ruined wall of some gigantic fortress. Its height above Table Bay is about 4,000 feet.

634. The island of *Madagascar* is intersected throughout the whole length, by a lofty ridge of mountains. The highest points of this chain appear to be towards the extremities, and are said to be more than 10,000 feet in height. The scenery in many places is strikingly grand. Awful precipices are crowned with forests—hills and valleys are adorned with all the beauties of nature—and extended plains are grazed by numerous herds of cattle.

Minerals abound in these mountains; but they are turned to little advantage by the present inhabitants.

PHYSICAL DIVISIONS.

635. From this account of Africa, it will be seen that *its coasts are bordered* on all sides by ranges of mountains. They descend towards the sea, by the short *declivities* of Barbary, Senegambia, Guinea, Lower Guinea, and Zanguebar. These are generally well-watered and fertile regions.

636. On passing these exterior ridges in the north of Africa, we meet with those barren tracts of sand which form the *deserts*. The tract which lies between the Atlas and the mountains of the Moon, is chiefly occupied by the burning Sahara, a region of sand and sandstone, which is said to be little elevated above the sea. This desolate expanse is watered by no streams; and only here and there is found a well, or a fertile spot.

637. South of this lies the *vale of the Niger*, which has all the fertility of a well-watered, tropical region, and furnishes support to a large population. On the east, is the narrow *vale of the Nile*, long celebrated for its fertility. The sands of the desert have now buried many fair portions of ancient Egypt, and greatly reduced the extent of its cultivated lands. The mountainous region of Abyssinia is the source of its waters.

[105] 638. That portion of *Central Africa* which lies between the Jibbel Kumri and South Africa, has never been explored by travellers; and we know not even the names of its countries.

639. Between the mountains of *South Africa*, is a succession of terraces, rising and diminishing in fertility as they recede from

the sea. The belt enclosed between the two first mentioned chains, (§ 632) contains many fertile tracts, occupied by Dutch farmers. The second terrace contains a large portion of arid soil, and is called the Karoo. The third elevation is a large plain, about 300 miles long, and 100 broad, called the Great Karoo. It is a complete scene of desolation, and it does not contain a single fixed habitation.

An extensive plateau, or table-land, has recently been discovered in South Africa, north of the Tropic of Capricorn.

INLAND NAVIGATION.

640. Vast regions in Africa, like others in Asia, are so *destitute of rivers*, that their commerce is carried on entirely by means of the camel, termed "the ship of the desert." The *western coast* has considerable inland navigation, by means of the Senegal, the Gambia, and other large rivers emptying into the Atlantic. The Niger also appears to be the channel of a considerable inland commerce.

641. The *Nile* is the most remarkable among the rivers of Africa for its inland navigation; and Egypt is the only country where canals appear to have been formed for that purpose. It is now accessible only by two mouths—those of Rosetta and Damietta. The whole coast of its delta is lined with a succession of shallow lakes, which communicate with the sea, and are connected with the principal channel by canals. During high water, vessels of 40 tons navigate the stream without difficulty; but in the dry season, only boats can pass. The boat navigation extends to the cataracts, 600 miles from the mouth.

642. The celebrated *Canal of Alexandria* passes to this city, from the Rosetta branch of the Nile, along the neck of land between Lakes Mareotis and Aboukir. It furnishes the inhabitants with water during the flood of the Nile, which is preserved in cisterns for the rest of the year. The water is not sufficiently high for navigation more than 20 or 25 days in the year.

A canal was formerly cut from the Nile to the *Red Sea*, at Suez; but it has been entirely closed or disused of late years.

MARITIME WORLD.

643. The numerous islands which form the Maritime World, are extremely various in their character and magnitude. New Holland is by far the largest, and almost claims the name of continent. Those of Polynesia are generally very small.

[106] 644. Some of these islands have the lofty, rugged *appearance* of primary rocks; others are volcanic; and many of the low islands appear to be founded on coral. They are generally too small to require minute description in a system of geography, or too little explored to admit of it.

AUSTRALIA.

645. NEW-HOLLAND has scarcely been explored beyond the colony of NEW SOUTH WALES. The whole coast has a barren, repulsive appearance. In the colony, the land immediately bordering on the sea is flat and barren; but a few miles in the interior it is fine, and abounds in prairies almost destitute of timber. The Blue Mountains run along the coast, and separate the colony from the interior. They give rise to several large rivers, some of which flow into the interior, and are lost in extensive morasses; and it is singular that no large streams have been found emptying on the coast. From these circumstances it has been conjectured, that the whole island forms but a single basin, descending towards the centre into extensive morasses or lakes.

646. VAN DIEMEN'S LAND has a more favourable appearance on the coast than NEW-HOLLAND, and is remarkable for the number of fine harbours. It is on the whole mountainous. It abounds in streams; and there are many large lakes among the mountains. The land is often good on the coasts; and in the interior, almost uniformly. Sometimes it spreads into extensive prairies, and every where presents great advantages for settlement and cultivation.

647. NEW-GUINEA, and the neighbouring islands north of New-Holland, are large, but have never been examined sufficiently to ascertain even the outline of their coasts.

NEW-ZEALAND comprises two islands. The surface is waving, gradually rising into mountains towards the centre. Mount Egmont, 12,000 feet high, is the loftiest peak. The northern island has a fertile soil; the southern is less productive.

NEW-CALEDONIA is an island of considerable size, surrounded by dangerous rocks and shoals. It presents a uniform, mountainous chain, with barren summits, interspersed with fertile valleys.

The NEW-HEBRIDES are a group of small, rocky islands, which are yet fertile and populous.

POLYNESIA.

Islands North of the Equator.

648. The *Pelew Islands*, the *Ladrones*, and the *Carolines*, are groups of small islands, only remarkable for their fertility and fine climate.

The *SANDWICH ISLANDS* are a group of 9 or 10 islands. The whole are estimated to contain 6,000 square miles, of which *Owhyhee* contains 4,000. This island rises in the centre into the peaks of *Mouna Kaah* and *Mouna Roah*, which are estimated to be 16,000 feet above the level of the sea. The surface is generally waving, and the soil very fertile.

Islands South of the Equator.

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649. The *FRIENDLY ISLANDS* are a numerous group, consisting of more than 150 islands, the greater part of which are either rocks, or shoals, or barren desert spots. Some are fertile and delightful. The largest is *Tongataboo*, a low fertile island, which is said to be based on coral.

Otaheite is the principal of the *SOCIETY ISLANDS*. It has a fertile soil and delightful climate. In the interior it rises into inaccessible mountains, from which numerous streams descend.

THE OCEAN.

(25.) *Ice-fields of the Northern Ocean.*

650. The *level of the Ocean* is the same in all parts of the world, except as it is varied by local causes. *Inland seas* which communicate with the ocean by a narrow strait, like the *Baltic* and *Black Seas*, are generally higher than the ocean,

in consequence of the streams flowing in from the land; and their height is varied by the state of the streams at different seasons.

Those seas which open to the east, generally have a higher level than the ocean, in consequence of the winds and currents which continually come from the east, between the tropics. Thus the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, are from 20 to 23 feet higher than those of the Pacific near them; and the French engineers found the Red Sea $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet higher than the Mediterranean.

651. The depth of the ocean is extremely various, and its bed is evidently diversified with hills and valleys, mountains, and plains. The tops of the mountains sometimes appear above the water, in the form of rocks, shoals, and islands; and vast spaces exist where the depth of the valleys cannot be sounded with the longest line. The greatest depth yet sounded is only 7,200 feet.

652. The waters of the ocean contains various salts, of which the most abundant [108] is common salt, or muriate of soda. The proportion is from 1-23d to 1-25th of the weight of the water, varying in different parts of the globe. It diminishes in going towards the cold and polar regions; and is sometimes greatly reduced by the fresh water of rains and streams, near the land.

653. The colour of the sea is generally a deep greenish blue; which varies much with the aspect of the sky, and is probably a reflection of its colour. In shallow water it becomes a light green, perhaps from the reflection of the bottom, or the fragments of sea-weed and marine plants it contains.

654. Numberless small animals are found to float on the surface of the sea, which are luminous at night, and produce a beautiful phosphorescence on the waves. The path of a vessel is a line of light, and the water which she throws up in her progress, or which rolls over her decks, appears like liquid fire. Sometimes myriads of luminous spots and stars, float and dance upon the water, and assume the most beautiful and fantastic appearance.

655. Around the poles the surface of the ocean presents only an expanse of ice. In latitude 70° there is usually a small quantity of ice floating at all seasons; and in the latitude 80° , we meet with those vast, permanent fields, which seem to claim the name of continents.

656. At the return of spring, the ice around the north pole fills up the bays of Hudson and Baffin, and extends in an irregular, waving line, from Newfoundland to Nova Zembla. It passes along the Labrador coast, usually preventing all access to the land as high as Hudson's Straits; and thence by Cape Farewell, north-east to Iceland and Jan Mayen, and east by Cherry Island, to Nova Zembla and Siberia. In Baffin's Straits, there is usually a deep bay formed by the ice. Between Iceland and Spitzbergen, a remarkable promontory of ice extends to the south, varying somewhat in its situation, which forms the boundary between the whale fisheries on the east, and the seal fisheries on the west. The same mass seems to extend along the whole northern coast of Asia, until it unites the two continents, north of Beering's Straits. During the summer the coast of Asia is accessible, and the ice may be penetrated as far as latitude 80° .

657. The icy continent of the southern hemisphere commences in a much lower latitude; and could never be penetrated beyond latitude $74^{\circ} 15'$.

658. From these continents vast fields of ice are frequently detached, which float off to sea. They are sometimes so extensive that their limits cannot be seen from the mast of a ship. From the shores of the polar regions, lofty masses, termed icebergs, frequently break off, and form floating islands. They obstruct the polar seas at all seasons, and are occasionally found as low as latitude 40° . Some of the icebergs are 600 feet in height; and hundreds have been seen at once, surrounding a vessel in all directions. The beauty of these objects, glittering in the sun-beams, surpasses every conception of one who has never seen them.

659. The ocean is continually moving in waves, tides, and currents. The waves on the surface of the sea are perpetual, and are produced chiefly by the wind. They resemble the waving of a forest, and not the current of a stream; and their effect does not extend beyond 100 feet in depth.

660. Tides are those regular elevations and depressions of the ocean which occur twice in every twenty-four hours. They are produced by the attraction of the moon, combined with that of the sun.

The waters of the ocean are most elevated in that spot over whose meridian the moon has just passed. After the moon has risen at any place, the tide begins

to rise; soon after it has passed the meridian, the tide is highest, and gradually sinks until it has set. The tide is high again when the moon is on the opposite side of the earth; and then falls again until it rises. The time, like that of the moon's rising, is about 50 minutes later every day.

661. At the new and full moon, the attraction of the sun is united to that of the moon, and causes higher tides than usual, which are called *spring tides*. About the first and last quarters, the attraction of the sun counteracts that of the moon, and causes the lowest, or *neap tides*.

662. The influence of the moon, like that of the sun, is felt most near the equator; the *height of the tides* diminishes in going from this circle, and near the poles, they are scarcely felt. In open situations, as in the islands of the Pacific Ocean, the tides rise at regular periods, and do not exceed one or two feet in height. When they meet a coast or bay, or pass through a narrow channel, the time is much varied, and the height greatly increased.

In the British Channel, the tide sometimes rises 40 or 50 feet, and at the mouth of the Indus, sometimes 30. In the Bay of Fundy it rises to 60 feet, and often so rapidly that the cattle feeding on the shore have been drowned before they could escape.*

663. In inland seas and lakes, as in the Mediterranean and the Baltic, the quantity of water is so small, that all parts are equally attracted, and there is no perceptible tide. But in wide bays and harbours, and in seas open to the great western current, as in Baffin's and Hudson's bays and the Red Sea, the influence of the tides is felt.

664. At the equator, the tides move from east to west following the apparent motion of the moon. In the Temperate Zones, they move towards the equator, as the centre of attraction.

665. The waters of the ocean are perpetually moving in *currents*, like winds, which seem to complete the circuit of the globe. Some appear to be *permanent*—others are *variable*, and change with the seasons, winds, or tides.

666. The most regular and extensive current on the globe, is that which flows constantly from east to west, generally extending 30 degrees on each side of the equator.

In the Pacific Ocean, its motion is uniform, and furnishes great aid to navigation. It passes south of New-Holland, and through the islands of Asia, to the coast of Africa and the Cape of Good Hope; but in consequence of the obstructions it meets, it produces numerous and variable currents in the Indian Ocean, which render the navigation dangerous.

667. In the Atlantic Ocean, the western current strikes the eastern projection of South America, and is divided into two portions; one of which flows along the coast of Brazil and passes into the Pacific, through the Straits of Magellan, with considerable rapidity. The other turns to the north, and passing through the Caribbean Sea, it enters the Gulf of Mexico, and flows out through the Bahama Channel in the celebrated Gulf Stream.

668. The Gulf Stream issues from the gulf, with the velocity of 4 or 5 miles an hour, and flows to the north east, along the coast of the United States. As it proceeds northward, it recedes gradually from the shore, and diminishes in velocity. On striking the banks of Newfoundland, it turns to the south, and appears to mingle with the western current again, near the Azores. It probably reaches the north-eastern coast of Europe also; for the productions of tropical America are often thrown upon the coasts of Scotland and Norway; and in one instance, the [110] mast of a vessel burned in the West Indies, was cast upon the Hebrides.

669. There are two general currents which flow from the poles toward the equator. That which flows from the north pole, appears to strike the shores of Asia, and then pass round the North Cape into the Atlantic. It frequently throws whole forests of pines upon the coast of Iceland, which furnish the inhabitants with much of their fuel; and sometimes piles up huge masses of ice upon the shores, which are arrested in their progress to warmer latitudes.

* Morse.

670. The *southern polar current* is crossed and checked by the western current passing by Cape Horn, and the Cape of Good Hope. This prevents the ice islands from floating away into warmer latitudes; and probably is the cause of the great accumulation of ice around the south pole.

671. There are various *smaller currents* in different parts of the ocean. There is one of considerable extent flowing in towards the western coast of *Africa*, which has sometimes caused the shipwreck of vessels. It is remarkable that a current continually flows from the Atlantic into the *Mediterranean Sea*, so that vessels cannot come out of the Straits of Gibraltar, unless they are aided by a strong easterly wind.

672. When two opposing tides or currents meet, they often cause *whirlpools*. That of Charybdis, in the Straits of Messina, was the terror of ancient mariners. The most remarkable known is the *Maelstrom*, on the coast of Norway. It roars with a tremendous noise, especially in a storm, and its influence is then felt for more than nine miles. Its power is such, that ships, and even whales, have been drawn in, and engulfed, from a distance of several miles.

673. The passage from New-York Harbour to Long Island Sound, which is called *Hurligate*, is remarkable for its numerous whirlpools, produced by the flow of the tides through a rocky channel. It can only be passed with safety at particular times of tide. At other times, the appearance and roar of the whirlpools is terrifying to one who is not familiar with the scene.

674. Besides these motions *the waters of the ocean and of lakes circulate* from the top to the bottom, in cold seasons and climates. When the water at the surface is cooled more than that below, it becomes denser (or heavier,) and sinks to the bottom; a warmer portion rises in its place; and when it is cooled, sinks again, and gives place to another—until the whole mass assumes an equal temperature.

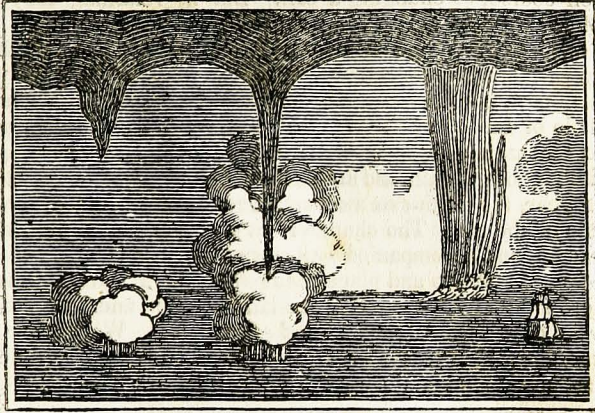
675. *Were this law to continue through all the degrees of cold*, the whole ocean would be reduced to the freezing point, and probably be congealed to the bottom; so that the heat of the temperate zones could never melt it. But by a wonderful direction of Providence, when water arrives at the temperature of 40° degrees, or 8 degrees above the freezing point, it *expands* instead of condensing, and becoming lighter, it remains on the surface, and protects the water below from the influence of the cold air. In this way, the greater part of the ocean is kept above the freezing point.

676. By the saltiness of the ocean and its constant movements, it is prevented from corrupting, and preserved from the extremes of heat and cold. Its currents, flowing and returning from the warm to the cold regions, equalize in some degree the temperature of the earth, and render countries habitable, which would otherwise be desolated with frost. The vapours, breezes, and showers which rise from it, refresh those which are parched with heat, and preserve them from becoming deserts.

[111] Thus examination shows us, that what appears at first sight a useless waste of waters, is an indispensable provision of the Creator for our preservation and comfort. It also furnishes a habitation for innumerable fish, which supply a large part of mankind with food; and renders communication more easy; between the countries it seems to divide.

THE ATMOSPHERE.

WINDS.

(26.) *Water-Spouts.*

677. When the air over any place is more heated than that around, it is rarified or expanded, and rises. The surrounding air rushes in to supply its place, and this produces a current called *wind*.

678. There are some *winds which blow constantly* in the same direction. Of this kind, there are *two general currents* of the atmosphere—that which follows the course of the sun in the Torrid Zone—and that flowing from the cold regions round the poles, towards the equator, which is chiefly felt in the Temperate Zones. Other winds are *periodical*, or blow only at certain periods of the day or the year; but these, as well as the constant winds, are chiefly confined to warm climates. Beyond latitude 40° , the winds are generally *variable*.

679. In the Torrid Zone, as the parts under the sun are hottest, and as the earth turns from west to east, the air moves in an opposite direction, following the sun, and forms constant winds from the east, called *trade winds*. North and south of the equator, the trade winds become north-easterly and south-easterly, by uniting with the polar current.

680. *The trade winds extend* as far as 28° or 30° on each side of the equator, during the summer of each hemisphere; but on the coast of America, they are felt as far as 40° . By the aid [112]

of these winds, the Spanish vessels which sail from Mexico to the Philippine Isles, often finish a voyage, nearly equal to half the circumference of the globe, in 60 days, without altering their course, or changing a sail. But in returning they are obliged to go north, beyond the limits of the trade winds.

681. *In the Indian Ocean*, north of 10° south latitude, there are periodical winds called *monsoons*, which blow half the year north-east, and the other half south-west. They extend over the whole of India and the sea coast of East Persia. The south-west monsoon blows constantly, from April to October, bringing with it floods of rain, and dreadful tempests. During the rest of the year, the north-east monsoon produces a dry and agreeable state of the air. The change from one monsoon to the other is gradual, and accompanied with storms and hurricanes.

682. In islands and places near the sea, in warm climates, there is usually a wind from the land at night, and from the sea in the day, called the *land and sea breezes*. Without the sea breeze, the heat of many places in these climates would be almost insupportable.

In the Mediterranean sea, the West Indies, &c. the land breeze usually begins at 6 or 7 o'clock in the evening, and blows until 8 in the morning, when the sea breeze begins, increasing till noon, and gradually dying away in the afternoon. Between the changes, there is a period of stillness, as between the ebbing and flowing of the tide.

683. *Hurricanes* are violent storms occurring in South America, the West Indies, and other hot countries, in which the wind changes in a short time to every point of compass, and blows with a violence which scarcely any thing can resist.

Hurricanes are attended with a great swelling of the sea, and sometimes with earthquakes. They happen in the rainy season, principally in August, destroying all the produce of the ground, tearing up trees, blowing down buildings, and inundating large tracts of country. The trade winds are interrupted during their continuance.

On the south-eastern coast of Asia, especially in the Gulf of Tonquin, tremendous storms of the same kind occur, which are called *Typhons* or *Tufoons*.

The velocity of the trade winds is estimated by Lalande at 5 or 6 miles an hour; and of a brisk gale, at 12 or 15. High winds move from 30 to 40 miles an hour; and storms and hurricanes, from 50 to 100.

Winds are necessary to purify the atmosphere. They raise and transport the clouds from the sea to fertilize the land, and serve to convey us over the ocean, the great highway of the globe.

684. *Whirlwinds* are formed by opposite winds meeting and moving swiftly in a circle, raising sand and light bodies into the air. In the deserts of Africa they sometimes draw up the sand

into a moving *pillar*, which buries all in its way. When they appear on the ocean, they draw up the water, and produce *water-spouts*. In a water-spout, a column of water is seen hanging from the clouds, and descending until it meets a column [113] rising from the ocean. (*Fig. 26.*) These unite and often move with rapidity, until they meet with some opposing wind, or other cause, which destroys them. They are not uncommon in warm latitudes.

685. The *quality of winds* is affected by the countries over which they pass; and they are sometimes rendered pestilential by the heat of deserts, or the putrid exhalations of marshes and lakes. Thus from the deserts of Africa, Arabia, and the neighbouring countries, a hot wind blows, called the *Samiel* or *Simoom*, which sometimes produces instant death. A similar wind blows from the Sahara, upon the western coast of Africa, called the *Harmattan*, producing a dryness and heat, which is almost insupportable, and scorching like the blasts of a furnace.

686. In the southern countries of Europe, particularly Spain and Italy, a warm, unpleasant wind blows from Africa, which is called the *Sirocco*. It occasions great uneasiness in the human frame, irritating the nervous system, and checking perspiration. Its temperature does not exceed 95 degrees; but a dry, feverish heat is produced in the body, and such debility, that exertion is painful.

The Sirocco sometimes blows only a few hours; occasionally from morning to evening; and very rarely three days. The inhabitants shut themselves up in their houses to avoid its influence. It is singular that to the natives of cold climates, and to strangers in feeble health, it is often reviving.

The various winds of this kind are doubtless only blasts of heat from extensive deserts, under different names, varying in their power, and effects according to circumstances.

687. Between the fourth and tenth degrees of north latitude, a part of the ocean, lying south of Cape Verd and its islands, is remarkable for calms, almost perpetual, attended with dreadful thunder and lightning. The showers are so frequent that it has been called "*The Rains.*"

RAIN.

688. When water is dissipated into the air in an invisible manner, the process is called *evaporation*. *Spontaneous evaporation* is continually produced by the agency of the sun and air, from the waters of the ocean and the land. The watery vapours condensed by cold, or rising into the atmosphere to a region of the air lighter than themselves, form visible mists, or *fogs*, and the strata of visible vapours, called *clouds*.

689. The vapours thus accumulated in the clouds, at length fall in rain, snow, and hail, and return through the rivers, to the ocean. *Snow* consists of such vapours as are frozen while the particles are small. It is rarely seen below latitude 30° in America, and 36° on the eastern continent. *Hail* is a more compact mass of frozen water, which consists of such vapours as are united into drops, and are frozen while they are falling. It is scarcely ever known in latitudes higher than 60° .

[114] 690. The vapours which arise from the earth do not ascend above a certain *height*, and here neither rain nor snow are known. The ordinary height of clouds does not exceed one or two miles.

691. Various *quantities of rain* fall in different parts of the earth, according to the climate and situation. The quantity of rain and snow is greatest on *mountains*, and they contain the principal sources of rivers. *Islands, and places* near the ocean, are of course more subject to rains and moisture, than the interior of a country.

692. The quantity of rain also varies with the latitude. In the *Torrid Zone* the evaporation is most abundant on account of the heat, and the greatest quantity of rain falls on this portion of the earth. It descends in one season of the year, and for the rest of the year there is no rain.

From this circumstance the number of *rainy days* is smallest at the equator; and increases in proportion to the distance from it. From north latitude 12° to 43° , the mean number of rainy days is 78—from 43° to 46° , the mean number is 103—from 46° to 50° , it is 134—from 51° to 60° , 161.

The *average number of rainy days* in a year, for 20 years, in Salem and Cambridge, Massachusetts, and in 20 cities in Europe, is thus stated, with the number of fair and cloudy days for one or two years.

	<i>Rainy.</i>	<i>Fair.</i>	<i>Cloudy.</i>
Salem	95	173	90
Cambridge	88	—	69
20 cities in Europe. }	122	64	113
Cincinnati.—variable	176		105

693. The *rainy season in the Torrid Zone* is during the summer, when the sun raises the greatest quantity of vapour, and of course it varies with this season on each side of the equator. In the southern regions of Asia, the rains accompany the southwest monsoons, which continue from April to October, and are attended with violent thunder storms.

The effects of these periodical rains are most remarkable in the northern tropical regions of Africa. Showers begin in April, and increase till June; when torrents of rain begin to descend, and continue almost three months without intermission. The face of nature is soon changed; rivulets before dried up swell into mighty streams; the rivers overflow their banks; and the plains become fast

akes. In the course of September the rains cease, and not a drop falls until the following April. On the opposite side of the equator, the rainy season is from October to March, and the remainder of the year is dry.

694. The Torrid Zone is the chief theatre of *thunder storms*. They are unknown in regions near the poles. It never thunders in Greenland, nor in Hudson's Bay. The electricity of these regions may perhaps be exhausted by the Aurora Borealis, or northern lights. In the Temperate Zones, thunder storms are more frequent and violent, in proportion as we approach the tropics.

695. There are some countries where *it scarcely ever rains*, as Egypt, and several other parts of Africa and Asia. In [115] South America the clouds seem to be checked in their progress from the Atlantic, by the Andes; and while the sides of these mountains are deluged with frequent showers, the plains of Peru and Chili, west of them, are entirely destitute of rain. Such countries are watered entirely by mountain streams, and by the dews, which are much heavier than in other countries.

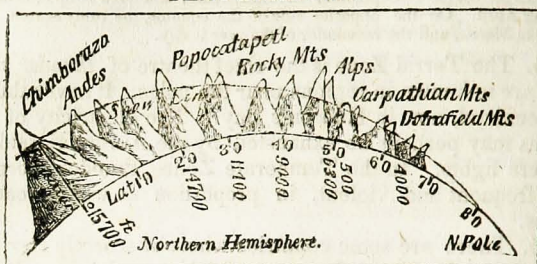
696. The following table shows the quantity of rain which falls annually in a number of places, arranged according to the amount.

	<i>inches.</i>		<i>inches.</i>		<i>inches.</i>
Grenada, (W. I.)	112	Cincinnati	36	Bologna	25.6
Calcutta	81	Manchester	36	Abo	25
Charleston, (S. C.)	54	Rome	35.7	Williamstown (Mas.)	25
Frankfort, (Ken.)	54	Salem	35	Lisle	24
Andover, (Mass.)	51	Liverpool (18 years)	34.1	Palermo	22
Williamsburgh, (V.)	47	Zurich	32	London	22
Cambridge	47	Port St. Louis (Bour-		Marseilles	21.4
Vienna	44.8	bon)	32	Glasgow (17 years)	21.3
Pisa	43.2	Philadelphia	30	Paris	20.8
Rutland, (Vt.)	41	Scotland (average)	30.1	Sweden	19
Brunswick, (Me.)	40	Algiers	29.2	Upsal	15
Naples	37.2	Utrecht	28.8	St. Petersburg	12.5
England, (average)	36	Padua	25.2		

The average quantity, in different latitudes, as stated by Humboldt, is as follows.

	<i>Mean temp.</i>	<i>Rain.</i>
Under the equator	81.5	96 inches.
North Latitude, 19°	79.25	80
“ 45°	68	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ 60°	38 $\frac{3}{4}$	17

TEMPERATURE.



(27.) Line of perpetual Congelation.

697. *Temperature* is the degree of heat or cold. It is measured by means of the mercury, or other fluid in a thermometer, which rises with heat, and sinks with cold.

The thermometer is an instrument consisting of a glass ball, filled with a fluid connected with a long slender tube. The expansion of the fluid causes it to rise [116] in the tube, and is measured by a scale of degrees, beginning at 0, or Zero. In freezing water, the fluid will stand at 32 degrees of Fahrenheit's thermometer, and in boiling water, at 212. The usual heat of the human body is 96 degrees.

698. On account of the different states of the human body, our sensations in the same temperature are different, according to circumstances; so that one person is often cold, and another warm, in the same air. In judging of other climates therefore, we must remember that a degree of heat or cold, which may be very painful to us, may be less painful, or even pleasant, to those who are accustomed to it.

At 50 or 60 degrees of Fahrenheit's thermometer, the air appears *temperate* and agreeable to most persons in a temperate climate. At zero, it is intensely *cold*; at 70, it appears *warm*; and at 80, uncomfortably *hot*. But in warm climates, like that of North Carolina, it appears too cold, and fires are wanted, if the thermometer is below 70; and it is not considered warm until it has risen to 80.* In hot climates the variation of feeling is still greater, and it is not warm until the thermometer rises much higher.

The celebrated traveller, Bruce, defines the air to be *cool*, when a person fully clothed may bear more clothes; *temperate*, when he may take moderate exercise without perspiring; and *warm* when he perspires in walking about a room. "So different," he says, "are the sensations in a hot climate, that in Sennaar, according to these definitions, it is *cool* from 70 to 78 degrees—*temperate* from 78 to 92—and it is not *warm*, until the thermometer rises above 92 degrees."

699. In all northern latitudes, January or February is the *coldest* month in the year, and July or August the *warmest*. The *greatest cold during the day*, in all latitudes in the northern hemi-

* Silliman's Journal.

sphere, is usually about an hour before sunrise. *The greatest heat* in all latitudes between 60° and 35° , is from 2 to 3 o'clock ; and between 35° and the equator, from 1 to 2 o'clock. The temperature at sunset was found by Humboldt, from a great number of observations, to vary very little from the mean of sunrise and 2 o'clock.

700. In estimating the temperature of a country, we should refer, not to the heat of particular seasons, but to the average of heat and cold through the year, which is called the *mean annual temperature*.

701. The *heat of the earth* at a short distance below the surface, and that of permanent springs, is nearly uniform at all seasons ; and usually corresponds to the mean annual temperature of the air. But in descending to a great depth in mines, the heat increases constantly. It continues almost permanently at 70° degrees, in some of the mines of England ; and at 80 or 90 in those of Mexico.

In the caverns under the city of Paris, at the depth of 35 feet, the temperature varies only from 52 to 54 degrees, which is about the average of the year in the air above ; while at the surface, it varies 90 degrees at different seasons. The temperature of deep wells, in Philadelphia, Vermont, and other parts of the United States, has been found to correspond to the mean annual temperature of the [117] air. In the coal mines of the north of England, the temperature is 70 degrees at the depth of 800 or 900 feet ; when the air at the surface is only 48 or 49. In the mines of Valenciana, in Mexico, it is 92, when the air at the surface is at 60.

CAUSES OF TEMPERATURE.

702. The sun's rays are *the chief source of heat* to the earth ; and those places which receive them most directly are hottest. For this reason, as already stated, the portions of the earth near the equator are hottest—the heat diminishes in going from the equator—the regions round the poles are the coldest parts of the earth—and generally, the temperature is proportioned to the latitude.

703. For the same reason, *a declivity towards the equator*, which receives the rays more directly than a level surface, is always warmest—*a declivity towards the poles*, which receives them obliquely, or is partially shaded, is always coldest.

It is well known, that the south side of a hill, in our hemisphere, is peculiarly warm ; and the north side, peculiarly cold. A south-western exposure is warmest, because it receives the sun's rays in the warmest part of the day ; and a north-eastern exposure is coldest.

704. *When the sun's rays strike upon the land*, they are stopped and accumulated at the surface. They are then reflected into the air and to surrounding objects : so that the reflected heat is often greater than the direct heat of the sun. Hence *the heat of valleys*, where the rays are reflected by the mountains, is sometimes very great. In an elevated valley of Mont Blanc, in Swit-

zerland, it is so much increased by reflection in the centre, that there is a spot of perpetual verdure in the midst of perpetual snows and glaciers.

705. Hence also the *heat is greatest* near the surface of the earth. It *diminishes* in ascending above the level of the sea, especially on lofty mountains, where it is continually reflected into the dry, clear air around them, and is carried off by the winds which sweep over them, without any opportunity for accumulation.

An elevation of 500 yards produces the same effect as a distance of 5,000 miles from the equator. At the height of 6,000 or 8,000 feet under the tropics, we find the same climate as in latitude 49° in France. At 13,000 feet we find the frosts of the Frigid Zone; and at 15,730 feet, the mountains based upon the most scorching plains are capped with perpetual snow. In moderate ascents and temperate climates, the thermometer falls about one degree in ascending 300 feet; and the change is more rapid as you rise higher.

The elevation of St. Gothard, about 3 miles, produces an increase of cold in latitude 46° , equal to that caused by a difference of 20 degrees of latitude. At the equator snow begins to fall at the height of 13,040 feet, and is perpetual at 15,730. In latitude 20° , it begins to fall at the height of 9,912 feet, and is perpetual at 15,096. At the level of the sea it does not begin to fall till we reach 30° of latitude; and is not perpetual until we get within the polar circles. But particular circumstances vary these limits. Thus there are plains on the Himmaleh Mountains 15,000 feet above the level of the sea, which produce fine pasturage; and barley and buckwheat flourish at the height of 11,000 feet, which is above the regions of perpetual snow on the Andes, in the same latitude.

[118] 706. The imaginary line which marks the height at which perpetual snow begins, in different parts of the earth, is called *the line of perpetual congelation*. It is highest, of course, at the equator; and descends in going from it, until it touches the surface of the earth in the Frigid Zones. Its height in different latitudes is shown in the figure, (No. 27.)

707. When the sun's rays strike upon the ocean, they penetrate to the depth of 600 or 700 feet, and the heat is more diffused through the mass. The warm water remains at the surface, and the heat is carried off by evaporation, so that the body of the ocean is much cooler than the land, in hot climates. The ocean has no varieties of surface like those of the land. The circulation from top to bottom, already described (§ 674.) and the change of this circulation at 40 degrees, preserve it from excessive cold in the cold climates; and the constant currents mingle the waters of cold and of hot regions.

708. From the influence of all these causes, the *temperature of the ocean* is far more uniform than that of the land. The *difference* is far less between the temperature of day and night—of summer and winter—and of warm and cold climates.

The following table illustrates the comparative heat of the ocean and land.

Latitude.	Temp. of Ocean.		Land.
	water.	air.	
5° to 6°	82 to 84		
20°	70		80
40°	60		63
45° to 50°		highest 68	66
		lowest 41	35
68° to 70°	30 to 37	21 to 23	10 to 14

709. When vapours are forming, they absorb heat and produce cold. When they are condensed, they give out this heat and diminish the cold. Hence moisture and evaporation render a hot climate cooler, and a cold climate less severe—they produce cooler summers and milder winters, in temperate regions.

It is well known that steam in condensing gives out heat; and hence is used in warming houses. In India, liquors are cooled by wrapping the bottles in wet cloths, and hanging them in the sun to produce evaporation; and it is common to cool a room by sprinkling water upon the floor.

710. From the effects of evaporation, *islands, peninsulas, and coasts*, have universally milder climates than inland regions, in the same latitude; as is the fact with England compared with Germany. The southern hemisphere, for the same reasons, has less difference in the temperature of seasons than the northern.

711. *Countries which abound with rivers, lakes, and marshes*, are also less subject to the extremes of heat and cold, than those which are dry. Thus the well-watered plains of India and South America, never have so excessive heat as the dry and sandy regions of Northern Africa; and in the regions of North America bordering on the lakes, the winters are much milder than in other regions in the same latitude.

712. *Countries covered with forests* are so protected from the sun and winds, that they are more moist than open grounds, and the climate is rendered milder in the same manner. [119] Hence the *clearing of a country* from trees renders the summers hotter and the winters colder. By admitting the winds of surrounding regions, it also renders the climate more variable.

Dr. Williams found the temperature of open grounds 12 degrees higher in summer, and 7 degrees lower in winter than that of forests.* Open grounds are always frozen deeper than woodlands, and hence the spring advances later. They are more heated in summer; and hence the winter begins later. The snow lies more steadily in a forest, because it is less exposed to the winds and changes of weather.

713. In addition to the direct effects of the sun, *the different portions of the earth exert a continual influence on each other*, by communicating their temperature directly, or by means of winds. The deserts of Arabia and Africa are like immense furnaces, increasing the heat of all the regions on the Mediterranean Sea, in the south of Europe and west of Asia. The mountains and tar-

* Williams' Vermont.

ble-land of Tartary increase the cold of the surrounding countries in the same manner.

714. *A country protected from winds* will have a climate corresponding to its own latitude and exposure. But *a country which is destitute of forests and mountains*, and open to the wind from other regions, partakes of their climate. Its temperature is much affected by the prevailing winds; and it has variations corresponding to their changes. Thus in the United States, we have alternately the cold of the polar regions, and the warmth of the Gulf of Mexico—the moisture of the ocean and the dryness of the land—according to the direction of the wind.

715. When the *prevailing winds* to which a country is exposed, come *from polar or elevated regions*, the cold is greater than the latitude alone would make it. When they come *from warmer regions*, and especially from deserts, they increase the heat. If they come *from the ocean, or large bodies of water*, they diminish both heat and cold, according to the climate; and render the temperature more uniform through the year.

716. *Siberia, and the northern parts of North America*, in addition to the effects of a northern declivity, have their cold greatly increased by the polar winds, which are not interrupted by mountains. *Europe* is much protected from them by its mountains, running from east to west; and they are always rendered milder by the ocean over which they pass.

The prevalent north-easterly winds of the Temperate Zones render the *eastern coasts of both continents* peculiarly cold; while the south-westerly breezes of the Atlantic increase the heat of the *coast of Europe*. Places in Europe between 40° and 50° of latitude are as warm as those seven degrees farther south, in North America and Asia; and places north of 50°, in the west of Europe, generally correspond to those which are 12 degrees farther south of them, on the eastern coast of either continent. [120] 717. *The temperature of the seasons* does not vary in the same manner with the mean annual temperature. In advancing north, the cold of winter increases much faster than the heat of summer diminishes; and even in the Frigid Zones, the temperature is often as high in summer as in middle latitudes.

718. The *winters of maritime regions* are much warmer, and the summers much cooler than in inland regions, as already stated; and on islands, than on extensive tracts of land. The *difference of seasons* is much less in both cases. The difference of seasons is greatest on the eastern coast of North America and Asia; and hence these are termed by Buffon, *excessive climates*.

719. *The rapidity of the change of seasons*, is also very different in different latitudes; and increases in going north, In *warm*

and temperate regions, the difference of temperature from one month to another is small: as in middle Europe, April and May differ only 8 or 10 degrees; and on the coast, only 6 or 7 degrees. But in high latitudes, spring is scarcely a distinct season; and in excessive climates also, the change is rapid. In North America, the difference of April and May is 13 degrees; and at Drontheim, in Norway, it is 14 or 16. In insular climates, and in more temperate countries, the progress is gradual, and the spring is often the most delightful season of the year.

720. The various proportions of heat and moisture on the earth produce a great variety of *climates*, which have different degrees of salubrity. Those are most healthful which are most uniform in their temperature, and least liable to extremes of heat and cold, or to sudden changes. The *dry climates* found in inland and elevated regions, have usually pure air, and pure water, and are most favourable to health and longevity. A *cold and moist climate* produces frequent and unwholesome fogs. A *hot and moist climate* gives rise to noxious exhalations, and renders the air pestilential.

ISOTHERMAL LINES.

721. To give more distinct views of the distribution of temperature, Humboldt has traced a number of lines of equal heat, which he has termed *Isothermal Lines*, the principal of which will be described, chiefly on his authority. The temperature of places has not been ascertained by the thermometer, to the extent necessary for tracing these lines; but the situation of particular plants furnishes an index of more practical importance, and sometimes of greater certainty, than the records of thermometrical heat; on account of the frequent inaccuracy of instruments and observations.

In the *Torrid Zone*, the isothermal lines are nearly coincident with the parallels of latitude. But in the *Temperate and Frigid Zones*, where the influence of the sun is so much less, other causes already described, have more full operation, and the isothermal lines become very irregular. In Europe, especially in Western Europe, they rise towards the poles, and also on the western coast of America. In eastern Asia and America, they are nearly correspondent to each other, and lower than in any other part of the northern hemisphere.

722. The *isothermal line of 78 degrees* of temperature, is nearly correspondent to the parallel of 20 degrees of latitude in the [121] northern hemisphere. In the southern hemisphere, so far as we can rely on observations made in South America, it appears to be

nearer the equator. This line forms the limit of the most valuable spices, and other delicate productions of the Torrid Zone.

In going north from this line, we find the regions north of the deserts of Africa and Arabia are warmer than others in the same latitude, and the isothermal lines here ascend farthest from the equator.

723. The next important line of temperature which is distinctly marked, is that of 68 degrees, which corresponds nearly to the northern limit of the sugar-cane and coffee, and is generally the most southern limit of snow. In North America, it is almost coincident with the parallel of 30° or 31° of latitude, on the eastern coast. On the other side of the Atlantic, we find the same plants, and a corresponding temperature, in latitude 37° , in the south of Spain, Sicily, Asia Minor, and Syria; but on reaching Persia, it descends to 30° ; it is still lower in passing round the table land of Tartary; and probably does not extend beyond 30° in China.

724. The isothermal line of 59 degrees passes through Raleigh, in the United States, in latitude 35° ; and in Europe it ascends to 44° , and passes between Rome and Florence. It is near the boundary of the olive and fig, and if traced by these plants, it will be found following the range of mountains which lies north of the Mediterranean; and extending north of Greece and the Black Sea, to the Caspian Sea, south of Astracan. It descends probably to latitude 35° , after passing the great table-land of Asia. On the western coast of North America, it ascends to 37° or 38° , and perhaps still higher.

725. The line of 50 degrees corresponds nearly to the limit of the wine-grape in Europe. In the middle of Europe, it passes along the parallel of 50° ; on the western coast it ascends to 52° ; and in England to 54° . In going eastward from Germany, it continually descends; and we find it as low as 40° in Asia.

In North America, it commences on the coast at Boston; but on reaching the basin of the Mississippi, it ascends to the borders of the great lakes. It descends again beyond the Mississippi; but again rises beyond the Chippewan Mountains, and is supposed by Humboldt to strike the western coast in latitude 50° .

726. The line of 41 degrees corresponds nearly to the utmost northern limit of the oak and wheat. The last oaks are found on the coast of Norway, in latitude 63° —on the Gulf of Bothnia, above 60° —in Russia, at 58° —and in Siberia, still lower. In North America, this line is found at the bay of St. George, in Newfoundland, in latitude 49° , and generally at 50° , on the eastern coast; but it rises higher on the western.

727. The line of 32 degrees, on which the average temperature

of the year is at the freezing point, passes from the North Cape of Europe, to Table Bay in Labrador, in latitude 54° . Its limit in other places is known only by estimation.

728. The following table is a comparative view of the mean annual temperature, in different sections of the globe.

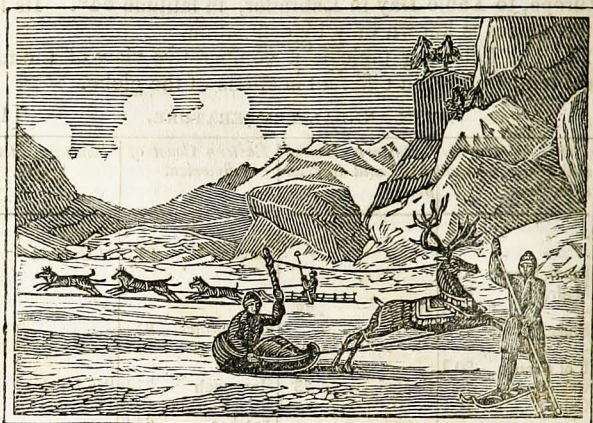
MEAN ANNUAL TEMPERATURE.

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<i>Lat.</i>	<i>Western Europe and Africa, and hot situations.</i>	<i>Eastern Coast of Asia, and interior places.</i>	<i>Eastern Coast of America.</i>	<i>Southern Hemisphere.</i>
2° -	deg.			
104	-	-	Cumana 81.5	Guayaquil 81.5
12	Pondicherry 81.3			6° Batavia 80.4
13	Madras 80.4			
14	-	Manilla 78		
15	Senegambia 79	-	17° Antilles 81	
19	-		Vera Cruz 78.8	
20	I. of France 80.1			
23	Calcutta 78.5	Canton 75	Havannah 77.9	Rio Janeiro 74.3
30	Cairo 72.7		29½° Florida 68	
31½	-	-	Natchez 64.8	
32	-	Funchal 68.3		
33	-	-	Ft. Johnson 66	Buenos Ayres 66.9
34	-	-	Huntsville 63	Pt. Jackson 67.5
36	Algiers 72	-	Raleigh 59	C. Good Hope 66.9
37	-	-	Williamsburg 60.8	Western U. States.
38	Palermo 63.5	-	Washington 58.1	Chillicothe 53.8
39	-	-	Cincinnati 54.2	Marietta 55.6
40	-	Pekin 54.3	Philadelphia 54.8	Zanesville 55.7
41	Naples 63.5	Madrid 59.7	New-York 53.8	Pittsburgh 54.2
41½	Rome 60.4	(elev. 1978 ft.)	Providence 44.7	Council Bluffs 49.0
42½	-	-	Boston 48.6	Detroit (1818) 47
43	{ Mid. France 59	{ Marseilles 58.8	{ Salem 45.3	
	{ Toulon 62		{ W'mstown 45	
44	{ Nismes 60.3	{ Bologna 56	{ Brunswick 43	Sacket's Har-
	{ Genoa 60.6		{ Middlebury 43	bour (1814) 48.6
45	Bordeaux 56.5	Padua 52.2		St. Peter's R. 43
46	-	Geneva 49.3		
47	Nantes 54.6		Quebec 41.7	
48½	St. Malo 54.1	Vienna 50.5	St. Geo.'s Bay 41	
49	Paris 52			
50	-	Prague 49		South America.
51½	London 51.8	Göttingen 46.9		Falkland Is. 47
52	Amsterdam 53.4	Warsaw 48.6		
53	Dublin 50.1			
53½	-	Berlin 49		
54	York 49	-	Table Bay 32	
55	Copenhagen 45	Moscow 40.1	(Labrador)	
56	Edinburgh 47.7	-	57° Nain, Lab. 26.8	
58½	Orkney Is. 45.7	-	Ft. Churchill 25	
60	{ Upsal 41.9	Stockholm 42.2		
	{ Christiana 42.8	Petersburgh 38.8		
63½	Drontheim 39.9			
64	-	Umea 33.3		
70	Wadso, Lap. 36	68° Enontekis 26.8		
71	Mageroe I. 32			Arctic Regions.
72½	-	-	-	Melville Is. 1.3

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REGIONS AND CLIMATES.

(28.) *Travellers in the Frozen Regions.*

729. The isothermal lines which have been described, divide each hemisphere into a number of *regions*, corresponding to the principal gradations of climate.

1. The region of spices, in the middle of the Torrid Zone, may be termed the Equatorial Region. 2. The regions of the sugarcane next succeed, lying on both sides of the tropics; and may be termed the Tropical, or Hot Regions. Beyond this, in the temperate Zones, are—3. The Warm Regions—4. The Temperate Regions—5. The Cold Regions—6. The Frozen Regions, which extend into the Frigid Zone. 7. The Polar Regions, which include the tracts around the poles, incapable of cultivation.

EQUATORIAL REGION.

730. The *Equatorial, or Torrid Region*, occupies the middle portion of the Torrid Zones, extending to latitude 20° , on each side of the equator. It is the only part of the earth which is sufficiently hot to produce the finest spices; and embraces Southern Asia, the middle section of Africa, and the northern parts of South America.

In the level portions of this region, frost and snow are unknown, and the savage natives of some countries considered it a mere fable of Europeans, when they were told that water becomes solid with cold. The only winter is the season of rain, and the trees are covered with perpetual verdure. The mean temperature

varies very little in different countries, and is generally from 77 to 81 degrees. The heat is never so excessive as in the Temperate Zone, but from its constancy, the summer is oppressive to the natives, and dangerous to strangers.

During the hot season, it is unsafe to be exposed to the heat of the sun; and an umbrella, or other shade, is almost indispensable to the natives. A stranger cannot travel at this season, but at the hazard of his life. The [124] heat continues through the night without any of that refreshing coolness, experienced in northern climates, except in countries near to the ocean, or lofty mountains. The wooden furniture warps and shrinks, so that the nails fall from the tables, doors, &c. in Hindoostan. Even glass is sometimes cracked, by the intensity of the heat. The inhabitants generally cool their rooms by means of wet mats; and are obliged to close their houses, to exclude the hot air. Thirst is continual and parching—the body is debilitated;—all disposition to effort is destroyed; and motion often becomes painful. Hence indolence is characteristic of the inhabitants of this region. (*Myers' Geography.*)

731. In the *dry and stony districts* of Northern Africa, and some parts of Arabia, Persia, and South America, extensive tracts are rendered uninhabitable deserts, by the excessive heat; and there are no lofty mountains or large rivers, to alleviate its effects. No animal but the camel can subsist; and even the camel often perishes with thirst. The peninsular situation, and large rivers of *India and South America*, produce a degree of moisture which renders the heat less distressing.

732. In these and other *well-watered countries*, the fields are covered at all seasons, with flowers of every hue, and vegetables of every variety of beauty and flavour. But the same heat which produces this luxuriance, also occasions constant and poisonous exhalations from fruitful soils, especially after the seasons of the rains, and in marshy districts; and produces in other ways, a variety of dreadful diseases unknown in more temperate climates. They are peculiarly fatal to natives of the Temperate Zones; and a large number of those who emigrate to these regions, are hurried to an untimely grave, or become the victims of incurable complaints.

The storms of thunder and lightning are so tremendous here, that nothing experienced in northern climates, can give an adequate idea of them. These delightful regions are also wasted by the hurricane and the tuffoon. The deluges of rain which descend in the rainy season, while they purify the air and refresh the earth, often produce desolation by the rising of the rivers, and leave the seeds of pestilence in their stagnant waters.

ELEVATED TRACTS AND ISLANDS.

733. In *elevated tracts* within the Torrid Zone, we find some of the most delightful climates on earth, as in the valley of *Cashmere*, and some other portions of *Hindoostan* lying on the declivity of the Himmaleh mountains, from 2,000 to 8,000 feet above the level of the sea. The *table-land* between the eastern and western

Gauts, in the south of Hindoostan, partakes of the same character. There are no long days to produce the excessive heats of more northern climates, and the summers are even cooler than in the Temperate Zone; but a verticle sun maintains the temperature of a perpetual spring throughout the year. The streams are perennial, and the verdure constant. The air is salubrious, and the whole scene is cheering and delightful at all seasons. *Abysinia* does not possess all these advantages; but its heat is much less than that of Northern Africa generally, on account of its elevation.

734. The *declivities and table-lands of the Andes*, from 1,800 to 6,000 feet above the sea, enjoy a similar climate.

[125] In this region we find the city and a part of the province of Caraccas, the western parts of Peru, and New-Grenada, including Popayan and Santa Fe de Bogota; and the country surrounding the Andes of Chiquitos, comprising the northern part of La Plata and the adjoining portions of Peru and Brazil. Caraccas, and those parts of these districts which lie near the sea on the western declivity of the Andes, are destitute of rain, but usually obscured by clouds and watered by copious dews. Thunder storms are rare.

735. The districts of country *between the temperate regions and the plains*, are free from the excessive heats of the plains, although they have not the climate which has been described. This is the fact with the lower portions of the declivity of the Andes, the Mexican Cordilleras, and the Himmaleh Mountains. Some portions of Birmah, Tonkin, and Cochin China, enjoy a similar advantage from their elevation.

736. Immediately *above the Temperate Regions* of the mountains, we find those which correspond to the coldest parts of the Temperate Zone in their winters; and thence, in succession, the climate of every region, even to that of the poles. At all elevations, however, the climates differ from those at the level of the sea, in having a temperature nearly uniform throughout the year.

737. *The islands of the Torrid Zone* are favoured with a delightful climate, during a considerable part of the year.

In the West Indies, the spring commences in May, when the mean height of the thermometer is about 75 degrees. A fortnight of showers brings on summer; and scarcely a cloud appears again until August. During this season, the heat is very great, varying from 75 degrees at sunrise, to 85 at noon. When the sea breeze is strong, it renders the temperature agreeable in the shade. The nights are clear and beautiful. In August the sea breeze declines; the air is sultry and almost suffocating; and the sky

begins to be covered with thick clouds. In the latter part of September and October, the periodical rains begin, and descend without intermission, covering the earth with a deluge. In November or December, the north winds commence, at first with showers of hail, and from this period till March is the winter—a cool, wholesome, and delightful season. The thermometer is at 72° at sunrise, and 76 or 79 at noon. The greatest height in Jamaica, is usually 87 degrees.

The *Sandwich, Society, and other islands of the Pacific Ocean*, enjoy a similar climate; but more mild on account of the extent of ocean around them. Cooke never saw the thermometer above 88 degrees at the Sandwich Islands; and but once at this height.

TROPICAL AND WARM REGIONS.

738. Next to the Equatorial are the *Tropical or Hot Regions*, which extend to the most northern limit of the sugar-cane, but will not produce the finest spices. They embrace Northern Africa and South-western Asia, on the Mediterranean, with the southern extremities of Europe; and in Asia and America, generally extend to 30° or 31° north latitude. A part of these regions lies within the tropics, and though it does not experience the full heat of the Equatorial Region, it has the general climate and seasons peculiar to the Torrid Zone. The parts most [126] distant from the equator, have a climate nearly correspondent to that of the warm Regions, which lie next to them; but the heat is greater and more constant; and they produce more delicate plants and fruits.

739. *Snow* is here almost unknown;—the streams are never frozen, and vegetables grow through the winter. The thermometer sometimes rises above 100, and continues at this height through the night. Travellers have been obliged to wet their clothes, and even wrap their head and face in wet cloths, at night, to protect themselves from the scorching air.*

740. From the limit of the sugar-cane, the *Warm Regions* extend to the northern limit of the fig and the olive, between the isothermal lines of 68 and 59 degrees; and of course have a temperature intermediate between these. The frosts are not severe in the plains—snow is rare, and the waters are seldom frozen over. The winters are distinguished more by dampness, than cold, resembling the spring of the Temperate Regions. The more delicate fruits, as the olive, the fig, &c. flourish; and vegetables grow during seven or eight months of the year.

* Humboldt's *Tableau Physique*.

741. *The principal countries of the Warm Regions on the eastern continent*, are in the south of Europe, and middle of Asia—including Portugal, Spain, Italy, the south of France and Russia, Turkey in Europe, Turkey in Asia and Persia. Independent Tartary and East Persia partake of the same climate.

These countries are distinguished from all others in the same latitude by their dryness. Rain is rare, except during autumn and winter; the sky is generally cloudless, and the air clear and salubrious. In these regions, and still more in the Equatorial, the stars shine with a lustre unknown in northern and central Europe, and resembling that of a fine winter night in the northern United States. In the Equatorial Regions, the fixed stars shine with a clear and steady light like the planets; the moon and planets are peculiarly brilliant, and the effect is heightened by the deeper tint of blue in the sky.*

The balmy air of Italy, Greece, and Asia Minor, has long been celebrated; and the north of Spain, and south of France have similar characteristics. Snow is almost confined to the mountains. In the southern parts, as in the Hot Regions, the fields are seldom destitute of flowers, and vegetation continues at all seasons. The heat of summer is usually intense, and exposure to the mid-day sun is hazardous.

742. In many respects, the *climate of the Hot and Warm Regions* is nearly coincident. In both, the sea coast is refreshed with occasional breezes, at all seasons. But the heat on the eastern continent is much increased, and rendered more oppressive, by the hot and noxious blasts from the deserts of Africa and Arabia; of which the Sirocco and Samiel are examples.

743. *Egypt* is entirely destitute of rain, and also a large part of Peru and Chili. Many portions of these regions suffer with *drought* in summer; it is necessary to water the fields by artificial means, even in the south of France and Russia; and the crops are often blighted for want of moisture. In all countries in [127] the warm and Hot Regions, except Egypt, and the western declivity of South America, thunder storms are far more frequent and violent than in more northern climates. The *Aurora Borealis* is never seen.

744. With regard to the *salubrity of the Hot and Warm Regions on the eastern continent*, Italy and the interior of most other parts, enjoy a clear, healthful air. This is especially true of some of the more elevated tracts; and the dryness of the countries bordering on the deserts, also exempts them from disease. But the sea coast of Spain is subject to the yellow

* Life of Martyn.

fever; and Turkey and Northern Africa are often visited with the desolating plague. It is said by some, that these diseases should rather be ascribed to the carelessness and filth of the people, than to the climate.

745. *The level portions of the southern United States, Florida, and Mexico*, which lie in the Hot and Warm Regions, have a different climate from the corresponding countries in Europe, on account of the moisture which prevails. Vegetation is abundant, marshes are numerous, and the heat is therefore less scorching; but they are not usually favoured with a salubrious air. Noxious effluvia are continually formed; and there is a general tendency to bilious diseases, and fevers, especially of the intermittent kind. The autumn is almost uniformly sickly; and the countenances of the inhabitants have a pale and sallow cast, instead of the bloom and freshness of more northern climates, or the brunette of the southern Europeans.

746. *The varieties of elevation and soil*, of course, produce variations of climate in particular parts of the Warm and Hot Regions. The deserts of Africa, Arabia, and Persia, are intensely hot, from the nature of the soil. The northern parts of Spain, Italy, Turkey, Persia, East Persia, and Hindoostan, and all the countries lying on the Caspian Sea, are crossed or bounded by ranges of mountains, many of which are covered with snow, and render the climate near them colder. The central portion of Spain, is also much more temperate than the coasts, from its being an elevated table-land. The winters near the mountains, and on the ground which ascends toward them, are often very severe, particularly in Turkey and Persia. Even the delightful regions of Asia Minor, and Syria or Palestine, embrace mountainous provinces where the severity of winter is felt; and in Persia, a few hours transport the traveller from the climate of Italy to that of Norway. In the elevated tracts, there is a great contrast between the heat of different seasons, and of day and night, in the same place.

The region of the Caucasus, and the countries around the Caspian Sea, are subject to cold, piercing winds, and severe winters. The summers, in some of its narrow valleys, are intensely hot. Teheran is scarcely habitable in the summer, on account of the heat, while the winters are very cold. Excessive heat in the day, is often followed with cold, and even frosty nights, which are rendered more chilly by the contrast.

747. A similar variety exists in the *Warm and Hot Regions of N. and S. America*. Mexico in the northern hemisphere, and La Plata, Chili, and the southern part of Brazil in the [128] southern, have every grade of climate. The shores are scorched with the excessive heat which has been described; while the table-

land above enjoys a fine temperate air ; and the summits of its mountains resemble the polar regions. Buenos Ayres has a fine climate.

748. In the elevated regions of the southern United States, lying among the Allegany Mountains, the Temperate Region of the Middle States extends as far south as 31° . From this circumstance, Tennessee enjoys a temperate, delightful climate; and the neighbouring parts of Georgia, and the Carolinas which lie on the sides of the mountains, are also free from the excessive heats and violent diseases of the low country.

749. *South Africa and New-Holland*, which are the only portions of the eastern continent, lying within these regions in the southern hemisphere, have been little explored. The mean annual temperature is the same as in the northern hemisphere, so far as has been ascertained. From their insular situation, their climate is more moist ; and is liable to great irregularity from the effects of winds and currents in the oceans which surround them.

TEMPERATE REGIONS.

750. The *Temperate Regions* extend from the northern limit of the olive and fig, to that of the wine-grape ; and the mean temperature varies from 50 degrees on the northern border, to 59 degrees on the southern. The transition from winter to summer is here gradual, and the four seasons are distinctly marked. The winter is usually from 3 to 4 or 5 months, in the northern parts, attended with a considerable quantity of snow ; and the waters are frozen a part of the time. In the southern parts, the winter does not exceed 2 or 3 months, and the quantity of snow is small. Grain, vegetables, and many fine fruits are produced in abundance.

751. The countries included in this region on the continent of Europe, are France, Southern Germany, Austria, and Southern Russia. They are exempt from the excessive heat of summer. They also enjoy mild and open winters, with little snow, and rarely have their rivers frozen. The weather is more uniform than in the United States, and remarkably salubrious.

Switzerland, which lies in this region, has every degree of cold beyond this, to that of perpetual snow. Many of the valleys are excessively hot in summer, and the climate universally depends more on the elevation and exposure, than on the latitude.

752. The maritime climates of England, Ireland, and the Southern Netherlands, which are included in this region, are

distinguished by a great degree of moisture. The heat of the vapours tempers the *cold of winter*. The harbours of England are rarely frozen. In Belgium, in latitude 52°, and even in Edinburgh, latitude 57°, the winters are milder than in most parts of Lombardy. The cloudiness of the sky and the frequency of showers, also diminish the *heat of summer*. Though not liable to extremes of heat and cold, they are subject to frequent changes, especially in those parts which are exposed to winds from the ocean. The spring commences early and [129] opens gradually; and in England, it is the most delightful season of the year.

753. The *moisture* is so great in these islands, and in the Netherlands, as to swell the furniture brought from dry countries, and to produce rust very speedily on metallic instruments. Such climates are adapted to the production of pasturage, and the fields are distinguished by their beautiful, and continued verdure. Fruits ripen with difficulty; and harvests are often injured by the moisture and rains.

754. In *North America*, the Temperate Region includes the southern part of New-England and the Middle States, with the more elevated regions of Maryland and Virginia, and the Western States on the Ohio. Tennessee, and the western parts of the Carolinas, partake of the same climate from their elevation.

The *mean annual temperature* is the same as in this region in Europe; but it is differently distributed. In the Atlantic states, the climate is marked by extremes of heat and cold, resembling the south of Europe in summer, and the middle regions in winter. But the weather is variable, and neither lasts long at a time. Philadelphia has summers as hot as Montpelier and Rome, while its winters are like those of Vienna. New-York has the summer of Rome, and the winter of Copenhagen. Quebec is as warm as Paris in summer; and as cold as Petersburg in winter.

755. The *eastern coast of Asia* appears to be characterized by equal or greater extremes of temperature. Pekin is hotter than Cairo in summer; and as cold as Upsal, in Sweden, in winter.

756. The *Atlantic states* are sheltered by no ranges of mountains on the north, east or south, and hence the climate is variable. The cold of the northern regions, the heat of the southern—the moisture of the sea air, and the dryness of the mountainous regions, are alternately transported to them by the winds. The changes are frequent and sudden; and give rise to many diseases from which more settled climates are exempt. The winters are short, and often wet. The spring is damp and chilly; the sum-

mer has excessive heat, during the day, and usually cool nights. The autumn is a serene, delightful season, often extending to the latter part of December.

757. *From the influence of the great lakes*, the Temperate Region extends farther north in the interior, than on the coast; and beyond Lake Erie, reaches to the latitude of the southern point of Lake Huron. *The states west of the Alleghanies*, and especially in the mountainous districts south of Pennsylvania and the River Ohio, are not liable to the same extremes of heat and cold. The winters are commonly milder, and cattle remain abroad through the year. The spring is earlier, and the weather is generally more serene and settled. But the basin of the Mississippi is open to the winds from the Torrid and Frozen Regions, and is therefore liable to very great changes. The temperature has sometimes varied on the Mississippi, 60 degrees in the course of a month; while in Philadelphia, Washington, and Detroit, the variation in the same month was only from 30 to 40 degrees.

[130] 758. *The basin of the Columbia River*, and the western declivity of the Chippewan Mountains, almost resemble Europe in mildness. The rivers do not freeze until January, at Nootka Sound; and the first frost observed by Lewis and Clark, at the mouth of the Columbia River, was in this month.

COLD REGIONS.

759. Next to the Temperate is the *Cold Region*, which commences with the northern limits of the wine-grape, in Europe, and extends to those of the oak. In Asia, it includes the southern part of Siberia—in Europe, the middle of Russia, Poland, Prussia, Northern Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, the southern part of Sweden and Norway, and Scotland. In North America, it embraces the British Provinces chiefly, with the most northern portion of the United States.

760. In this region, the transition from heat to cold is sudden; and *spring and autumn* are scarcely distinct seasons. The cold of *winter* is severe, from September to the middle or last of May. The temperature of Stockholm and Petersburg is below the freezing point, nearly six months in the year; and the waters are usually frozen during this period.

Winds are seldom violent in the interior. Thunder and lightning are rare. The Aurora Borealis is frequent and brilliant. The air is keen and penetrating, but clear and salubrious; and the climate appears remarkably favourable to long life.

Even in the middle portions of Russia, when a person walks out in severe weather, the eye-lashes become covered with icicles, from the water that flows from the eyes; and the vapour of the breath is congealed on the beards of the

peasants, so as to render them solid lumps of ice. The cold is remarkably steady; and it is said that it is more easily endured than that of milder climates, which are subject to frequent changes. The snow is permanent; and the sled roads afford a rapid and easy mode of transportation through the winter. Even the Baltic is sometimes frozen over, so as to be passed by travellers. In Nova Scotia and Canada, the rivers freeze to the thickness of several feet, and snow lies through the winter; while in France, in the same latitude, snow is rare, and the rivers are seldom frozen at all.

761. Little *vegetation appears* in the interior, before June, and then springs up immediately after the snows are melted. The *summers* are short, but hot, and sometimes oppressive. They are as warm at Moscow, as in the middle of France. The climate is adapted to the coarser *grains*; but it will produce wheat generally; and in Denmark, and on the southern shores of the Baltic, this grain flourishes. It is *best adapted*, especially in the northern parts, to grass and pasturage, and is remarkable for its brilliant verdure.

762. The climate of the *islands and coasts* of this region is moderated, as usual, by the ocean. The lakes of the Faroe Islands are seldom covered with ice. The winter at the North Cape is milder than at Petersburg; and Sweden is generally milder than Russia. In Denmark, and the Netherlands also, the winters are comparatively mild; and the harbours on the coast of Norway are rarely frozen. Scotland has also less cold than the continent. But Scotland and Norway are subject to violent storms, which sometimes bury travellers and shepherds in the snow. In Norway, their fury is such that they extinguish [131] fires, and rock the very houses. The heat of summer in these countries is also much diminished, by the clouds and moisture of the air, and the breezes from the sea. In Denmark and the Netherlands, the sky is generally covered with clouds; and on the eastern coast of America, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia are remarkable for the frequency of their fogs; but still these countries are generally healthful.

763. We are not well informed concerning the climates of the *southern parts of South America*; but at least the southern extremity, and the islands, appear to resemble the Cold Region north of the equator. The extent of the ocean gives a peculiar character to the seasons in the *southern hemisphere*. In latitude 48°, the *summer temperature* is the same as the winter temperature of Toulon, Cadiz, and Rome. In Van Diemen's Land, which corresponds to Rome in latitude, the summers are 10 degrees colder, and correspond to those of Paris. In Patagonia, between 48° and 52° of latitude, the heat of the warmest months is not more than 42.5; while at Petersburg, in latitude 60° it is 66, and at Upsal, 60.

Snow and ice are more common and permanent in this hemisphere for want of summer heat. Snow has been seen at the Straits of Magellan in mid-summer, when the day was 18 hours long; indeed it falls almost every day through the summer in 52° or 53° latitude; and the thermometer is rarely above 52 degrees. Most of the islands south of S. America, are covered with perpetual ice.

In Lapland, pines grow 60 feet high in latitude 70; but at the Straits of Magellan, a tree of that height is unknown. In Terra del Fuego, Byron found in December (their mid-summer) a temperature like that of winter in England. When Sir Joseph Banks visited this country, two of his attendants died of extreme cold, in a night in January; which corresponds to our August.

764. The *winters* are not so much colder than those in the northern hemisphere, as the summers; and in some places they are warmer. Thus in Van Diemen's Land the winters are milder than those of Naples. In the Falkland Islands, latitude 51° 25', the winters are milder than in London; so that the mean annual temperature is higher than in the same latitude in North America.

FROZEN REGIONS.

765. In latitude 70° in Europe, the birch, the hardiest of trees, ceases to grow, and man is compelled to give up cultivation. The remainder of the northern Frigid Zone, and the neighbouring portions of the Temperate Zone, form the *Frozen Region* which extends to the limit of the oak. It is distinguished by the intensity of the cold, but is not entirely destitute of vegetation or inhabitants.

Within the polar circle the summer is almost perpetual day; and the winter almost perpetual night. Spring and autumn are the dawn and twilight, which differ little from the winter in cold. The darkness of winter is much diminished by the length of twilight, and especially by the peculiar brightness of the moon [132] and stars, and the Aurora Borealis, or northern lights; which enable them, in many countries of this region, to continue their hunting and other labours, through the night.

The *Aurora Borealis* assumes every variety of colour and form. Sometimes there is a single steady stream of light, shooting from one side of the hemisphere to the other. Generally, there is a brilliant central spot along the horizon, from which long columns or pyramids of undulating light, shoot up towards the zenith. They often unite at some point above, from which other streams issue with fresh splendour, and in new varieties of form. So singular and fantastic are these appearances, that the northern barbarous nations call them "the dance of the spirits."

This beautiful phenomenon occurs throughout the Frozen Region frequently; and indeed extends south to the Warm Region; but its brilliancy is gradually diminished in going towards the equator.

766. In *Greenland, Lapland, and the coldest countries of this region*, brandy and mercury freeze during the winter; and masses

of snow and ice continue through the summer, covering a large part of the country. Wells are frozen at a great depth in Siberia; and at Hudson's Bay, and in most parts of this region, no water can be obtained in winter, except by melting snow and ice. At the depth of three feet, the ground is frozen in summer at Hudson's bay; and lakes and standing waters of no great depth are frozen to the bottom in the winter. The inland waters continue frozen from 7 to 9 months; and snow, which begins to fall in August, continues from 8 to 10 months in all parts.

During the winter, the inhabitants of the coldest parts remain crowded together in small huts. The whole inside of a hut, or ship, is usually lined with ice, formed from the vapour of the breath, which must be cut away every morning.

The inhabitants of Siberia stop the openings of their houses with ice, and use it as glass. If the cold air suddenly enter a house, the vapours fall in a shower of snow. Every part of the body must be covered in going out, or it is instantly frozen. The air, when breathed, seems to pierce and even rend the lungs. The cup often freezes to the lips, if it is touched in drinking. The provisions must be cut with hatchets and saws. Trees and the beams of houses are split by the frost, and rocks rent with a noise like that of fire arms. Meat is preserved here in a frozen state without any care. Frozen fish and the carcasses of animals, are transported from distant portions of Russia, to the markets at Petersburg, and other large towns, without any injury. The snow forms smooth and permanent paths for sleds, over which they travel with great rapidity, chiefly with reindeer and dogs, as represented in the engraving.

767. The *change from winter to summer* is very sudden, and the valleys are covered with grass a few days after the snow has melted. The temperature of the *summer* is very uniform, and the heat of the sun is often oppressive from the length of the days. At Enontekis, in Lapland, latitude 68° , July is as warm as at Edinburgh, in latitude 56° ; and the heat produces immense swarms of mosquitoes and other insects, by which the inhabitants are greatly molested. In most parts of this region the summer is too short to bring grain to maturity. Cultivation is practised only to a very limited extent, and without any certainty [133] of a crop, although the latitude of this region in North America, is the same with that of Denmark and England. In Lapland the air is very dry, and a summer shower is rare.

768. The *coasts and islands* of this region do not suffer the same intense cold with the inland portions; and it is stated by travellers, that a winter in Iceland, is not colder than in the south of Sweden. But the climate is more moist, and often less favourable to the progress of vegetation.

POLAR REGIONS.

769. It has already been stated (§ 727,) that the regions north of latitude 71° in Europe, and 54° in North America, have a mean annual temperature below the freezing point. In *Spitzbergen*, the average heat of the summer is only 2 or 3 degrees above

freezing; and the cold in winter renders it uninhabitable. At *Melville Island*, in North Georgia, latitude $72\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Parry found the mean annual temperature only $1\frac{1}{2}$ degrees; the lowest yet observed. It has also been stated that the *polar ice* commences in a lower latitude in the southern than in the northern hemisphere; and hence probably, the whole region within and near the Antarctic Circle has a greater degree of cold. All the examinations yet made, lead to the belief, that the central portions of the Frigid Zones are regions of perpetual ice, almost destitute of animal or vegetable life.

The *habitations of men*, are not found farther north than latitude 78° . No inhabited land has been discovered beyond latitude 54° or 55° in the southern hemisphere; and the climate of the islands in the Southern Ocean, appears to be too severe to admit of the residence of man.

Capt. Cooke found an island in latitude 54° or 55° south, almost covered with snow many fathoms deep, in mid-summer; and the coast was terminated by walls of ice, of considerable height. A similar account is given of the New-Shetland Isles, in latitude 64° . South Georgia, in latitude 56° , has perpetual snow upon its plains. In latitude 60° , Cooke found the heat of summer never above 35 degrees, and water was daily frozen.

PRODUCTIONS OF THE EARTH.

VEGETABLES.

770. There is an immense variety in the *character of the vegetable tribes*. Few plants are universally diffused over the earth; but every portion is supplied with some adapted to it. Some belong to mountains, others to valleys, and others still to plains. Every species of soil has vegetables peculiarly adapted to it. Some plants are confined to water, and some to moist regions. Others grow only in dry tracts, or on the surface of naked rocks. Some require the hottest climate, and some a temperate air; and some will thrive only in the midst of ice and frost. In this way, nearly the whole surface of the earth is covered with vegetation, and plants are found even in the dark vaults of caverns and mines, and in the bed of the sea.

Some plants will flourish with a high degree of heat, for a short time, although [134] it is followed by severe cold, like that of the Frigid Zone. Others require only a moderate heat, longer continued, and extend to elevated regions. Many small plants will flourish where trees will not, and some approach the region of perpetual snow. Those regions where no other vegetable will grow, are provided with the hardy lichen, a nourishing species of moss, capable of supporting men and animals, which is found beneath the snow in the depth of winter.

771. The celebrated traveller Humboldt states, that *the species of plants known* a few years since, amounted to 44,000, of which 17,000 are found in America.* More than half the whole number belong to the Torrid Zone, although this part of the earth has been least explored by botanists; and generally, the number increases with the heat of the climate. Spitzbergen is estimated to have only 30 species. Lapland and Iceland have more than 500 each; Sweden, 1,500; one of the states of Germany, 2,000; and the island of Madagascar, 5,000.

* At a recent sitting of the French National Institute, he states that new discoveries have increased the number to 56,000.

Of the plants above mentioned, 6000 belong to the class whose fruit and flower are concealed, such as the mosses, ferns, &c. The remaining 38,000 are distributed as follows:

America, both Temp. Zones	4,000
Do. Torrid Zone	13,000
Asia, Temp. Zone	1,500
Do. Torrid Zone	4,500
Polynesia and Australia	5,000
Europe	7,000
Africa	3,000

772. Of all these species, *the most important* are those which furnish the food of men and animals, including the various kinds of grains, fruits, roots, and grasses. Some are important for clothing, as flax, hemp, and cotton. Others are valuable as medicines and dyes. There are only a few indeed, of this large number, which are not found in some way useful.

773. From the enumeration above stated, it will be seen, that *each grand division* of the world has many *peculiar vegetables*, which are native in it. The potato and Indian corn were unknown in Europe, until they were procured from America; and many of our most useful vegetables were transplanted from the Eastern Continent. The fir-tree, which is so abundant in North America, is unknown in South America.

Every great basin, or great natural division of a country, may also have peculiar plants which have not passed the seas or mountains which bound it.

774. Particular *plants extend farthest from the equator*, where there are no ranges of mountains from east to west to interrupt their progress. Thus the plants and animals of hot climates are found farther north in the basin of the Mississippi, than in the Atlantic States, where the mean temperature is the same. The impression thus produced, that the climate is warmer, is found incorrect.

775. A small number of valuable plants appear to be *confined to their native soil*; as the *clove* and *nutmeg* to the Spice Islands—the genuine *cinnamon* to Ceylon—and the best *tea* to China. But the seeds of most useful plants have been scattered through all the climates which resemble that of their native soil, by means of wind and the currents of the ocean, the flight of birds and the migration of animals; but especially, by the long and extensive intercourse between the inhabitants of different portions of the globe.

The *geographical situation of vegetables* may, therefore, be considered [155] as dependent on the temperature, moisture, and soil of countries—whether it be produced by the latitude, elevation, or local situation. We often find vegetables far removed from their appropriate latitude by local circumstances. Mountainous countries are especially remarkable for the variety of their vegetables. Thus at the foot of Mount Ararat, we find the plants of Turkey; at its middle height, those of France; and on its top, those of Sweden. The mosses of Lapland are found on the summits of the Alps and the Andes; and the deep mines of Saxony produce some of the plants belonging to the summits of mountains.

776. *The boundaries of particular plants are apparently changed* in some instances, because they vegetate in regions where they lose their peculiar character and flavour: and many plants may be cultivated by means of walls or hothouses, which give them an artificial climate; like the peach and the orange in England. But in the following account, a plant is considered as belonging to those regions only, in which it will flourish and bear fruit with the natural temperature of the seasons.

POLAR, FROZEN, AND COLD REGIONS.

777. *The centre of the Frigid Zone*, so far as travellers have been able to examine, appears to be entirely destitute of vegetation. The whole zone contains few species of plants, and the chief *vegetables suitable for food*, are the lichen and other mosses, and ferns. There are a few *shrubs*, such as the currant, the cloudberry, &c. which produce berries—the luxuries of this dreary region. In the heat of a polar summer, under the influence of perpetual day, *the growth of plants* is rapid, and the *produce* often abundant. *The verdure* in these regions is chiefly confined to the south-side of the hills: its duration is short, but its ap

pearance is brilliant. Lapland is the only country within this zone where the coarser *grains and pulse* can be raised ; and these, only with very great difficulty.

778. *In advancing north from the polar circle*, the birch which bears the severity of the cold best, dwindles in size, till at last it ceases to grow at 70°, the point where man gives up the cultivation of grain. North of this, shrubs, bushes, and herbaceous plants only are to be met with. Wild thyme, creeping willow, and brambles, cover the face of the rocks, and the Arctic cloudberry here assumes its most delicious flavour and perfume. Shrubs next disappear, and their place is supplied by the saxifrage, primrose, and the low flowering herbs, and grasses. The lichen, which feeds the reindeer, sometimes mixes in the turf, and sometimes of itself covers vast tracts of country. Its white tufts stand in clumps of various forms, looking like hillocks of snow. Beyond this, we find only a naked, sterile soil, and eternal snows, with here and there some hardy mosses on the borders.

779. On the borders of the Temperate Zone, or just within the Arctic Circle, the *evergreens*, fir, pine, &c. commence. The *forests of the Frozen Region* are chiefly composed of these trees, mingled with the birch and willow. The potato, cabbage, turnip, radish, and similar *garden vegetables*, may be cultivated in this region. Cranberries, whortleberries, currants, and other berries, are still the only *fruits*. *Wheat* will scarcely come to perfection, except in Norway and Sweden. Rye, oats, and barley, which are best suited to a cold climate, are raised with difficulty. The crops are so precarious, that the people are subject to distressing famines, and are often compelled to grind the bark of trees, and mingle it with their grain for bread. The most valuable vegetable productions are the timber of their forests, and the turpentine, pitch, and tar, obtained from the pine and fir.

[136] 780. In the *Cold Region*, where the people are industrious, *grain* may be raised in sufficient abundance. *Wheat* flourishes best in the southern parts. The *pastures* are rich, and the verdure fine. They produce apples, pears, cherries, and plums, of the finest quality, and in the greatest abundance ; but most of these *fruits* grow languidly in Sweden. All the species of *berries* are abundant, and some very delicious, as strawberries, gooseberries, &c. The walnut, and most of the ordinary *nuts*, and the common garden vegetables, peas, cabbage, turnips, potatoes, &c. flourish best in this part of the Temperate Zone. It is also the native climate of *oats*, *hemp*, and *flax*, and the most favourable for their cultivation.

At the northern limits of this region, the oak commences, and in advancing towards the south, the *forests* are composed of the oak, the elm, the maple, and the beech, instead of the birch, willow, fir, and pine.

TEMPERATE AND WARM REGIONS.

781. The *Temperate and Warm Regions* yield in the greatest abundance most of those productions which administer to the use and pleasure of man. Within these limits, are raised in their greatest perfection, wheat and barley, the *grains* which yield the most nutritive bread. There, almost exclusively, are produced the *wine-grape*, whose juice is so much valued ; and the mulberry, whose leaves feed the worm which supplies us with silk.

782. The *Temperate Regions* produce apples, pears, and the *fruits* of the Cold Regions in perfection, on the northern borders ; but in the southern parts, these fruits lose their finest flavour ; and degenerate entirely on the borders of the Warm Regions. The *wine-grape* first appears on the borders of this region in Europe ; and the peach, apricot, almond, and mulberry flourish. Wheat is cultivated with ease, and all the *grains* produce abundantly. Vegetation rarely suffers with drought, and the verdure is fine.

783. *At the limits of the Warm Regions*, we first meet with the olive, which produces olive oil, and the fig ; and in Europe, the orange and lemon. But even in Europe, the orange does not grow in perfection beyond the middle of these regions. The *cork-tree*, whose bark furnishes us with cork, also belongs to the Warm Regions.

Vegetation often suffers for want of *moisture* ; and the fields and hills have somewhat of a brown and scorched aspect, in place of the beautiful verdure of more Northern Regions.

TROPICAL AND EQUATORIAL REGIONS.

784. In the *Hot Regions*, we first meet with the sugar-cane and coffee. The orange, lemon, citron, and fig, are found here with the most delicious flavour; and the date, and some other tropical productions, are added to the number of *fruits*. Indeed the productions generally correspond to those of the Torrid Zone, which will be next described; except that in the northern parts, the most delicate fruits and plants have not so fine a flavour.

785. In the *Torrid Zone*, the dry regions are scorched with a burning heat, not less fatal to vegetable, than to animal life. But when *moist countries* are cherished by the intense heat of this zone, they produce plants of the most splendid beauty, of exquisite flavour, and of immense size. The choicest vegetables which contribute to the sustenance and pleasure of man, and the cure of his diseases, are found in such profusion and luxuriance, as is unknown in other climates.

786. The multiplicity and variety of the vegetable tribes are so great, as to preclude any accurate enumeration. *Trees* are far more numerous in proportion to other plants, than in the Temperate Zones. The same tribes which are the slender and humble plants of northern regions, here spread into lofty [137] trees. Many of these are perpetually adorned with flowers, larger, more beautiful, and more odiferous than the choicest shrubs and plants of temperate climates. The *bamboo* and the *sugar-cane* attain the height of 25 or 30 feet. The forests are knit together by rattans, and other vines and shrubs, so thick and luxuriant, that it is almost impossible to penetrate them with axe or fire, and furnish a secure retreat to the myriads of animals and insect tribes, with which this zone abounds. The falling leaves are renewed at every season of the year, and vegetation flourishes in perpetual youth. The earth is never exhausted, but constantly seems to acquire new fertility from the decay of its abundant vegetation. But we do not find here those flowery meadows, covered with herbage, which form the chief beauty of temperate countries.

787. Some of the trees of this zone attain a size, of which the native of northern countries can scarcely conceive. The mighty *baobab*, on the plains of the Senegal River, in Africa, is found with a trunk 50, 60, and even 70 feet in circumference; while each of its branches equals an ordinary tree in size. One of the leaves of the great fan-palm will cover ten or a dozen men, and two or three are sufficient to cover a cottage.*

788. In the Temperate zones, forests are considered as wastes, and the trees are useful chiefly for their timber. But in the Torrid Zone, they produce a variety of excellent fruits and juices, for the support of man, which render them as valuable as the most cultivated fields.

The various species of palm trees, which rise in a slender, lofty trunk, covered at the top with a thick tuft of leaves, are characteristic of these regions. They yield a rich juice, both nourishing and refreshing, and which is easily formed into wine. The *sago-palm* produces a thick, nourishing sap, which is dried, and forms a very useful article of food. The *bread-fruit-tree* and *plantain*, produce fruits resembling bread prepared from grain; and the *gum forests* of Africa furnish gum Arabic, a valuable article of food for those who are crossing the deserts, on account of its dryness and lightness.

In these forests also, we find the hardest, most durable, and most beautiful kinds of wood, as the mahogany, the iron-wood, and the *teak-tree*, which is more durable than the oak for ship building. The various kinds of dye-wood, such as log wood, camwood, &c. can scarcely be obtained here.

789. This zone also abounds with the most delicious fruits—the tamarind, pineapple, guava, banana, &c. It is the native and the only region of the spices, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, and pepper; and of myrrh, frankincense, and the various fragrant and medicinal gums. Coffee, tea, and the sugar cane, are articles peculiar to the Torrid Zone, and the Hot Regions bordering on it.

790. Wheat and most other grains of temperate climates, begin to degenerate in the Warm Regions; and in the Torrid Zone, they are productive only on ele-

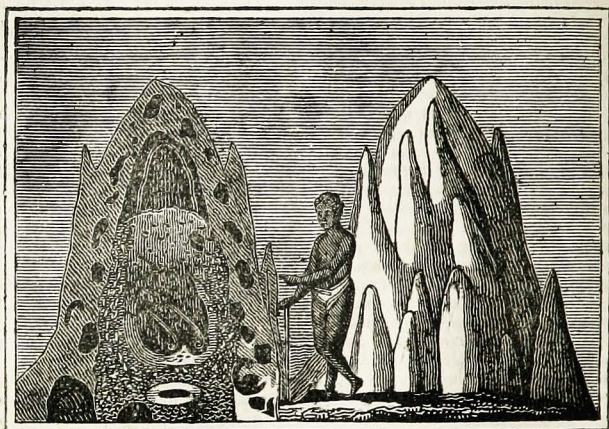
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vated grounds. The *principal grains cultivated*, are maize, which flourishes from the cold regions even to the equator—rice, which is probably the chief food of one-third of our race; and millet. Valuable *substitutes for grain*, are found in the bread-fruit and plantain—the cassava and manioc roots of America—the taro-root of Polynesia—and the yam—which form a bread not less palatable than grain, and produce far more abundantly.

791. *In ascending the mountains of the Torrid Zone*, as the temperature varies, each section has its own distinct plants, and we find in succession the productions of every region from the equator to the poles.

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(II.) ANIMALS.

(29.) *Termites Ant-hills of the Torrid Zone.*

792. Among the *animals of the earth*, a small number of beasts of prey, and poisonous reptiles, and mischievous animals or insects, are only scourges to the human race. But the greater number of the animal tribes are subject to the control of man, and contribute very much to his subsistence and comfort. The variety of form, and size, and strength, and uses, which is found among them, and their adaptation to every existing climate and soil, form a distinct source of testimony to the wisdom and goodness of the Creator.

793. *Domestic animals* supply man with milk and the luxuries formed from it, and feed him with their flesh. Their skins, and wool, and hair, form important articles of clothing. Many of the wild animals are eagerly hunted for their skins and fur, or for the oil procured from them.

794. *The situation of animals*, like that of vegetables, is regulated chiefly by climate or soil. Some animals subsist in almost all latitudes where cultivation is practicable, and inhabitants can become numerous. By means of commerce, they have been distributed to every portion of the globe. Among these, a kind Providence has placed the *most useful domestic animals*. The ox, the horse, and the swine, are found in all latitudes between the Frozen Regions on the north and south; and the sheep, the goat, the dog, and the cat, even within these regions. Among wild animals, the fox, the bear, the hare, the deer, the squirrel, the rat, the mouse, and the weasel, are found in all habitable latitudes.

795. The *dog* is the companion of man in all climates. In many countries of the Frozen Regions, dogs are the only domestic animals. They are harnessed in

sledges, and travel with great rapidity, guided chiefly by the voice of the driver. The dog and the swine are almost the only domestic animals found in the islands of the Pacific Ocean; and both are used for food. The *cat* is scarcely less common than the dog. The *rat* and *mouse* also, are found wherever ships have gone, or man exists, south of the Frozen Regions; but in Lapland, Greenland, and Northern Siberia, we find in their place the leming, or Norway rat, which inhabits some [139] parts of these regions, and migrates in vast bodies from one district to another in search of food.

796. Of all wild animals, the *fox* is the most extensively distributed. Vast troops inhabit Nova Zembla and the shores of the Frozen Ocean; and they are not less numerous in Bengal, Egypt, and the coast of Guinea. The new continent is also said to abound with them; but their existence in South America is doubtful. The squirrel also inhabits all parts of Europe and Asia, from Siberia to Siam; and is found in Africa and America.

797. The temperature of the ocean is so uniform, that the various tribes of *fish* distribute themselves through all latitudes, more readily and extensively than animals. Their aspect, however, varies greatly in the extremes of heat and cold. Those of cold regions migrate in the winter, to the seas and rivers of more temperate countries, where many of them deposite their spawn. In this way, the *shad* and the *salmon* visit the rivers of the United States, and the herring the western coast of Europe; and furnish valuable stores of food. The banks of Newfoundland are the resort of immense numbers of *codfish*; and 100,000 men are employed here in the fishery.

Many species of *birds* also of the Temperate Zones, migrate during the winter to warm regions, and return every spring to their usual haunts. While many animals are thus extensively scattered, each zone is marked by the residence of animals peculiar to it.

TORRID ZONE.

798. The *Torrid Zone* is not less remarkable for the luxuriance of animal than of vegetable life. It produces the largest and most beautiful animals, as well as the fiercest and most dangerous, found upon the globe. "The mighty *elephant* traverses its forests, and the *rhinoceros* and *hippopotamus* roll their enormous bulk in its streams." The *hippopotamus* is found only in the rivers of Africa.

799. The two-horned *rhinoceros* occurs only in Southern Africa; but the species with one horn occurs in the East Indies and China, as far north as 30°. In this zone are found the most formidable *beasts of prey*—the lion, the tiger, the leopard, the panther, the ounce, and the hyena of Africa and Asia, and the jaguar and puma, of South America.

The *lion* is chiefly confined to Africa and Western Asia, and is most fierce in Northern Africa. The royal *tiger* of India is surpassed by none of the beasts of prey in ferocity and power. It sometimes strays as far as 40° or 50° north latitude. The *jaguar* vies with the tiger in size and fierceness, and resembles the panther in its skin. The *puma* or *cougar*, sometimes called the American lion, is destitute of a mane, and has more resemblance to a wolf in the form of its body. It is found as far as 50° south of the equator. The largest quadruped of South America is the tapir, about the height of a cow.

800. The Torrid Zone swarms with *reptiles*, some of enormous strength, and many armed with fatal poison. Those of the *crocodile species*, the crocodile of Africa, the alligator and cayman of America, and the gavial of India, fill all the rivers of this zone, and stand ready to devour the incautious traveller. The *anaconda*, or box constrictor, of South America and Africa and the Asiatic Isles, is compared to the mast of a ship, and crushes large and powerful animals for his prey, by winding his coils around them. The *asp*, and many of the smaller reptiles, are armed with a poison of peculiar deadliness.*

801. The family of *bats* is distributed throughout the world, but it is only [140]

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in the Torrid Zone we find the vampire, that species which sucks the blood from man while sleeping.

Even *insects* appear in this zone in such numbers and power as to become formidable. The poisonous tarantula, and the scorpion, are natives of this zone. The *termites*, or white ants of India and Africa, penetrate the beams of houses, and destroy timbers, chests, books, and clothing, in a few hours. They are only a quarter of an inch in length, but they erect pyramids of clay sufficiently compact to sustain the weight of several men, to the height of 10 or 12 feet. These are divided very curiously into numerous apartments, and are far more wonderful works in proportion to the size of the animal which erects them, than the pyramids of Egypt.

802. The air of most countries in this zone is filled with *small insects*, many of which inflict painful stings, and the forests swarm with such multitudes, that the traveller can scarcely avoid swallowing them with his food, and inhaling them with his breath. *Locusts* and even *flies* assemble in such immense bodies as to lay waste the earth, and drive nations before them. This scourge is often felt in the Hot Regions bordering on this zone. At night, the tropical forests are brilliantly illuminated by myriads of *fire-flies*.

803. Among the *quadrupeds*, the bounding antelope, the striped zebra, and the tall cameleopard, are remarkable for beauty. The gazelle, the species of antelope so distinguished by the beauty and brilliancy of its eyes, is found in the Caucasus, and in Turkey, Arabia, and Africa. The cameleopard, which is from 10 to 15 feet in height, is found in the southern half of Africa, as far as 23° of latitude.

804. The numerous *birds* of this zone are adorned with the richest *plumage*. The peacock is a native of India. The feathers of the ostrich and the bird of paradise are the ornaments of kings. Many, like the parrot, utter a sound resembling the human voice. But they are generally inferior to those of the Temperate Zone in the *melody of their notes*. Some of the tropical birds rival quadrupeds in *size and strength*. Such are the ostrich of Africa—the nandu, or ostrich of South America—and the condor, a bird of prey, which soars above the tops of the Andes.

805. The forests are enlivened by the various tribes of *monkeys*, which are confined to this zone, and the Hot Regions bordering upon it. The *ourang outang*, and its kindred species, which approach most nearly to man in appearance, are found only in Borneo, and a few of the Asiatic islands.

806. The tropical seas are also populous. The *fish* here shine with brilliant colours, and the flying fish is seen skimming through the air. The shark displays the ferocity of a beast of prey. The *shell-fish* are larger and finer than in the colder regions. The cyster which furnishes the *pearl*, is almost confined to the tropical seas, and is most abundant in the Indian Ocean and its branches. In this zone almost exclusively, we find the *coral polypi*, so insignificant in themselves, but so remarkable for the size and extent of their stony structures. The *finest red coral*, however, which is used as an ornament, is chiefly obtained in the Mediterranean Sea, on the coasts of Italy and Barbary. The coral fishery is here very productive.

807. Among domestic animals, the ass and the mule are the most extensively used as *beasts of burden*, in the countries of the Torrid Zone. In most countries, the elephant is trained and used for this purpose, especially in India, and is very valuable for its docility and sagacity. It is even taught to assist in unloading ships. Its tusks of ivory are sometimes six feet in length. In Asia, it is found as far as 30° of north latitude; in Africa, from the Cape of Good Hope, to 20° north latitude. In the dry and desert regions of Western Asia and Northern Africa, the dromedary is almost the only beast of burden. This animal, and the camel, are furnished with several separate stomachs, in which they carry a large quantity of water, and use it sparingly as necessity requires. They can thus supply themselves at a watering place for a journey of 5 to 15 days; and are enabled to traverse regions where other animals would perish with thirst. The dromedary conveys all the goods which are transported across Northern Africa and Arabia.

808. In *South America*, the llama, vicuna, and guanaco, are used for transporting goods over the Andes. They are much smaller than the camel; but they are not less important among their native rocks and mountains, where scarcely any other animal can travel. The buffalo, or hunched ox, is also used as a beast of

burden in *Africa and India*. In South Africa, the oxen are even used for riding, like horses; and are said to possess great activity and fierceness. The oxen of South America are derived from the European breed, and are chiefly used for food. The *horse* is found in most countries of the Torrid Zone, but is less used than other beasts of burden. The milk and flesh of the camel, the ass, the buffalo, and the goat, afford the chief supply of *animal food* in this zone. But all species of animals are eaten by savage tribes.

WARM, TEMPERATE, AND COLD REGIONS.

809. In the *Warm, Temperate, and Cold Regions*, the animal tribes gradually diminish in number, magnitude, and ferocity. No land animals of these regions now existing, vie with the elephant in *size*. The wolf, the bear, and the wild boar, are the principal *beasts of prey* in Europe; and in America, the wolf, the panther, and catamount, or cougar, and bear. The brown bear of Missouri is an animal of uncommon ferocity and strength; and the same animal appears to exist in the Alps. But with this exception, the beasts of prey fall far short of the lion and the tiger.

810. The tribes of *reptiles* gradually diminish in advancing towards the poles, until they disappear entirely in the Polar Regions. The number and venom of those which are poisonous, are also diminished. In the Warm Regions, *insects* continue very troublesome; but on advancing north, the frosts of winter check their multiplication, and they produce no serious inconvenience, except in the hottest season, or in marshy countries.

The *birds* of the Temperate Zone are inferior in size and brilliancy to those of the Torrid Zone; but they surpass them in the sweetness of their note.

811. The deer, the hare, the rabbit, the squirrel, and the elk, abound in the *forests* of this zone, and furnish the chief sustenance of the savage tribes, and in newly settled countries. In the western part of America, the *bison*, or American ox, (usually, but improperly called the buffalo,) is the most valuable animal both for its flesh and skin. Vast herds wander over the plains between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains; but the number is diminishing.

The *beaver* is also a native of this zone. These animals are remarkable for their industry and ingenuity in building timber huts, and for their mode of living in families. They are much sought on account of their skins. Small numbers are still found between 30° and 60° of north latitude, especially in America. But they are generally extirpated, as a country has become thickly settled. The martin, the otter, and several other *furred animals* also occur in this zone. The elk is found from 52° to 64° in Europe, and from 45° to 52° in America, or chiefly within the Cold Region.

812. The Temperate Zone seems to be the native region of the most useful [142] *domestic animals*; the horse, the ox, the sheep, the ass, and the mule. The *horse* is found from Patagonia and Iceland and the Arctic Circle, but is most perfect in the centre of this zone. The Arabian horses are most remarkable for swiftness and fire. Those of the middle of the Temperate Zone, especially in middle Europe, are larger and stronger, and are considered the most useful. In Asia, the horse is not found beyond 64° of latitude. In the north of Europe, and in the island of Scotland, there is a dwarfish race, often called the Shetland, or Welsh poney.

813. The *ox* attains the greatest degree of courage and power in the Warm Regions; as is evinced in the bull-fights of Spain. In climates which are moist and cold, such as Northern Germany and Ireland, the ox grows largest, and the cow yields milk most abundantly. In Iceland, the cattle thrive remarkably; and the ancient colony of Greenland exported butter and beef. In Tibet, and the neighbouring table-land, is a peculiar species, called the *yak*, or grunting ox.

814. The *ass* and *mule* flourish best between 20° and 40°; and here they are often found large, handsome, lively, and docile. The mules of Spain are sometimes even preferred to horses. These animals do not endure severe cold; and in Europe, they are rarely seen beyond 52°. The wild ass of Tartary, which is esteemed delicious food, is not found beyond 48°.

815. In the dry regions of this zone in Turkey, and the south of Russia, Siberia, and Tartary, the *Bactrian camel*, with two humps, is as valuable as the

domedary of Africa. It is in use from the Black Sea to the Pacific, as far north as latitude 55°. It is said not to endure the heat of the Torrid Zone; and in China and India, it does not thrive south of 28° of latitude.*

FROZEN REGIONS.

816. In the *Frozen Regions*, we find so great a difference in the state of vegetation, that few animals of more temperate climates can subsist. The plains are covered with the reindeer, the sable, the ermine, protected from the cold by a rich covering of fur, which becomes an article of comfort and luxury to man. In approaching nearer the pole, both animal and vegetable life seem almost extinct. The white bear roams unmolested over these regions of frost, and frequently passes from one country to another on the floating ice. The polar fox advances still farther north.

817. But the ocean, from its milder temperature, supports a vast amount of animal life. The polar seas swarm with herring and other small fish, which are of the utmost value to the inhabitants of these sterile regions. They also abound with seals and sea-otters. The great walrus, or sea-elephant, is found in herds upon the ice; and the whale, the monarch of the ocean, makes this his chosen resort. The seal, the walrus, and the whale, are all invested with a thick coat of oil, which protects them from the cold, and serves the natives of these dark and frozen regions for light, and fuel, and food. The fur of the seal is also valuable, and the seal fisheries carried on chiefly for the skins, employ great numbers of ships in the Greenland seas—around Cape Horn—and on the North West coast of America.

The birds of this zone, and the neighbouring region, assume a softer covering, and the down of the eider-duck is an important article of commerce.

[143] 818. At the extreme limits of the Cold Region, the ordinary beasts of burden of the temperate zone become small and stunted, or fail entirely for want of food. The reindeer and the dog are used in their stead. The reindeer, of all known quadrupeds, has its range nearest the pole. It is found on all the coasts of the Frozen Ocean. In Scandinavia, it can scarcely exist south of 65°. In Russia, it extends to 65°. In Asia, it descends as low as 50°; among the Tunguses of Chinese Tartary, and in America, to a lower latitude. Within these limits only, it finds the moss adapted for its food. This animal not only serves as a beast of burden, but supplies the natives of these northern regions with most of their food, from its milk and flesh; while the skin furnishes much of their clothing; and the sinews, their thread.

VARIETIES IN ANIMALS.

819. Where the same animals are found in various latitudes, their character is often materially changed. The dog, at the equator and around the poles, changes his bark for a howl or murmur. In the Frozen Region, he assumes the shaggy appearance, and much of the ferocity of the wolf, to which, indeed, he is thought to be allied. The sheep, which is covered with the softest wool in the Cold Region, produces nothing finer than hair in the Equatorial Region. The fox, which is only hairy in warm countries, produces the softest fur in the Polar Region; and the bear undergoes changes somewhat similar.

820. The animals of different continents, and often of particular portions of continents, are very different from each other. Indeed, Humboldt says, that no species is common to both continents; and that all which appear similar, have important points of difference. The cat, the dog, the horse, the ox, and the hog, were not natives of America, but brought from the Eastern Continent. The animals of New-Holland are peculiar to that country.

821. Particular differences also exist in animals of the same species in different regions, which are not attributable to climate or to any other known cause. The

* Malte Brun.

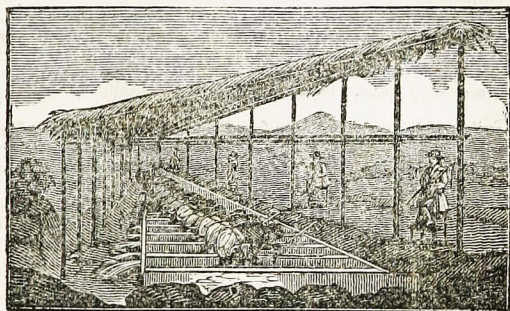
goat of Tibet produces a fleece of a texture unknown in any other animal of the species. The seal and other animals of the Antarctic Regions differ entirely from those of the Arctic Regions. The elephant of India is different from that of Africa, and the rhinoceros also. Varieties also occur in contiguous countries, of whose causes we are ignorant. The race of *swine* in Piedmont is universally black; and so generally in Italy, that swine's flesh is often called "*nero*," the Italian name for black. In Normandy, they are always white, and in Bavaria, reddish-brown, although these countries are contiguous. The hair of the swine of Normandy is too soft to be used for brushes; and that of the domestic swine is universally different from that of the wild boar. Herds of swine, with solid hoofs, are found in Hungary and Sweden; although this animal is universally cloven-footed in other countries.*

The varieties of size, form, and colour in the *ox*, the *horse*, the *sheep*, and especially the *dog*, are numberless, and many of them are hereditary, which have originated within the memory of man. New varieties sometimes arise at the present day, such as the otter-breed of sheep in New-England, and may be propagated by sufficient care.

These varieties are most numerous in domestic animals, and occur more frequently in proportion as the animal is farther removed from its natural condition, and habits, and food.

(II.) MINERALS.

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(50.) *Diamond-washing in Brazil.*

822. *Minerals* are not distributed on the earth according to climates, like animals and vegetables. But by the kindness of Providence, those which are most necessary to man are found in almost all countries; and others are more or less abundant, according to their importance. It is remarkable also, that the most barren portions of the earth are the most fruitful in mineral treasures.

823. The *metals* are sometimes found pure, but they are generally mixed with other minerals, in a stony substance termed *ore*. They are found occasionally in beds, or large masses, but usually in veins, passing through other rocks. The *veins* vary in width, from a few inches to many feet. Sometimes they extend many miles in length, varying in breadth in different parts. Their depth is often very great, and it is doubtful whether the bottom of veins has ever been found; but they are often neglected, because the ore is too poor, or the digging too expensive. Coal, salt, and iron, are frequently found in *beds* of great extent, but usually of no great depth.

824. In digging an excavation, or *mine*, to procure any of these minerals, the course of the vein or bed is usually followed, and the size of the mine is propor-

* Prichard on Man.

tioned to its size and extent. The largest excavations are those of salt mines, some of which are several miles in extent. The deepest mine in Europe is at Fruttenburgh, in Bohemia, which is 3,000 feet in depth.

825. Some minerals are found *upon the surface* of the earth, mingled with its soil or sand; as is commonly the fact with gold and the precious stones. In this case, the mineral is procured by washing the sands, as represented in the engraving, (No. 30.)

METALS.

826. GOLD is the most rare and precious of the metals, and is usually found in grains, or gold dust, in a pure state. Nearly three-fourths of the gold of commerce is obtained by washing the sands of rivers and alluvions.

Gold is found in most parts of *Europe*, but no where in large quantities. The sands of the Danube—the Rhine—the Rhone—the Garonne—the Tagus, and many other rivers, contain small quantities. The chief mines of importance are at Kremnitz, in Austria, which produce more than all the rest of Europe. Mines have recently been discovered in the Ural Mountains.

[145] *Africa* furnishes large quantities of gold, which are washed down by the rivers. It is especially abundant on the Niger—in Western Africa—and on the coast of Zanguebar; and forms an important article of commerce. *Japan* also, and the *East India Islands*, particularly Sumatra, Borneo, and Celebez, produce gold for commerce.

But *Mexico* and *South America* produce gold in far greater abundance than any other countries on the globe. The whole amount is 11 millions of dollars annually. A single mine furnishes more than all Europe. It is found at the foot of the Andes, almost throughout their whole extent, sometimes embraced in veins of primary or secondary rocks. Brazil produces large quantities—chiefly from alluvial sands.

In the *United States*, gold has been found in Cabarras County, in North Carolina, in the beds of Meadow Creek, (a branch of the Pedee,) and other small streams. Between 1810 and 1820, gold was sent to the mint from this place, which was valued at \$19,000.

827. PLATINA is a grayish metal, more rare, and on some accounts, more valuable than gold, and is usually found in connection with it. It occurs in several gold washings of South America, and has also been discovered in St. Domingo—and in the Ural Mountains. Too little has been obtained to render it an important article of commerce.

828. SILVER, as well as gold, is found in unequalled abundance in *Mexico* and *South America*, particularly among the Andes. Mexico yields about 22 millions of dollars, and Peru, Chili, and Buenos Ayres, 10 millions, annually. It is usually found in ores; but frequently pure, and in large masses. The first mines were discovered at Potosi, by an Indian, who tore up a bush in ascending the mountain, and found a mass of silver beneath it. Huantaya in Peru, and Guanaxuato in Mexico, contain some of the most productive mines. The latter has a vein of silver ore 180 feet wide, and 1,600 feet deep.

The quantity of silver found in *other parts of the world*, is comparatively insignificant. Schemnitz and Kremnitz, in Hungary, are the principal mines in Europe. Those of Kongsberg, in Norway, have furnished very large masses of pure silver. It is also found in Saxony, and other parts of Europe—and at Kolihyane, in Siberia. In the *United States*, it has only been discovered in small quantities, at Huntington, (Conn.) Phillipsburgh, (N. York,) and Portsmouth, (N. H.)

829. IRON is the most useful of all the metals; and agreeably to the general order of Providence, the most extensively diffused. Its ores are found abundantly in all countries, and in every formation. It has been discovered more extensively in the northern, than in the equatorial regions. The principal ores are the magnetic ore, and iron-stone, of mountainous regions; and the bog-iron and iron-earth, of alluvial districts.

Great Britain and France contain *the most extensive mines* in the world. Sweden has large mines of magnetic ore, which produces the best of bar-iron. The mine of Danemora, so particularly celebrated, at Gellivara, in Swedish Lap-

land, is a mountain of ore, three miles in length. Norway, Russia, Spain, Germany, and Austria, have extensive iron mines also. The Island of Elba contains one of the most ancient known, remarkable for the beautiful play of colours on the ore.

In the *United States*, there are numerous and inexhaustible beds of iron ore—particularly along the Allegany or Apalachian Mountains, from Franconia, in New-Hampshire, to Georgia. Twelve mines are now open in Virginia. Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio, also abound in iron. *New-York, New-Jersey, and Pennsylvania*, produce ore in abundance, of a quality not exceeded in [146] Sweden. New-Jersey, besides the iron-stone in the north, has extensive beds of bog-ore on the coast, which are renewed in some years after they have been once exhausted. Similar beds occur in other parts of the alluvial coast, south of New-Jersey; but they are not extensively wrought.

In *Connecticut*, important mines are wrought at Salisbury, and at other places in Litchfield County. *Massachusetts* has a number of mines; and the Green Mountains of *Vermont* contain numerous beds of ore.

830. COPPER ranks next to iron in utility; and though less abundant, occurs in many regions of the globe. It is often found in pure metallic masses, sometimes very large. On Lake Superior, where it abounds, a single mass on the Onontagon River, is estimated to exceed a ton in weight.

England has the most extensive mines of copper, particularly in Cornwall; and produces somewhat more than all the rest of Europe.

Considerable mines are also wrought in the middle and north of *Europe*—among the Ural Mountains—and in Siberia. Greenland, Iceland, Tartary, and Japan, also furnish copper; as well as Barbary, Southern Africa, and the southern part of South America.

Copper ore is found in many parts of the *United States*; but no mines are now wrought. That of Belleville, near Newark, (N. J.) was formerly very productive.

831. LEAD is found more or less in all countries. It is said to be rare, however, in the Ural Mountains, and in Peru, although other metals are abundant.

It is found in the greatest quantities in Great Britain, and especially in England, and the Lead Hills of Scotland. The mines of the rest of Europe, chiefly found in Germany, France, and Spain, produce less than those of Great Britain alone.

The *United States* contain several extensive beds of lead ore. The mine at Southampton, Mass. is the principal now wrought east of the Mississippi. Lead is found, however, on the Schuylkill River—on the Great Kenhawa—at Middletown, (Conn.)—and in most of the states comprised in the primary and secondary regions.

The lead mines of *Missouri*, lying near the Mississippi River, are among the richest in the world. The ore is found abundantly within two feet of the surface, in detached masses, weighing from 1 to 1800 pounds. The annual produce is estimated at three millions of pounds.

Dubuques Lead Mines, on the Mississippi, have been wrought until recently by the Indians, who sold the ore to the whites; and have produced 30,000 or 40,000 pounds annually.

832. TIN is found in few countries in the world. The principal mines of Europe are in Cornwall, in England. They are very extensive and ancient, and have supplied most of the tin of commerce, from the time of the Phœnicians.

The Saxon Mountains, and Galicia, in Spain, also produce tin. It exists in Mexico and Chili, but not in any quantity; and has not been discovered in the *United States*. The Island of Banca, in the East Indies, contains large quantities of the ore.

833. MERCURY, or quicksilver, is also a rare metal. The principal mines known are those of Almaden, near Cordova, in Spain—Deuxponts, in Germany—Idria, in Austria—and Guanaca Velica, in Peru. It is found in Mexico and New-Granada. Small quantities, in the form of black and red sand, have been found in the *United States*, on the shores of Lake Michigao, Huron, St. Clair, and Erie, as far as the mouth of Vermilion River.

834. COBALT, which is chiefly used for giving a blue colour to glass and porcelain, is obtained almost entirely from Germany. A mine has been discovered and wrought in Chatham, near Middletown, (Conn.) [147]

835. **ARSENIC** is a metal found in most of the mining countries of Europe; but is chiefly procured from Germany, and the countries on the Mediterranean Sea. Some of its ores form brilliant colours for the painter.

836. **ANTIMONY** and **BISMUTH** are brittle metals; which are combined with lead to form the metal for printing types. They are not common; and are obtained in commerce from the mines of Europe, particularly of Germany.

PRECIOUS STONES.

837. The **PRECIOUS STONES** are among the rarest of minerals. The finest *Sapphires* and *Rubies* come from the Burman Empire and Ceylon. The ruby has also been found in France, Bohemia and Siberia; but is rare in other parts of the world. The finest *Emeralds* have been obtained from Peru, and the neighbouring districts of New-Granada. The emerald is also found in Ceylon, Egypt, and Ethiopia. It has been discovered in the United States; and the *Beryl*, an inferior species of emerald, occurs in many parts of our country.

The *Topaz* is chiefly obtained from Siberia, the Ural Mountains, Bohemia, Saxony, England and Scotland. The finest are found in Brazil.

Jasper and *Agate* are the most abundant of the stones termed precious; and are found more or less in almost every country. Egypt, the East Indies, Germany and Scotland appear to furnish the most beautiful.

838. The **DIAMOND** is obtained almost exclusively from India, Brazil and Borneo. It always occurs in alluvial beds, and is obtained by washing the earth. In Hindoostan, it is found from Cape Comorin to Bengal, but chiefly, in the provinces of Golconda and Visiapour. The most valuable mine is on the Krishna River. In that of Raolcondo, 600,000 persons are employed. The diamonds of Brazil are chiefly found in the province of Minas Geraes, in beds of gravel and sand, from which they are washed by slaves.

BUILDING STONES.

839. The important uses of **LIMESTONE**, or carbonate of lime, are well known. It is one of the most abundant minerals on the surface of the earth, occurring in primary, transition, secondary and alluvial regions, and assuming a great variety of forms. It constitutes the chief part of the secondary rocks, in the form of chalk, common limestone, marble, and calcareous spar; and it is also the substance of which the coral reefs and islands are composed.

840. **MARBLE** is found in almost all countries of much extent—generally white in primary regions—and coloured, in secondary. The primitive marble of the island of Paros, and of Carrara in Italy, are most celebrated for their fine grain and dazzling whiteness. Egypt, Italy, Spain, France, and the British Isles, abound in beautiful, coloured marbles, of every shade, and often variegated with clouds, veins and spots.

In the *United States*, a range of limestone extends along the edge of the secondary region, through the western parts of Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut; and quarries of marble are wrought at several places. Some produce fine, white marble; as those of Pittsfield and Washington. The Middlebury marble is beautifully clouded. Pursuing the same direction along the Blue Ridge, we find other beds of marble—at Kingsbridge, (N. Y.)—and in Montgomery and Lancaster Counties, (Penn.) most of which are primitive.

[148] At *Millford*, near New-Haven, (Conn.) there are quarries of yellow, and also of green, variegated marble of uncommon beauty—the last resembling the celebrated verd-antique.

On the *Potomac River*, in Maryland, there are extensive beds of a secondary, breccia marble, which is finely diversified with imbedded pebbles and fragments of various sizes and colours. The columns of the capitol at Washington are composed of this marble.

841. **CHALK** is another variety of carbonate of lime. It has never been observed in America, Asia, Africa, or the south of Europe. It is the most abundant rock in the north of France; and extends through the Netherlands to England. Here it forms the white cliffs of Dover; and occurs in extensive beds, in other districts. It is also found in Ireland—Denmark—on the southern shores of the Baltic—and in Poland and the south of Russia. It is in beds of chalk that *fint* is usually found.

842. SLATE, suitable for roofs, is a common mineral, and is found in various parts of the United States. The best occurs in York, Lancaster and Wayne counties, (Penn.) in Ulster and Dutchess counties, (N. Y.) and at Brattleborough and Dummerston, (Ver.) On the Kennebec River, in Maine, it may be obtained in tables, ten feet square.

843. SANDSTONE, commonly called Free Stone, is found, and used in building, in every part of the world. In the United States the principal quarries are in various places from New-Haven to Middletown, (Conn.) and along Connecticut River, 100 miles in extent—in the neighbourhood of Newark, (N. Jersey,)—and on the Potomac River. The quarries at Newark and Middletown furnish some of the best in use, and large quantities are exported to other states. The sandstone of the Potomac, of which the capital at Washington is built, is white and very fine; but it is less durable than that of many other quarries.

It is in connection with secondary limestone, slate, and sandstone, that we usually find the inflammable minerals and salts. Coal, sulphur, salt, and bitumen, are generally associated together, and gypsum often accompanies them.

INFLAMMABLE MINERALS.

844. COAL is found more or less abundantly in most secondary countries; but it is rare in primitive regions, whose rugged character prevents the destruction of the forests, and renders coal unnecessary for fuel.

England is remarkable for its coal mines. The principal are at New-Castle, on the eastern side of the island, and Whitehaven on the western. Coal is also abundant in some parts of Scotland—in France, and Germany—and in China.

It abounds in South America, even at a great height on the Andes. In North America, Cape Breton and New-Brunswick, and many parts of the United States, produce coal. One of the most extensive of the mines now wrought in the United States, is near Richmond, (Virg.) in a bed of bituminous coal, 20 miles in length. Large quantities are exported to other states.

In Pennsylvania, the coal beds are said to extend over one third of the surface. Beds of anthracite, or stone coal, without bitumen, of excellent quality, are found along the Susquehanna River, at Reading, and thence to the sources of the Schuylkill and Lehigh. Beds of bituminous coal extend from the mouth of the Juniata River, through all the country watered by the Susquehanna, to Pittsburgh. From this place they continue down the Ohio to Missouri; and along the valley of the Mississippi to the heads of the River Tombigbee.

There are also indications of coal beds, in the secondary region extending [149] from New-Haven to Middletown, (Conn.) and thence to Northampton. Rhode Island has a mine of anthracite; and another has recently been discovered in Worcester County, (Mass.)

845. PEAT or TURF is found in most alluvial countries; and is a valuable substitute for coal. It is almost the only fuel in some parts of Ireland and Holland. It is found in New-Jersey, and many other alluvial districts in the United States; and in some places is extensively used.

846. SULPHUR is usually found in secondary formations, in connection with salt, gypsum, and marl, or calcareous clay. It occurs thus in Switzerland, Sicily, and Poland; and at most places where salt mines or salt springs exist.

It is frequently deposited in considerable quantities from sulphureous springs; as at Farmington, in New-York. In Siberia, it is collected from springs for the purposes of trade.

Sulphur is most abundant in volcanic countries; and seems to be an important part of the fuel which supports their fires. Sicily and Iceland abound with it. It is always exhaled from the earth in the neighbourhood of volcanoes, especially in the craters of those which have become extinct, like the Solfa Terra of Naples.

A large part of the sulphur of commerce in Europe, is procured from dormant volcanoes. In Iceland it is found in large masses near the surface of the soil. In the West India Islands of Gasdaloupe, Martinique, and Montserrat, which appear to be volcanic, it is exhaled from the earth in some places.

847. BITUMEN is an inflammable mineral, which occurs both solid and fluid. When purest, it is in the form of a whitish, transparent fluid, called naptha. When impure, or altered by the air, it becomes dark coloured, and oily, and is called

petroleum, or mineral oil. It is used in place of oil for lamps; and also for medicinal purposes. This fluid becomes by exposure as thick as tar, and is called *maltha*; and finally is converted into the hard, brittle substance, called *asphaltum*.

Baku, near the Caspian Sea, in latitude 42°, is most remarkable for its bituminous springs. For an extent of several miles, the soil abounds with naphtha and petroleum; so that wells dug in the sand, are filled with it, and yield a large quantity daily. The vapour is constantly rising from the ground. At two or three inches below the surface, it will instantly take fire from a coal or lamp, and burns until it is extinguished. By inserting hollow canes into the ground, it is made to burn from the top, and is used by the inhabitants for fuel and light. The petroleum is also mingled with sand for fuel. This region is the chief sacred place of the Guebres, or worshippers of fire, who keep the flame continually burning. Naphtha is used by the Russians as a cordial, but never intoxicates. The springs often rise in the beds of streams.

Petroleum is also found in Modena and Parma in *Italy*, and used for lamps. It occurs in many other parts of Europe. Near Rangoon, in *Burmah*, it is so abundant, that the springs are supposed to furnish 100,000 hogsheds annually for commerce.

Springs of petroleum are found in the *United States*, near Green River, (Ken.) in the western parts of Pennsylvania—in Ohio, and in other places throughout the secondary region. It is often in connection with salt. At Oil Creek, (Penn.) and at Seneca Lake, (N. Y.) it is found floating on the surface of springs, in considerable quantities.

Maltha is found in Barbadoes, and is called Barbadoes tar.

Asphaltum is found floating on the waters of the Dead Sea, in Syria, in considerable quantities. In the island of Trinidad, the celebrated Pitch Lake is covered with a crust of it, on which it is said a person may walk.

848. **AMBER** is a resinous substance of a beautiful colour, often made into ornaments. It occurs frequently in alluvial districts; and is found in those of the *United States*. But as an article of commerce, it is obtained almost entirely from the alluvions, on the shores of the Baltic, in Prussia.

MINERAL SALTS.

849. **SALT** is a mineral of the first importance to man, and is found in great abundance in every part of the globe. The *ocean* is an inexhaustible mine of salt, from which it is continually formed; in hot countries, by the heat of the sun; and in cold countries, by means of artificial heat. The Cape Verd and Turks Islands furnish large quantities, produced by the heat of the sun.

Salt is also found in extensive beds, in *secondary regions*. In Cheshire county, in England, is a bed 60 to 90 feet thick, which furnishes what we term Liverpool salt. In *Germany, Hungary, and Poland*, there are numerous beds, particularly along the foot of the Carpathian Mountains, from the Black Sea to the Alps. In these districts are the celebrated salt mines of Wielitzka, near Cracow, which are probably the most extensive in the world.

Rock Salt sometimes forms *mountains*, as at Cardona, near Montserrat in Spain, (¶ 178.) In Moldavia in Turkey, is a mountain of salt also; and in Hindoostan is a chain of hills entirely composed of salt, which extends across the Indus through Cabul.

Extensive plains, several miles in length, are sometimes found incrustated with salt. Many such occur in Northern Africa, and the Sahara, Abyssinia, Persia, Siberia, and Tartary, which form important mines of salt. In *South America*, salt is found in great quantities in the Desert of Atacama. On the plains between the Andes and the Paraguay River, it is so abundant, that there is scarcely a lake, stream, or well, which is not brackish.

The Great Desert of *North America* is also incrustated with salt in many places; and its waters are generally brackish in the dry season. In many parts of the *Western United States*, there are spots of ground so impregnated with salt, that wild animals resort to them, and lick the surface. This has given them the name of *salt-licks*.

Brine springs are often found rising from beds of salt, so strongly impregnated with salt that it is obtained for use, by evaporating their waters.

They are numerous in *secondary regions*, in all countries. England, and the

middle countries of *Europe*, as well as the secondary districts of the *United States*, contain many. They abound particularly on the *Ohio River* and its branches, in *Ohio—Illinois—Kentucky—Tennessee—and Virginia*, and near the small lakes of *New-York*. The most extensive salt works are at *Salina*, in *New-York*, and on the *Great Kenhawa River*, in *Virginia*. Large quantities of salt are also made from sea-water, on the coast of *Massachusetts*.

850. *Gypsum*, or plaster of *Paris*, is often found in connection with salt; a mineral which is very valuable in improving land. It is found in great abundance near *Paris*, from which it took its name. Considerable quantities were formerly brought to the *United States* from *France*; and from numerous quarries in *Nova Scotia* and *New-Brunswick*. Within a few years, extensive quarries have been discovered and wrought in *Onondago* and *Madison Counties*, in *New-York*. It is said to [151] have been discovered also, on the *Holston River*, in *Virginia* and *Tennessee*.

851. Other salts, such as *Glauber* and *Epsom Salts*, *Ammonia*, *Nitre*, and *Soda*, which are manufactured in large quantities for commerce, are also found as minerals.

Ammonia, or *Volatile Salt*, is found most frequently in the neighbourhood of volcanoes; as in *Iceland—Naples—Sicily—and the Lipari Isles*. Large quantities are obtained near two volcanoes of *Central Tartary*; and in *Persia*, it is found mixed with clay.

Glauber Salts are found on the banks, and in the waters of many salt lakes, in *Siberia—Egypt—and other countries*.

Epsom Salts are found in the springs of *Epsom*, in *England*, and some others; and in a cave in *Illinois*, (§ 332.)

Copperas and *Alum* are manufactured from certain mineral beds, which are thence called *alum* or *copperas beds*; and they are sometimes found already formed, as in *Missouri*, *Vermont*, and some other parts of the *United States*.

852. *Soda*, or *Natron*, is obtained in large quantities from the ashes of marine plants, chiefly in *Spain*, *Portugal*, and other countries on the *Mediterranean*, and is there called *barilla*. But it is abundant as a mineral, in the *Natron Lakes* of *Egypt* and *Hungary*; and it is found in *India*, *Asia Minor*, *Siberia* and *Russia*. It is also found in several lakes in *Mexico*; and is very abundant in a lake in *New-Granada*. In *La Plata*, it occurs in considerable beds.

853. *NITRE* occurs in great quantities in many of the plains of *Spain*, *Hungary*, and *Russia*. It is abundant in some of the deserts of *Persia*, *Arabia*, and *Africa*. It is also found in large quantities in the earth of calcareous caves, in *India*, *Java*, *Naples*, and the secondary region of the *United States*. *Kentucky* and *Tennessee* have numerous caves of this kind, from the earth of which a considerable amount is manufactured.

(II.) MINERAL SPRINGS.



(31.) *Great Geyser of Iceland.*

854. Springs are the sources of water, from which the rivers and streams of the globe are supplied. Many are distinguished by peculiar variations in their height,

and are called *intermitting springs*. They often have regular periods of rise and fall, without any visible cause. The periodical Fountain of Como, described by [152] Pliny, rises and falls every hour. At Colmars, in France, is one which rises and falls eight times in an hour. Other springs are found, which rise and fall with the tide, although they are often at a great distance from the sea. The tide-springs of Languedoc in France, Torbay and Buxton in England, and Galicia in Spain, are among the most remarkable.

855. The water of springs sometimes rises in a jet or fountain.

The most remarkable examples of this kind, are the *Geysers*, or spouting springs of Iceland, which vary in their heat from that of the air, to the boiling point. They throw out jets of water at irregular intervals, with a noise like that of cannon, and produce a trembling in the adjacent ground. The height varies according to the season, but it is commonly from 90 to 100 feet, and is said sometimes to exceed 200. The force is so great, that heavy stones, thrown into the basin, are instantly thrown up with the column, to a great height; and the fountain may often be excited to action in this manner.

The Great Geyser rises from a basin forty or fifty feet in circumference, situated on a small mound, which was formed by the deposits from the spring; as exhibited in the engraving, (No. 31.)

856. There are numerous springs on the earth which are warm or hot, and others which are impregnated with various mineral substances, which give them medicinal properties. These are termed *mineral springs*; and are found with every variety of qualities. Some are useful merely on account of the heat of their waters. Some are employed only for bathing, and others are taken internally.

Mineral springs often contain substances, which cannot be combined in the same proportions by any artificial means. It is remarkable also, that they do not change their qualities from age to age, except as they vary for a short period, from the effects of rain and drought. Many known in the time of the Romans, are still noticed for the same properties, and are useful in the same diseases as at that period. Earthquakes have the most sensible and sudden effects upon them. One of the springs of Carlsbad, in Bohemia, lost its heat in an earthquake; and a similar change took place in the waters of Buda and Toeplitz, in Hungary, and in some others, during the great earthquake of 1755.

857. *The principal classes of springs are the hot and warm springs—the sulphureous, containing sulphur, or sulphureous gas—the chalybeate, or those containing iron—the saline, impregnated with various salts—and the aerated, which sparkle like fermented liquors from the fixed air, or carbonic acid gas they contain. Many springs have several of these qualities united. Indeed it is not uncommon to find a watering-place, in which three or four varieties occur at a short distance from each other, as in the springs of Ballston and Saratoga, in the United States.*

858. It is stated by a distinguished mineralogist,* that the *mineral springs of primitive regions* are almost always warm, and often have a high temperature. Some of these rise from beneath the granite, and other primitive rocks. The principal substances found in them are sulphuretted hydrogen, or sulphureous gas; carbonic acid gas, or fixed air; soda, lime, and a little iron. In those which are found in *secondary regions*, carbonic acid is more rare; and lime and saline substances are [153] the prevailing ingredients. Those of *alluvial regions* are usually cold; and the principal minerals dissolved are carbonate and sulphate of lime, sulphate of magnesia, and iron.

859. Many of the *hot and warm springs* are impregnated with minerals, and indeed few of them are pure. Their usefulness is frequently derived in a great measure from their heat, and they are much employed in rheumatism, gout, and other diseases of a chronic nature.

860. *Volcanic countries* usually abound with these springs. The boiling springs of Iceland have already been mentioned. Naples has several in its neighbourhood, and they are generally abundant in Italy. The baths of Pisa and Luc-ca are celebrated. Mexico abounds in hot springs from its volcanic charac-

* Brogniart.

ter; and they are particularly numerous in a tract of 40 square leagues, north of Valladolid. On the Plain of Jorullo is a hot sulphureous spring, which supplies a brook 24 feet wide. The hot wells in the province of Guanajuato, have a temperature of more than 200° of Fahrenheit.

861. In *England*, Bath contains the most remarkable hot springs, forming five baths, from 93 to 117 degrees of temperature. They are found very efficacious, and are resorted to from all parts of the kingdom. At the hot wells of Bristol, the spring issues from a cliff on the bank of the Avon, with a temperature of 70 or 72 degrees. Buxton and Matlock, in Derbyshire, are also noted for warm baths.

862. Warm springs are numerous in the middle or south of Europe. *France* has a number, of which Barrege's and Bagneries are most frequented. Barrege's contains saline and sulphureous, as well as hot springs, from 73 to 120 degrees of temperature. At Bagneries, there are 32 springs, formerly known to the Romans—from 80 to 123 degrees of temperature. The springs of Aix, in Savoy, are also much esteemed.

In Germany, *Aix la Chapelle*, near the borders of the Netherlands, in the Prussian dominions, has five hot springs, used in bathing, the most celebrated and most frequented in Europe. The hot baths of *Baden*, in the Duchy of this name, and of Baden, in Austria, are also celebrated.

Bohemia and Hungary have a number of warm springs. *Carlsbad*, in Bohemia, contains several, discovered by Charles IV. from which the town received its name. *Teplitz* is one of the principal watering-places in Germany. The name, signifying 'warm springs,' is applied to several villages, like the German *bad* or *baden*, which signifies 'bath.'

In *Switzerland*, there are valuable warm baths, at Leuk, on the right bank of the Rhone. The waters are derived from five springs, issuing from the base of the mountain, the hottest of which is at 115° of Fahrenheit.

Spain and Portugal have numerous warm springs, which are called *caldas*. They are found in Spain at Alicant—and in Murcia, Granada, &c. Those of *Almeria*, in Granada, are the most noted.

863. *Around the Black Sea*, there are numerous warm springs. At Bursa, in Asia Minor, at the foot of Mount Olympus, there are celebrated warm baths. The water is scalding as it issues from the springs. There are a number in different parts of the city; and hot and cold springs, in several instances, issue very near each other. On the east of the Black Sea, *Teflis* is remarkable for the warm sulphureous baths, from which it derives its name and its existence.

864. *Sulphureous springs* are frequently found, containing a sulphureous gas, termed sulphuretted hydrogen, which renders the taste and odour offensive. Sulphur is often deposited on the borders of the spring, or in the channels through which it flows. They are particularly useful in eruptions and disorders of the skin. Those of Harrowgate, in *England*, are much frequented. Many of the warm [154] springs, which have been mentioned, are sulphureous also.

865. *Chalybeate springs*, or those which contain iron, are found abundantly in every country, in consequence of the general diffusion of this metal on the earth. They are useful particularly in diseases of debility and indigestion, and in bilious complaints.

Spa is a celebrated watering place in the Netherlands, well known to the Romans, from which the name *Spa* has been used as a general appellation for mineral springs. It has six or seven chalybeate springs, which issue from a hill near the town. The waters are exhilarating, and pleasant to the taste. At *Pyrmont*, in Hanover, there is another valuable chalybeate spring, highly impregnated with carbonic acid gas. *Tunbridge Wells* contains the most celebrated chalybeate springs in England, and is a place of great resort. *Brighton* also has chalybeate waters of much value.

866. Among the saline medicinal springs of Europe, those of Cheltenham and Epsom, in England, are among the most remarkable. They are purgative in their quality. *Selters*, commonly called Seltzer, in Germany, is well known throughout Europe for its aerated saline waters; and has given name to the artificial waters of this kind. Great quantities are exported to other countries.

Many of the saline and chalybeate springs already mentioned, are impregnated with carbonic acid gas, and thus rendered very exhilarating and more medicinal.

867. The *United States* have numerous and valuable mineral springs, of various qualities. The whole secondary region belonging to the *basin of the Mississippi*, abounds in sulphureous and saline springs, which have not been fully examined or described; and in almost every state, some are found which are valued for their medicinal properties.

In the *Atlantic States*, the most noted sulphureous springs are those of Bedford and York, in Pennsylvania—Ontario County and Ballston, in New-York—Stafford, in Connecticut—Pacolet Springs, in South Carolina—and those of the Allegany Ridge, in Virginia.

868. On the Arkansas River there are *warm springs*, said to have a temperature of 180 to 190 degrees. They have long been resorted to by the Indians for the cure of diseases. Buncombe County, in North Carolina, also contains warm springs, which are much visited.

869. In *Virginia*, are the Warm and Hot Springs of the county of Bath. The *Warm Spring* issues with a very bold stream, sufficient to turn a mill, and keeps the water in its basin 30 feet in diameter, at the vital warmth of 96 degrees. The *Hot Spring*, about six miles distant, has a temperature of 106 to 108 degrees of Fahrenheit. In the adjoining county of Monroe are the *Sweet Springs*, which rise at the foot of a large mountain. They are usually considered as more medicinal than any others in Virginia, especially for drinking. They are very copious, so that a saw-mill can be turned by them at the distance of 200 yards from their source. The taste is slightly acid; and hence they were absurdly called *sweet*. The temperature is 72 degrees of Fahrenheit.

870. At *New-Lebanon*, 29 miles S. E. of Albany, is a warm spring which has a moderate degree of heat. The mineral impregnation is very slight, but it has frequently proved a valuable remedy for diseases.

871. *Chalybeate springs* are so numerous in all parts of the *United States*, that a particular description is impracticable. The most celebrated in the *northern states* are those of Ballston and Saratoga, in New-York—Schooley's Mountain, in New-Jersey—Stafford, in Connecticut—and the Red Springs, near the Sweet [155] Springs, of Virginia. A spring recently discovered at Orange, near New-York, in New-Jersey, has begun to be a place of resort from the city of New-York. Another was recently discovered at Shrewsbury, in Massachusetts. All these springs, except those of Ballston and Saratoga, are simple chalybeates, with very little carbonic acid gas.

872. *Ballston and Saratoga* are remarkable for the number and variety of their mineral springs, which are probably not surpassed in efficacy by any in the world. Their waters are bottled, and exported to distant states, and even to Europe, in considerable quantities.

Ballston is chiefly distinguished for its chalybeate springs, highly impregnated, and sparkling with carbonic acid gas. Besides these, it has a saline and sulphureous spring, of less value.

Saratoga is particularly celebrated for its saline springs, of a purgative quality, impregnated with carbonic acid gas. The Congress Spring is the principal; but there are several others of a similar kind. There are also several chalybeate springs, little inferior to those of Ballston in pleasantness or efficacy. The *Olympian Springs*, in Kentucky, have a similar variety of waters in the space of half a mile.

A remarkably fine spring of aerated water was found at the foot of James' Peak, among the Rocky Mountains, by the party of Major Long.

873. The celebrity of many of the mineral springs described, has given rise to considerable villages, like Ballston and Saratoga, in the *United States*; or even large cities, like Spa in Germany, and Bath in England, which are entirely supported by them. Instead of being visited by invalids only, they have become fashionable resorts, distinguished by a continued round of gayety and amusements, during the season for using the waters.

Civil Geography.

RACES OF MEN.



(2.) 1. *European*.—2. *African*.—3. *Asiatic or Mongolian*.—
4. *American*.—5. *Malay*.

874. *The Scriptures inform us* that the human family originated from a single pair. In the animal and vegetable world, we find almost numberless varieties of form and colour in the [156] same species, some of which have no visible cause. The children of a single parent often have striking peculiarities, which they communicate to their descendants. We should not be surprised, therefore, to find great varieties in the millions of the great family of man, exposed to such varieties of climate, manners, and modes of living.

Some of the numerous variations of complexion and constitution may be ascribed to climate ; and other peculiarities, like the ~~fine~~ form of the American Indians, or the flat heads of the tribes among the Rocky Mountains, originate from the treatment of infants. But there are still other varieties of form, and feature, and colour, which, like those of the horse and the dog, are probably owing to causes beyond the reach of our investigations.

There are five *principal divisions, or races of the human family*, distinguished by their features and colour ; the European—Asiatic, or Mongolian—American—Malay—and African.

875. The EUROPEAN RACE, to which we belong, is distinguished from all the rest by a natural complexion of white, mingled with red. It is found in infants of this race, and persons not exposed to the sun and air, in all climates. They have usually straight hair, an oval face, an expanded forehead, a rounded, full chin, and generally the most regular and beautiful features.

876. *This race includes* almost all the Europeans, with their descendants, who are settled in America and other portions of the world. It also embraces the nations of Western Asia, as far as the River Oby, the Belur Tag, and the Himmaleh Mountains, with the people of Barbary, Egypt, and Abyssinia, and the Moors of Northern Africa.

The Georgians and Circassians are the most beautiful examples of this race, and it is said to be rare to see an ugly countenance among them. The Turks and Persians often buy their wives from these nations, and the Persians especially partake of their beauty.

877. Most nations of the European race are of the *Celtic family*. They have dark hair, dark eyes, and a complexion inclining to brown, which is usually darker as the climate is warmer. The nations in the south of Europe are swarthy. The Arabs, Abyssinians, and the people of Northern Africa, belonging to this race, have an olive complexion. The face is thin, especially in warm countries ; the nose prominent, and the form tall and slender.

878. In the middle of Europe is found a branch of this race, called the *Teutonic or Gothic family*, which includes the Germans, Hollanders, Danes, Swedes, Norwegians, Icelanders, and Lowland Scotch. These nations are usually marked by a fair and red skin, light or sandy hair, and blue or gray eyes. The face is generally broader, and the form stouter than in other nations of the European race. The English are descended from a mixture of the Celtic and Gothic families, and combine the characteristics of both.

879. *The whites of America* are descended from emigrants of several of the nations of Europe, and resemble, in appearance, those from which they are derived. In the southern United States, the complexion is sallow ; in the warm countries of America, it is generally swarthy. Even in the northern and colder [157] countries of the Western Continent, the complexion is not usually so fair as in the north of Europe.

880. The ASIATIC, or MONGOLIAN RACE includes the nations

of Asia, east of the Oby, the Belur Tag, and the Himmaleh Mountains, with only a few exceptions. All these nations have a tawny or olive colour—coarse, straight, black hair—small black eyes, rising in an oblique line from the nose to the temples—and high cheek bones. The form is usually shorter than in the European race, and not well proportioned. The countenance is nearly square, with a scanty black beard.

The colour is described as intermediate between that of wheat and of dried orange peel, varying from a tawny white to a swarthy or dusky yellow. The nose is short and flat, the nostrils wide, the whole face broad and flattened, the eyebrows unusually distant, and the lips thick and projecting. The opening of the eyelids is narrow and quite straight, instead of being curved, as in the European race.

881. The Mongolians, Chinese, and Japanese, are the most striking *examples* of this race. It also embraces the inhabitants of the Frigid Zone, on both continents, including the Laplanders and Nova Zemblans, the Samoiedes, Ostiaks, Kamschadales, and most other tribes of Siberia, and the Esquimaux and Greenlanders; but these nations are much lower in stature, seldom exceeding four or five feet in height.

882. The AMERICAN RACE includes all the natives of America, except the Esquimaux and Greenlanders; and throughout this vast extent of country and variety of climates they preserve the same characteristics. They have a copper colour, resembling that of rusty iron or cinnamon—coarse, straight, black hair—high cheek bones—and sunken eyes.

The forehead is usually short—the nose and the whole countenance broad—the nostrils very open—and the lips thick. The beard is thin and scanty.

It has been said that the Indians were destitute of beards; but it is well ascertained that this is not the case naturally; and that they take great pains to pluck them out.

Some of the American race have a lighter colour than others. Thus Cook states that the natives around Nootka Sound are little inferior in fairness to Europeans; and the same observation is made concerning the Peruvians. But these variations do not appear to arise from situation, as they do not correspond to the difference of climate.

883. The MALAY RACE includes the inhabitants of Malaya, Ceylon, the Asiatic Islands, New-Zealand, and Polynesia, most of whom speak the Malay, or some similar language. They are of a nut-brown colour—with black eyes—black, curled hair, which is soft and abundant—a broad mouth and nose—and the upper jaw somewhat projecting. The form of the head is intermediate between that of the European and African races.

884. The AFRICAN RACE have black eyes—black woolly hair—flat noses—thick lips—and a projecting upper jaw. The forehead is retreating—and the head is usually less globular than the European. The most perfect examples of this race are the Negroes

south of the Sahara, in Upper and Lower Guinea, Soudan, and Nubia. They are usually short, stout, and ill-formed.

[158] 885. The *Jaloffs* of Senegambia, and the *Caffres* who inhabit the eastern coast of Africa, resemble others of this race in their jet black colour, and in some of their features. But they are taller, more slender, and better proportioned than the rest; and their features have more resemblance to those of the European race.

The *Foulahs* of Western Africa, seem rather to belong to the Moorish family. They are only tawny; their features are small; and their hair soft and silky.

886. The *Hottentots* resemble the African race in their flat noses, thick lips, and low foreheads; and in their woolly hair, which is scattered in tufts over the head. Their colour is yellowish brown. They have prominent cheek bones, and a pointed chin, which gives the face a triangular form.

887. The *inhabitants of the Australian Islands*, New-Britain, New-Ireland, New-Holland, New-Hebrides, New-Caledonia, and a few of the neighbouring islands, and also of the interior and mountainous districts of Malacca, Borneo, and most of the Asiatic Islands, are a dwarfish species of the African race. The hair is not usually woolly; but the features are African. The jaws are often so prominent as to make them resemble the ourang outang. The inhabitants of the coast are generally of the Malay Race.

888. The *intermarriage and mixture of two principal races* produce an intermediate race, usually partaking the qualities of both. From the intermarriage of the Europeans with Africans in the West Indies, has arisen a mixed race, called *Mulattoes*. In South America and Mexico, their intermarriage with the Indians, has also produced a very numerous intermediate race, called *Mestizoes*; and another called *Cholos*, between the Mestizoes and Indians. In the south-western parts of the United States, is a considerable number of a similar race.

The *Egyptians* have a yellow, dusky complexion, resembling that of mulattoes; and seem to be intermediate between the Moorish or Arabian family of the European race, and the African race. This is also the fact with the nations on the eastern coast of Africa. Most of the *Hindoos* appear to partake of the qualities of the European race, from which they descended, and of the Mongolians, by whom they were conquered, and with whom they intermarried.

889. In examining the account of the races of men, it is not to be supposed that every individual of a particular race has all the characteristics mentioned, but only that they are general.

There is a great variety of features in individuals: and in many

parts of the world, the different races pass into each other so gradually that it is difficult to determine to which they belong.

The features and colour of the inhabitants of Polynesia are very various, even in the same island, and often resemble those of Europeans. The higher classes have usually a lighter complexion than the common people; and some of the Otaheitan are so fair, that a blush may be distinctly perceived. Some instances have been known in which natives of these islands had the sandy or brown hair, and fair complexion of an European. The higher classes of most nations have usually finer forms and features, and fairer complexions than the lower. In India this is very conspicuous.

(II.) LANGUAGES.

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890. *The Races of men are divided* into a number of families, distinguished by a difference of *language* as well as of form and appearance. Those of cultivated nations are written; those of Savage and Barbarous tribes are merely oral.

891. *The diversity of languages* is in part original, or so early that it cannot be traced to its source. But it is to some extent produced by the state and progress of society.

Almost every language is varied by different portions of the population who speak it, so as to form a number of banches, or *dialects*; and we seldom find it spoken in its purity, even in a cultivated nation, except by the higher classes. In England, France, and Italy, it is often difficult for the inhabitants of different districts to understand each other; although their dialects were evidently derived from the same stock.

Still greater variations must exist where the language is not fixed by writing, but dependent entirely on the habits of pronunciation, as in Savage and Barbarous nations; and especially as they are divided into a number of petty tribes, little connected with each other, and often at war. From these causes we find the greatest number of languages and dialects among the Savage and Barbarous nations of Asia, Africa, and America.

892. *Great changes also take place* in cultivated and written languages, by the lapse of time, and the removal and conquests of nations. *Every generation* invents new terms, and discards or changes those which were formerly in use. Even the English of a few centuries back is difficult to be understood by us. *A people entering a new country* must devise names for new objects, and will gradually alter their former modes of speech. *A nation subduing another*, will take a part of their language, and communicate something of their own. Thus new and compound languages are formed; as the English by the mixture of the ancient language with the Saxon and others.

893. In these methods, it is easy to conceive, that from one or a few original languages, an immense variety may gradually arise, and that little resemblance may finally be found among them.

The whole number of languages and dialects known upon the globe, is estimated by Adelung at 3526. Of these, there are in America 1214; in Europe 545; in Asia 995; and in Africa 276. Many are dialects differing little from each other; the resemblances of many others indicate a common origin; and all may perhaps be reduced, by a full examination, to a few hundred distinct languages. But we have too little knowledge of this subject to make any calculation with accuracy. They will be arranged according to the races of men by whom they are spoken.

LANGUAGES OF THE EUROPEAN RACE.

894. *The various languages spoken between the Ganges, the Bay of Bengal, and the Atlantic Ocean*, throughout Western Asia and Europe, present numerous and striking resemblances, and are supposed to have had a common origin.

895. *The Sanscrit* is the language of the sacred books of the Brahminic religion, and the parent of the numerous dialects of Hindoostan. The *Bali*, which resembles the Sanscrit, is the sacred language of the Boodhists, in Tibet, Ceylon, and Farther India.

The principal languages of Hindoostan are the Tamul, Bengalee, Hindoostanee, and Ceylonese. The language of the Gipsies, or *Zinganes*, who wander throughout Europe, differs little from the dialects of northern India.

896. *The Persian language* excels in sweetness and melody, and has been much cultivated. The modern Persian has a mixture of Arabic and Turkish. The language of East Persia, or *Afghan*, is derived apparently from the Persian and Sanscrit. The Persian only is used in composition. The Bucharian is also derived from the Persian.

897. *The Aramaic family* comprises the Hebrew and Chaldee, which are dead languages; the Syriac, which is only spoken to a limited extent; the Arabic, and the Ethiopic.

The Arabic has been spoken and written through a long series of ages. It is the language of the Koran, or sacred book of the Mahometans; and has thus been spread as extensively as the religion of the Prophet. It is spoken in its greatest purity in Yemen, and is admired for its copiousness and strength. Corrupt dialects are spoken throughout Western Asia, Independent Tartary, and Northern Africa. It is taught in schools, in all Mahometan countries.

The Armenian is a peculiar language, but evidently allied to the other languages of the European Race.

898. *The Malay*, or language of the Malayan Race, is mentioned here, on account of the numerous words it contains, derived from the Sanscrit, Persian, and Arabic. The frequent occurrence of vowels and liquids, renders it the softest and most harmonious language of Asia, and it has been called the Italian of the East. From this character, and the extensive commerce of the Malays, it has become in some measure a universal language on the coast and islands of Eastern Asia.

Languages connected with the Malay are spoken from this peninsula to the coast of South America, throughout the various clusters of islands in the Pacific Ocean. *The numerous dialects of Polynesia* are remarkably similar; and the natives of the Society and Sandwich Islands, although so distant from each other, converse together with ease when they meet.

899. *The Greek language* appears to be of Asiatic origin. It is remarkable for its copiousness and strength, and the ease with which new compound terms are formed. Few languages continue to be spoken more than 300 years; but this is in use after the lapse of more than 3000. The modern Greek, or *Romaic*, does not [161] vary essentially in its words from the ancient language; but has dropped many of its inflections and terminations.

900. *The other languages now spoken in Europe* may be divided into four principal families, the Gothic, (also called the Teutonic or German,) the Celtic, the Latin, and the Slavonic.

The Gothic or Teutonic family embraces the German, Dutch, Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, and Icelandic.

The German has a number of dialects, and is spoken in all the German States, Prussia, Switzerland, through a large portion of Austria, and in some parts of Russia. It is divided into the Upper German, spoken in the southern parts, or Upper Rhine; the Low German, of the northern parts, or Lower Rhine; and the High German, which is exclusively the language of books and refined society, and is understood every where. The oral language of Hanover and the middle states is most similar to the High German. In its most improved state, the German appears harsh to a foreigner, on account of its numerous gutturals and aspirates. The Dutch, a derivative of the German, is still more harsh.

901. *The ancient Scandinavian language* is preserved in its greatest purity in Iceland. The Danish and Swedish are derived from it; and differ so little, that the inhabitants of each country can understand the writings of the other. The Danish is spoken among the merchants and higher classes of Norway. The Norwegian, which is also derived from the Scandinavian, is in use among the common people of Norway, and in the Faro and Orkney Islands, which were colonized from that country. It is not used in books.

The Scandinavian dialects are characterized by the deficiency of gutturals and aspirates, which renders the pronunciation much less harsh than that of the German.

902. *The English language* is derived from a mixture of the ancient language of the country, with the Saxon, the Danish, and the Norman-French, which were brought in by successive conquerors of England. In modern times, it has been highly cultivated, and enriched with numerous terms derived from the Latin

and Greek. From the manner of its formation it is remarkably copious: yet it is the most simple of all European languages, except the Scandinavian, in its construction, and is formed much in the same manner. It has numerous irregularities in its structure and pronunciation, which render its acquisition difficult to foreigners: and it is considered harsh and unpleasant in its sounds by other nations.

903. *The Celtic family* embraces the Erse or Gaelic, the Irish, and the Cimbri or Armoric, of which the Welsh is the principal dialect. The Celts were originally from Asia, and introduced their language by conquest into Gaul, or ancient France, and Britain. It has numerous resemblances to the Latin, and also to the Greek and the Gothic.

The Armoric is found in a corrupt state in Cornwall, in England, and in Brittany, in France. *The Welsh*, which is nearly allied to it, is found chiefly in Wales, and in the opposite portions of Ireland.

The Gaelic is spoken by the Highlanders of Scotland. The northern Irish appear to be descended from them, and the languages are so similar, that the people easily understand each other. *The language of the Lowland Scotch* is a mixture of English and Gaelic, but is fast giving place to the pure English. Some believe it to be an older language than the English, and that the latter has been most changed.

904. *The Latin family* embraces the Latin, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and French. The Latin is the general language of the learned, throughout the [162] civilized world; and was not long since used in conversation in Poland.

905. *The Italian* was gradually formed from the Latin, between the 7th and 14th centuries, and has some mixture of Gothic and Arabic words. It is found in the greatest purity in Tuscany. It is proverbial for its softness and melody, and is considered superior to any other language in music and poetry. Like the Malay in the East Indies, it has become the language of commerce in almost every port of the Mediterranean. As pronounced at Rome, it is sonorous and majestic. In many parts of *Tuscany*, the pronunciation is rendered harsh by the use of aspirates. *Venice* has its own peculiar dialect, which excels in softness. In *Naples*, the language is very much corrupted.

The Sicilians, having been conquered in succession by the Greeks, Arabs, Normans, Germans, French, and Spaniards, speak a peculiar dialect, comprising a part of all these languages. The languages of Sardinia and Corsica have been mixed and corrupted in the same manner.

906. *The Spanish* language is a mixture of Latin, with the Celtic and the Arabic, introduced by the Moorish conquerors. It is remarkably sonorous, grave, and dignified. *The Portuguese* bears a close resemblance to the Spanish, from which it appears to have been formed.

The Spanish and Portuguese converse together with some ease; and an Italian is partially understood by both nations.

907. *The Romanese*, or Romance language, is a mixture of the ancient Roman with the dialects of several Gothic and Celtic nations. It is still spoken by half the people of the Grisons, a canton of Switzerland. *The Walloon* of the Southern Netherlands is also a dialect of the Romanese. *The Wallachian* of Turkey is derived from the Latin, combined with the Slavonic.

The French is chiefly composed of the Romanese dialect, mixed with the language of the Franks and Germans. It is one of the most refined in Europe. It has gradually become the language of courts in many of the continental nations, and is spoken almost exclusively by the higher classes in Holland.

908. *The Slavonic family* originated from the Slavonians, or Sarmatians, who resided north of the Danube and the Black Sea; and dialects of this language are spoken by the Poles, Russians, Bohemians, and the Illyrians, and Croatsians, residing between the Upper Danube and the Gulf of Venice.

The Russian language has a mixture of Greek, Swedish, and Tartarian, with the Slavonic; and the others of this class are more or less mixed with the language of the surrounding countries. One-third of the Bohemians are of German origin, and speak a corrupt German.

909. In addition to these, there are four peculiar languages in Europe:—the *Hungarian*, the *Albanian*, the *Finnish*, spoken by the Fins and Laps, and the *Basque*. The *Basque* is a peculiar and primitive language, spoken in the neigh-

bouring corners of France and Spain, on the coast of Biscay. It is entirely distinct from all known languages in etymology and construction.

910. The languages of the semi-barbarous tribes between the Black and Caspian Seas have been divided into two great classes, the *Caucasian* and *Georgian*. They exhibit a great diversity in the space of a few miles, and the resemblances between them have not been traced.

911. The *Turco-Tartarian languages* are spoken throughout Independent Tartary, except Bucharra, extending into Chinese Tartary on the east and north, as Kazan, Tobolsk, and Tomsk, into the Russian Empire, and also by the Yarkuts and Teleuts on the River Jenesei in Siberia. The dialects vary so little, that all who speak them understand each other with ease.

The *cultivated language of Turkey*, whose inhabitants are descended from the Turcomans of Central Asia, has been much mixed with the Persian and Arabic, and is written in the Arabic characters. It is remarkable for its gravity and dignity.

LANGUAGES OF THE ASIATIC RACE.

912. The *languages of Eastern Asia*, comprising those of China, Corea, Japan, Tibet, and Farther India, are very peculiar in their structure, and have many resemblances to each other, either in radical words or grammatical form. They are classed together by Adelung, under the name of Monosyllabic Languages.

The *Chinese written language* is a collection of hieroglyphical characters, one of which, either simple or compound, is employed to express every idea: thus, the characters of sun and moon united denote splendour. The number of elementary characters is stated to be 214; the compound exceed 40,000.

The *language of conversation* consists of about 350 monosyllables. These are so varied by accents as to form 1300 words; but the variation is so slight, that it is often necessary to trace the character with the finger in the air, in order to make a word intelligible.

The *Japanese, the Corean, the Tibetan, and the Anamic*, which is spoken in Cochin China, Tonkin, and Cambodia, contain many Chinese words.

The *Avan or Burman* has many resemblances to the Tibetan. The *Siamese* is the most peculiar in its character, and extends throughout Laos, into the southern provinces of China. The *Peguan*, in the south of the Burman Empire, is little known.

913. The languages of Northern and Central Asia are less cultivated and less understood than the preceding.

The *Mongolian* and its dialects are spoken throughout the greater part of Chinese Tartary, and extend from Tibet on the south to Yeneseisk on the north.

The *Tungusian* is an original language, of which the *Mandshurian* of Eastern Tartary is a refined and written dialect. They are spoken from the peninsula of Corea to the Northern Ocean. The Tungusian and Mongolian present numerous striking resemblances to each other, and to the Turco-Tartarian languages, both in radical words and grammatical forms.

The *principal remaining families of Northern Asia* are the Samoièdes and Finns on the west, extending into Europe; the Yeniscans, in the centre; the Kurilians, on the coast of Eastern Tartary; and the Yukagirs, Koriaks, Kamischadales, and Esquimaux, who occupy the north-eastern extremity of the continent. Their languages are imperfectly known, and their connection is not understood.

LANGUAGES OF THE AFRICAN RACE.

914. The *number of African languages* is supposed to be 100 or 130; and 74 or 80 have been distinguished with tolerable accuracy. But they are too imperfectly known to admit of minute description.

In *Northern Africa*, the *Copts of Egypt* have a peculiar language in their sacred books, which is no more employed in conversation. The Turkish and Arabic are spoken by the Turks, both in Egypt and Barbary. The *Berebers* of

the desert preserve a common language, (supposed to be the ancient Numidian,) through a great extent of country, together with the Arabic of the Koran. The *Ethiopic*, or *Geez*, and its modern branch, the *Amharic*, are the principal languages of Abyssinia; but various other dialects are in common use.

915. In *Western and Central Africa*, many of the languages have similar combinations of letters, and some common words. But almost every tribe of [164] Negroes has a distinct language, and it often varies from village to village.

The *Hottentots*, *Bosjesmans*, and other tribes of South Africa, speak various dialects, apparently of common origin. They differ from all others in a sort of clucking noise, somewhat like that of a fowl, which attends every word.

The *Caffres* have a different language, as well as a different aspect from the surrounding Negroes. The people of the eastern coast, north of these, are said to bear marks of the same origin.

LANGUAGES OF THE AMERICAN RACE.

916. The languages of America are known but imperfectly, and there is a great variety of opinions concerning them. In North America, east of the *Mississippi River*, all known languages are traced by the latest authors to three or four great branches.

1st. The *Karalit*, or *Esquimaux*, is spoken by the Indians of this name on the northern and north-eastern coasts. It has been found to be the same with that of the *Tschutkis*, or eastern Siberians. 2d. The *Delaware*, sometimes called *Mohegan* and *Algonkin*, is the most widely diffused. It prevailed among all the ancient tribes of New-England, and those north of the Ohio River and the Lakes, and as far west as the Rocky Mountains. Dialects of this language are still spoken by the *Chippeways*, *Shawnees*, *Ottawas*, and *Winnebagos*. 3d. The *Iroquois* is a distinct language, remarkable for wanting all labials, and therefore is very sonorous. 4th. The *Floridian* family, according to Heckewelder, is a distinct branch, embracing all the dialects on the Gulf of Mexico.

917. West of the *Mississippi* there are many languages not well known. Among these are the *Sioux* and the *Pawnee*, in the north; and in the south, a great variety.

Mexico is said to have more than twenty languages, many of which are as distinct from each other as the Greek, the German, and the French. Fourteen have grammars and dictionaries. The *Aztec*, or ancient Mexican, is the most prevalent. On the coast of California, no less than seventeen are spoken, which differ considerably.

918. The *Caribbee* is the native language of the northern parts of South America, and was that of the West India Islands.

The language of the *Incas*, which is called the *Quichua*, prevails in Peru and the neighbouring districts. It is described by a native of that country as abounding in vowels, and peculiarly soft in its sounds.

The *Araucanian* of Chili is also described as a distinct language, remarkably rich and harmonious.

919. The character of the American languages is by no means such as we should expect among barbarous nations. Some resemblance has been found to Asiatic dialects; but their origin and connections have not been fully investigated. Although they were never written by the Indians, they are remarkably artificial and complicated in their structure. Some of them are almost destitute of the irregularities found in the languages of the civilized world. Words are easily combined so as to express every shade of meaning with exactness; and the Chinese is said to be far more precise than European languages. There is such a variety of words to express a single idea, that without a full examination, they [165] would be considered as belonging to a different language; and hence the variation of dialects is much less than at first appears. Some, like the Mexican and Chinese, are distinguished for their copiousness in abstract terms; so as to render them peculiarly suitable for discussion. They are remarkable for the length of their words, and are generally sonorous and agreeable in their pronunciation.

A distinguished scholar (*Duponceau*) who has investigated these languages, declares himself 'lost in astonishment' at their copiousness and singular structure.

WRITTEN LANGUAGE.

920. The languages of savage and barbarous nations have no *alphabets*, and are not written. Although many of the languages of America are very artificial in their structure, no native people of this continent have devised an alphabet; and other methods were used for recording events.

The Indians of South America, at an early period, used knotted cords, called *quipu*, as a record; and the North American Indians were accustomed to deliver a belt of *wampum*, as the memorandum of each portion of a speech or message.

The most perfect means of recording events among the natives of America, was the *picture-writing* of the Mexicans. It was a mixture of painting and hieroglyphical emblems, and was the only means of communicating information to a distance. The Indians of the United States convey intelligence by drawings and symbols of the same nature, but executed in a very rude manner.

921. *The Chinese characters* are a species of hieroglyphics of a more artificial kind; and are employed by the Cochinese, Tongquinese, and Japanese, who do not use the same sounds to express them. They are written in columns from the top to the bottom of the page.

922. *Written alphabetical languages* are found only in the civilized and half-civilized nations of the world.

In Asia, the Sanscrit appears to be the most common. It is written from left to right. The Tibetians use the Sanscrit alphabet for sacred purposes; but they have another for the common concerns of life. A number of peculiar alphabets are found in Eastern Asia.

The Arabic character is used for the Arabic, Turkish, Persian, and Malay languages; and is written from right to left.

In Europe, the Greek character is used by the modern Greeks. It was also varied by some of the Christian Fathers to adapt it to the Slavonic languages, and has ever since been used among the Slavonic nations. In Germany, the Gothic character, (or German text) is still used to some extent. In other parts of Europe, and in European colonies, the Roman character is universally employed. All these are written from left to right.

The languages of several tribes in North and South America, and of the Society and Sandwich Islands, and New-Zealand, have been formed into written languages by European and American missionaries, within a century past. The Roman alphabet with some variations has been adapted to them, and used in printing books for the use of the natives.

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CIVILIZATION.

923. Mankind are found in different states of society; the Savage, Barbarous, Half-civilized, Civilized, and Enlightened.

1. The SAVAGE STATE is that in which men gain their support chiefly by *hunting, fishing, or robbing*, dress in skins, and generally live in the open air, or in caves, dens, or miserable huts. They have little knowledge of agriculture, the working of metals, or the mechanic arts; no division of lands; and no system of laws; and they seldom collect in towns or villages.

924. A savage claims no private *property* but his dress, arms, and family. The produce of hunting and of agriculture, when it is practised, is the common property of the tribe, and equally divided among them. The greater part of North and South America—the interior of Africa—the northern shores of Asia—and the islands of Australia are occupied by savage tribes. They are not accustomed to any fixed *residence*, and rove, like the beasts

of the forest, from place to place, as they are impelled by necessity or inclination.

925. The BARBAROUS STATE is that in which nations subsist by *agriculture, or the pasturage of cattle and sheep*, with some knowledge of the use of metals, and the mechanic arts.

They have some regular forms of government and religion, but *no written language* or books.

926. There are *two classes of barbarous nations*. The greater part of Siberia, Tartary, Arabia, and the deserts of Africa, is occupied by *wandering tribes*, who live in tents; subsisting chiefly on the milk and flesh of their camels, horses, cattle, or sheep, and moving from place to place to obtain pasturage.

The barbarous nations in the fertile regions of Africa, and the islands of Asia and Polynesia, find an abundant supply of food in the spontaneous productions of the earth, with very little labour. They have therefore no inducement to a wandering life, and are usually *settled* in villages.

927. The HALF-CIVILIZED state is like that of the Chinese, who understand agriculture and many of the arts very well, and have some books and learning, with established laws and religion. Still *they treat their women as slaves*, usually keeping them in confinement; and have many other customs like those of barbarous nations. They have little foreign commerce, and make few or no improvements in arts and learning. China, Japan, Southern Asia, Persia, Turkey, and Northern Africa, are the principal countries in this state of society.

928. The CIVILIZED STATE is that in which the sciences and arts are well understood; especially the art of printing; and females are treated as companions. Some nations of this class have advanced no farther, and are considered merely as civilized. They retain many barbarous customs; and the great body of the people remain in gross ignorance; as in Poland, Portugal, and a large part of Russia.

The colonies which are formed by enlightened nations in uncivilized countries, are usually for a long time in this state of society, as in South America. From the peculiar difficulties and dangers of new settlements, and the want of means of improvement, they advance slowly in knowledge and refinement.

929. There are others which may be termed *enlightened nations*, in which knowledge is more general, and the sciences and arts are found in the greatest perfection; as in most of the nations of Europe. All the branches of art and manufacture are carried on in a more skilful, productive, and useful manner, with the aid of machinery, and minute division of labour. Commerce is extended

to every quarter of the globe. The political institutions are also such as to give greater liberty and more safety than in other countries ; as in the middle and north of Europe, and the United States.

The degree of civilization of each country is shown on the Chart of the World, by several shades, which are there explained, and the student should make himself familiar with the general state of the world, by examining the condensed view of it there exhibited.

GOVERNMENT.

930. A *state* is a body of people, connected under the same government, and yielding obedience to the same laws. It is called a duchy, principality, kingdom, empire, or republic, according to its form of government.

931. In every government there are three distinct powers to be exercised.

1. The power of making laws, or the *legislative*, which sometimes belongs to one man, and sometimes to a number of men called a *legislature*. 2. That of administering justice, or the *judicial power*, usually in the hands of *judges*. 3. The power of executing the laws, or the *executive*, which generally belongs to the *chief*, *king*, *president*, *duke*, or other supreme head of the government.

932. The ruler of a country is usually assisted in his duties by a number of persons chosen by himself, called *ministers*, *counsellors*, or sometimes, as in the United States, *secretaries*. As he also consults with them on affairs of importance, they are called his *cabinet*, or *council*, and in Turkey the *divan*. The prime minister in Turkey and Persia is called the *vizier*.

933. The three principal forms of government are monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy.

A *democracy* is a government in which the people assemble to make laws. A pure democracy is rarely found, except in [168] towns, or very small states. A *republic* is a democratic government, administered by rulers chosen by the body of the people ; as in the free states of North America.

934. A *confederation*, or federal republic, is a union of several independent states, for mutual aid and defence, under the direction of a general assembly ; as in Germany, Switzerland, and the United States of North America.

935. An *aristocracy* is a government in the hands of a few persons, usually called nobles. Aristocracies are sometimes called republics ; as was that of Venice.

936. A *monarchy* is that form of government in which the supreme power is in the hands of one man (styled a monarch) during

life. In almost all the monarchies now existing, the throne is hereditary, that is, it descends to a member of the same family.

937. In an *absolute monarchy*, the monarch makes laws at his own pleasure, without any control from others; as in Russia. If he governs without established laws, and merely according to his own will, the government is usually called a *despotism*; as in Persia.

938. When the power of the monarch is limited by a constitution, or an assembly of the people, the government is called a *limited monarchy*; as in Great Britain.

939. The *first kind of government* in the world was the patriarchal, in which every father or patriarch governed his own family and servants, as a monarch. The inhabitants of Lapland, Greenland, New-Holland, and a few other portions of the world, which are either islands or very small countries, appear to have no other government than that which arises from the natural authority of parents in their families.

940. By the increase of families, and alliances formed for mutual defence, some patriarchs became governors of many kindred families, or a tribe, and were called *chiefs*. The government of *Savage* and *Barbarous* nations is usually that of patriarchs or chiefs.

The names given to chiefs vary in different nations. Among the North American Indians they are called *sachems*; in South America *caziques*; and in Asia usually *khans*. In Europe the *dukes* of independent states have similar powers, probably obtained in a similar way. The title, however, belongs to many noblemen who have none of the original powers of a duke.

941. When a particular chief became very powerful, he often conquered many others, and became monarch of a large country. He was then called a *king* or *emperor*; or in Asia a *sultan*, *rajah*, or *shah*. All these are really monarchs, differing in the extent of their government rather than in the nature of their power.

942. The *power of the chiefs*, in Savage or Barbarous tribes, is chiefly that of influence. The oldest and wisest govern in the council; and the bravest lead in war. This is generally the state of the Indians in North America.

In *temperate* and *cold countries*, it is more common for the tribes to be governed by councils of the old men and warriors, and no important measure can be decided without their consent. [169] Their governments seem to be democracies, in which the younger voluntarily submit to the decision of the older. This is the case with some of the smaller nations on the *western coast of Africa*.

Their public business and trials are all conducted in a meeting, called a *palaver*, which is attended by the whole village or tribe.

943. *In the warmer regions of America and Africa*, the chiefs of Savage tribes are either elected for life, or inherit the dignity, and are absolute in their power. Mexico and Peru were formerly absolute monarchies, in which the highest veneration was paid to the king.

944. The Savage and Barbarous tribes of *Siberia and Tartary* have a great variety of governments. Some of them are democratic, and others aristocratic; some absolute, and others limited monarchies. But the governments of Savage and Barbarous nations are not usually well defined, or fully understood by travellers.

945. *Arabia* is governed by a number of independent chiefs, called imams, emirs, or sheiks, whose authority is in some tribes absolute, in others limited. The state of *Beloochistan* is nearly similar; but the Khan of Kelat is here acknowledged as superior to the chiefs of other tribes. *Cabul* is an absolute monarchy.

946. *In the absolute monarchies of Asia and Africa*, the king is a despot, with the power of life and death. There is no assembly of the people, or privileged order of hereditary nobles to control his power, nor any law to limit its exercise. Such is the state of Abyssinia, Sennaar, Morocco, Fezzan, and most of the *kingdoms of Africa*.

Dahomey is the most despotic government known. The king is regarded as a superior being; his subjects consider themselves as his slaves, and submit to the most barbarous and oppressive treatment.

947. *In Persia and Turkey* the only check upon the power of the sultan is the Koran. This is interpreted by the Ulema, or doctors of the law, officers who are appointed by the sultan; and their opinion is of course usually accommodated to his wishes. These monarchs are revered as the successors of Mahomet, and have on this account peculiar power. The Turkish sultan may kill several persons in a day without giving any reason, and indeed is restrained from no crime. In both these countries, however, there are many wandering tribes, governed by independent chiefs, who are only tributary to the sultan, and must be courted by him in order to preserve their friendship.

948. The Bashaw of *Tripoli*, the Dey of *Algiers*, and the Bey of *Tunis and Egypt*, are really absolute chiefs or monarchs, under different names. The Dey of *Algiers* is elected by the soldiers who are usually Turkish slaves; and is dethroned at their pleasure. These chiefs are nominally subject to the Emperor of Tu

key, and send an annual tribute, often very small. They are independent in their own territories. In all these absolute governments, the monarch is liable to be dethroned by insurrection; and oppressive monarchs are often cut off in this way.

949. The Emperor of *China* is considered as the father of his [170] people, and bound to consult their good. His power is absolute; but there are established laws and customs, which it would be dangerous to violate. The government is administered by nine orders of inferior officers, called by Europeans *mandarins*. The only qualification for office is learning; and regular examinations are holden for those who wish to obtain it. Each mandarin governs all below him with the same absolute power as that exercised by the emperor.

950. In *Siam*, *Burmah*, and the independent kingdoms of *Hindoostan*, there are books of laws to regulate the administration of justice; but the whole power is in the hands of the king. In these, as in all the Barbarous and Half-civilized countries of the world, the absolute monarchies are really despotisms, notwithstanding any seeming limitations of the power of the monarch.

951. *Russia* was until lately an absolute monarchy, uncontrolled even by a constitution. The emperor Alexander declared it a constitutional monarchy. He appointed a senate, with the power of remonstrating against any unconstitutional ukase, (or edict,) whose proceedings are published every month. But the great body of the people are still vassals or slaves, and the power is entirely in the hands of the emperor and nobles.

952. *Prussia* and *Denmark* were formerly limited, but are now absolute monarchies, without any check on the power of the king, except established customs.

In the kingdoms of *Naples* and *Sardinia*, the *Roman States*, the *Duchy of Tuscany*, and most of the duchies of Italy and Germany, the government is also absolute.

The duchies of *Hesse-Cassel*, *Nassau*, *Saxe-Gotha*, and *Saxe-Hildburghausen*, have representative governments; and this government is also to be established in the duchy of Oldenburgh.

953. *Spain* and *Naples* were revolutionized, and the royal authority was limited by a cortes for a short period; but the kings have now regained their absolute power. *Portugal* has been made a constitutional monarchy, by a decree of the emperor of Brazil.

954. In the limited monarchies of Europe, the executive power, and the appointment of judges, usually belong to the king. The legislative power is shared between the king and an assembly of the people, and the consent of both is necessary to the passage of a law. The assembly is called a *parliament* in England and

France; in Germany, Sweden, Norway, &c., a *diet*; and in Spain and Portugal a *cortes*. This assembly corresponds to the *congress*, or a *legislature*, in the United States. It is usually composed in part of *nobles* or *peers*, who inherit this dignity; and in part of representatives chosen by the people; so that these governments combine the features of a monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy.

955. The power of the Emperor of *Austria* is generally absolute. It is limited in Hungary, and some other states of his empire, by provincial diets, which determine the mode of raising taxes, and regulate their own internal concerns; but the emperor determines on all the general affairs of the empire.

[171] 956. *Sweden* has a diet, composed of four states or houses; one of nobles, appointed by the king; one of representatives, from the clergy; one of burgesses, chosen by privileged towns; and one of peasants, every member of which must belong to the class of farmers by birth. It must be assembled at least once in five years.

957. In *Great Britain* there are two houses in the parliament, a House of Lords, composed of hereditary nobles and the highest dignitaries of the clergy; and a House of Commons, chosen by the people. The representation in the House of Commons is very unequal, and large portions of the people have no voice in the choice of their rulers. In some cases a few electors of towns or boroughs, which have gone to decay, send as many representatives as 70,000 people in other parts of the country. The whole kingdom is termed the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

958. In *France* and the *Netherlands*, the king only can introduce a bill into the legislature. In other respects their constitutions resemble that of Great Britain. In France, every citizen may vote who pays a tax of 177 dollars annually.

959. The kingdoms of *Bavaria* and *Wurtemberg* have limited monarchies of the same general character with that of Great Britain. *Hanover*, *Poland* and *Norway* have also diets for their own government, but are under the dominion of foreign princes. The King of England is King of Hanover; the King of Sweden, of Norway; and the Emperor of Russia, is King of Poland. The diet of *Poland* is composed of two houses; one of peers, chosen by the king; and another of representatives, chosen by the nobility and gentry.

The king of *Saxony* is so far a limited monarch, that he cannot make any change in the religion, laws or taxes, without the consent of the people.

960. The independent states of *Switzerland* and the United States are the principal examples of republican governments.

Some of the states, or cantons of *Switzerland*, are democratic in their government, and others aristocratic.

The individual states of the *American Union* are democratic republics, governed by assemblies, and a governor chosen by the people for a limited time. There are usually two houses of representatives which are united with the governor in making laws. The executive power is vested in the governor and his subordinate officers; and the judicial power, in judges appointed in different ways, but usually for life.

In Italy, is the little republic of *St. Marino*, of only three thousand inhabitants, which has preserved its freedom for centuries. The *Ionian Isles* are also formed into a republic, under the protection of Great Britain.

961. The Spanish provinces in *America*, Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, or Upper Peru, Chili, and La Plata, have assumed a republican government, and in most of them it is fully established.

The north-western portion of *St. Domingo* forms the Republic of Hayti; a government established by Africans, who were formerly slaves to the French inhabitants of the island. The [172] whole island is now subject to the control of the negro population.

962. The principal confederations of states now existing, are the United States, Germany, and Switzerland. In these countries a number of independent states are united for mutual defence; but each retains, to a certain extent, its own government within its own limits.

In *Germany and Switzerland*, there is a general diet, composed of representatives from each of the states. It has power to raise money, make war, and take other measures for the general welfare; and to settle disputes between the states. It does not interfere in the internal concerns of any; but each state contributes its own proportion of men and money, according to its own choice.

In *Germany*, the general government holds the important fortresses, and chooses the commanders of armies, subject only to its orders. In the diet, each state has a vote in changing the constitution; but in all ordinary measures they have influence according to their extent; and several of the smaller states are associated to give a single vote.

963. The states forming the confederation of the *United States*, are more intimately connected than those of Germany. The general government has the power of raising taxes, and collecting revenue in the individual states, as well as of making war and peace, collecting armies, and establishing fortresses.

The United States were formerly colonies or provinces of Great Britain. On the 4th of July, 1776, they were declared independent ; and a few years after, the present constitution or system of government was formed. There are now 24 separate states, united into one republic, and four territories, beside the great western territory, formerly called Louisiana.

964. *The laws are made by the Congress, which consists of a House of Representatives, chosen every two years by the people of each state, according to their population ; and of a Senate of two from each state, chosen for six years.*

By this feature of the constitution, the power of the large and small states is in some measure equalized. In the house of representatives, the large states prevail by the greater number of representatives. In the senate, the small states have equal power with the larger, in preventing the passage of a law.

965. *The laws are executed by the President, who is chosen by the votes of all the states, every four years. He is assisted by the Secretary of State, and the Secretaries of War, of the Navy, and of the Treasury, who form the cabinet. The President, with the approbation of the Senate, appoints the inferior officers of government, and those of the army and navy, most of whom can be removed also in the same manner.*

966. *The Judges of the United States are appointed by the President and Senate for life ; and cannot be removed except by a public impeachment and trial for ill conduct. Their duty is to decide causes arising under the laws of the United States, or those in which both parties are not subject to the laws of any single state.*

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RELIGION.



Confession.

The Mass.

(33.) Catholic Rites.

967. *The prevailing religions of the world are the Jewish, Christian, Mahometan, and Pagan.*

968. The **Jews** are descendants of Abraham, who believe the Scriptures of the Old Testament, but reject the New Testament, and expect a Messiah yet to come. Agreeably to the prophecies of Scripture, they remain a distinct people, scattered through all parts of the earth, but no where forming an entire nation. They are not admitted to the common privileges of citizens, in any country except the United States. In Catholic and Mahometan countries, they are regarded with peculiar detestation, and generally suffer much from oppression and persecution. It is stated that there are 3,000 in the United States. They are chiefly resident in the cities, and have Synagogues in New-York, Philadelphia, and Charleston.

A society has recently been formed in the United States for meliorating the condition of the Jews; which is about to establish a colony for the reception of European Jews, persecuted on account of their conversion to Christianity.

At Cochin, on the Malabar coast of India, there is a colony of Black Jews, and another of White Jews, who retain a tradition that their ancestors arrived in India soon after the Babylonish captivity.

969. **CHRISTIANS** are those who believe in Christ as the Saviour, and receive the Scriptures entire, as the rule of their faith and practice. Christianity teaches the existence of One Supreme and Holy Being, the Creator of the Universe; it inculcates a pure system of morality; and requires benevolence towards all men.

There are *three great divisions of Christians*:—the Eastern Church, Catholics, and Protestants, distinguished from [174] each other by peculiar doctrines and modes of worship.

EASTERN CHURCH.

970. The *Eastern Church* is found chiefly in Eastern Europe and Africa, and Western Asia; and its doctrines prevail over a great extent of country. It is distinguished for the variety of ceremonies used in its worship; for the number of holy days; and especially for the number and rigour of its fasts.

The Christians of the Eastern Church invoke saints in prayer; they kneel and burn incense before their pictures and relics, although they do not allow the use of images; and they practise many other rites which are considered superstitious by Protestants. They are required to confess their sins to the priest and obtain his absolution; and they offer prayers for the dead, to procure their release from purgatory.

971. That branch of the Eastern, which is styled the *Greek Church*, embraces nearly all the inhabitants of Russia, and two thirds of those of Turkey in Europe. The latter are subject to the Patriarch of Constantinople, who is revered as the nominal head of a large part of the Eastern Church. There are also branches of the Greek Church in Circassia, Georgia, and Mingrelia, between the Black and Caspian Sea.

972. In *Egypt*, there are 30,000 of the Eastern Christians, called Copts, subject to the Patriarch of Alexandria. The *Abyssinians* also belong to the Eastern Church, and receive their bishops from Egypt; but Christianity is here grossly corrupted by the mixture of Jewish rites and barbarous customs; and little regard is paid to the purity and benevolence it requires.

973. The *Armenians* are an independent branch of this Church, whose patriarch resides at the foot of Mount Ararat. They are found chiefly in Armenia; but they also have churches in various parts of Persia, and in Russia and Poland.

974. There are two classes of Christians in the East—the Nestorians, and Christians of St. Thomas, who resemble Protestants in their doctrines and modes of worship. The *Nestorians* are found in Tartary. The *Christians of St. Thomas* form a distinct body of people in the mountainous region of Cochin, on the coast of Malabar. Their number is about 150,000. They appear to have been taught by some of the early preachers of Christianity. They preserve a great degree of simplicity in their worship, and purity in their morals. One portion of them have become Catholics.

975. The Scriptures are very rare among the *Christians of the Eastern Church*, even in Russia; and the people and priests are generally in a state of gross ignorance, except with regard to the mere ceremonies of worship. The Circassians and Georgians are in a state of barbarism as to knowledge and morals; and the priests are little better than the people.

ROMAN CATHOLICS.

976. *Roman Catholics* are those who acknowledge the Pope, residing at Rome, as the head of the church, which the Eastern Churches do not. They receive the decisions of the church, and a large party, those of the Pope, as infallible, on points of doctrine and duty. They resemble the Greek Church in most of the ceremonies and doctrines, just described; but differ from them in refusing to ordain married men to the sacred office, and in allowing the use of images in their churches. They pay religious homage to the eucharist in the ceremony of the *Mass*.

Their clergy are well educated; but in the Roman Catholic countries of Europe, the common people are not allowed to read the bible, and are generally very ignorant. Like the Eastern Church, they have numerous holy days appropriated to feasts and fasts.

[175] 977. *The Roman Catholic Religion is most prevalent in the middle and southern countries of Europe, and in the French, Spanish, and Portuguese colonies in America and Africa. In the*

United States, the people of Louisiana, Missouri, and Florida, are chiefly Roman Catholics ; and they are numerous in Maryland. All these States were settled by persons of this denomination. The whole number in the United States is estimated at 140,000 ; comprised in 80 or 100 churches, with 160 clergymen. They have also a number of literary and religious institutions.

There is an incorporated society of Jesuits at Georgetown, containing 93 members, and a Sulpitian Monastery at Baltimore. There are convents at Georgetown, Port Tobacco, and Emmetsburg in Maryland—others at Boston and New-York—three in Kentucky—and one in Missouri—containing in all from 100 to 200 nuns. The Roman Catholics have colleges at Baltimore, Georgetown, New-Orleans, and St. Louis ; and seminaries at several other places.

PROTESTANTS.

978. PROTESTANTS are those who do not submit to the authority of the Pope, or of the Roman Catholic or Eastern Churches ; and generally admit no rule of religious belief or practice except the scriptures. They have more simple forms of worship, and fewer ceremonies, and holy days.

979. *They are divided* into a number of sects, of which the principal are Lutherans, Calvinists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists, Methodists, Moravians or United Brethren, and Friends or Quakers.

Luther, and the first reformers who left the Catholic Church, were called Protestants, because they protested against a decree of the emperor and diet of Germany, which condemned their opinions. The name was afterwards applied to all who dissented from the Roman Catholic Church.

980. On the continent of Europe, *Protestants are usually divided* into Lutherans and Calvinists.

Lutherans are the immediate followers of Luther, found chiefly in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Prussia, Germany and Hungary,

In Sweden and Denmark the Lutherans are governed by bishops ; and in other countries by superintendents, whose power is much more limited, and derived merely from their election. The Laplanders are professedly Lutherans ; but there is a great mixture of superstition and idolatry in their opinions and worship.

In the United States, there is a number of Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

981. *Calvinists* are those who adopt the peculiar opinions of Calvin. They are most numerous in Scotland, Holland, Switzerland, France, Germany, and the United States.

The Lutherans and Calvinists of some parts of Germany, and the neighbouring countries, have recently united into one body, under the name of the Members of the Evangelical Faith.

982. *In Great Britain and the United States*, the opinions of Protestants are so various and so well known, that it is only necessary to mention the principal classes, as distinguished by peculiarities in their government or religious rites.

1983. The reformed church established in England and Ireland, [176] is called the Episcopalian, because it is governed by bishops. *Episcopalians* are chiefly found in Great Britain and the colonies settled from it. In the United States, they have 10 bishops and 700 churches. They are most numerous in the Middle and Southern States.

1984. *Presbyterians* are those Protestants, who are governed by representative bodies of the clergy and laity, called Presbyteries. The established churches of Scotland and Holland are Presbyterian. This is also the prevailing denomination in the Middle United States; probably the most numerous south of the Hudson River.

One portion of the Presbyterians in the states of New-York and New-Jersey, form a distinct body, under the name of the Dutch Reformed Church. It is composed almost entirely of descendants from Dutch emigrants.

1985. *Congregationalists* are distinguished from Presbyterians, chiefly by the fact that each congregation claims the right of governing itself, except in those cases where it voluntarily submits to the authority of others convened in council. They are considerably numerous in England; and embrace most of the inhabitants of the Eastern United States. They are sometimes called Independents.

1986. *Moravians*, or the United Brethern, are chiefly found in Moravia and other parts of Germany. Their whole number is stated to be 40,000. A few Moravian settlements exist in the United States, of which Bethlehem and Nazareth in Pennsylvania, are celebrated as places of education for children.

1987. *Mennonites* or *Baptists*, are most numerous in Germany, Holland, and the Middle and Southern United States, and form a large and increasing body of Christians.

1988. *Methodists* are chiefly found in Great Britain, the United States, and the English colonies in America. The Wesleyan Methodists are most numerous. The whole number of these throughout the world in 1820, was 485,148. The Whitfield Methodists are less numerous, and are chiefly found in England. Probably all classes amount to 500,000.

1989. *Friends* or *Quakers*, are found chiefly in England and the United States. It is said there are 1000 congregations in the United States, most of which are in the Middle States. They are most numerous in Pennsylvania, which was originally settled by them.

1990. These sects are also subdivided, in some measure, in opinion. Most of the Presbyterians and Congregationalists maintain Calvinistic opinions; a part of them are Arminians.

Unitarians, who do not admit the doctrine of the Trinity, and *Universalists*, who deny the eternity of future punishments, are found in considerable numbers among the various sects of Protestants.

991. The following tables exhibit the numbers and distribution of different sects of Christians in Europe and the United States, according to the best estimates.

TABLES OF CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS.

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EUROPE.

<i>Denominations.</i>	<i>Number and Countries.</i>
Roman Catholics,	100,000,000—Southern and Middle Europe. —Spain, Portugal, and Italy exclusively. —France, Austria, Poland, Belgium and Ireland, almost entirely; and a large part of the German States. —Switzerland has 700,000—England 500,000.
Greek Church, . .	34,000,000—Russia and Greece. 3½ millions in Austria.
Protestants, . . .	42,000,000—North-western Europe.
—Lutherans, . . .	—Sweden, Norway and Denmark, 5 millions —Russia, 2½ “ —Germany, Lutherans and Reformed, 15 “ (Prussia 6 m. Austria 3. German States 6.)
—Other Protestants	—Great Britain, 14 “ —Holland, 2 “ —Switzerland, 1 “ —France, 3 “

The remainder of the population of Europe consists of *Jews*, scattered through all parts—*Mahometans*, in Turkey and Southern Russia, and a few *Pagans* in Russia—whose respective numbers are variously estimated.

UNITED STATES.

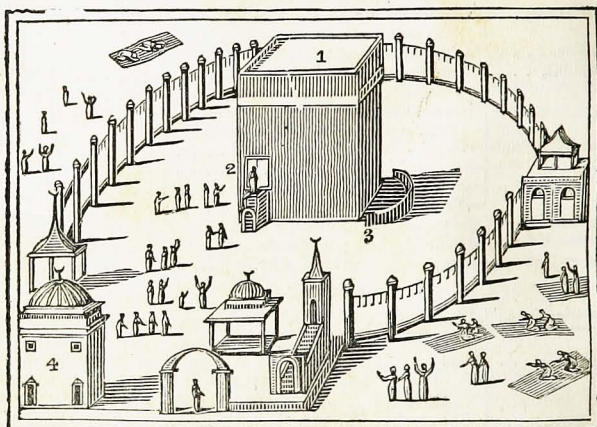
<i>Denominations.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Where situated.</i>
Baptists	3,000	1,800	Throughout all the states. Two thirds are in the southern and western states. Of 312,000 members, 200,000 are in the southern and western states; 90,000 in the middle states; and 20,000 in the states east of the Hudson River.
Methodists	2,500	{ 1,200 itinerant 3,000 local	
Episcopalians (10 bishops) }	700	370	{ In the states on the Atlantic and Ohio. In Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, N. and S. Carolina.
German Reformed	400	80	
Presbyterians . . .	1,400	900	{ One half in the middle states, the remainder in the southern states, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio. In New-York and New-Jersey.
Dutch Reformed .	100	90	
Congregationalists	1,100	850	{ In the eastern states. There are a few churches in New-York and New-Jersey. Ohio and other states have a number not estimated here, amounting perhaps to 150
Quakers	1,000	—	
(estimated) . . . }			Chiefly in the middle states.
Roman Catholics (estimated) }	80 to 100	160	{ Chiefly in the middle and south-western states.

[178] 992. *The state of religious toleration varies in different parts of the world. In most Catholic countries, Protestants are not permitted to assemble for public worship, or to enjoy the usual rights of citizens. France is the only Roman Catholic country in which they are admitted to office.*

993. *In England, Sweden, and some other Protestant countries, none but those of the established or prevailing religion can hold offices. In England, the established church is Episcopalian, and all other denominations are called dissenters. The number of dissenters is estimated at one tenth of the whole population.*

994. *The United States is probably the only country, where those of all religions enjoy equal privileges.*

MAHOMETANS.



Interior Court of the Temple of Mecca.

1 *Caaba*.—2. *Place of the Holy Stone*.—3. *Sepulchre of Ishmael*.
—4. *Treasury*.

995. MAHOMETANS are those who believe in the Koran, or sacred book of Mahomet, an Arabian impostor, who lived 600 years after Christ, and pretended to be inspired. The Koran teaches the worship of one God, and forbids idolatry; but it requires an idolatrous reverence for Mahomet, and prescribes a pilgrimage to Mecca, his birth place. The prophet forbade the use of spirituous liquors, and swine's flesh, prescribed circumcision and occasional fasts. He permitted much that Christianity forbids as criminal, and promised to believers a sensual paradise hereafter.

The temple of Mecca is an open court, surrounded by a wall and porticoes. In the centre is the Caaba, containing a black stone, which has been esteemed holy by the Arabs, from an early age.

A Mahometan is required to pray five times a day with his face towards the temple of Mecca, always washing before prayer. During the month Ramadan, he is obliged to keep a rigorous fast, abstaining from eating, drinking, and smoking, from dawn to evening. He is also commanded to give alms. To all who faith-[179] fully perform these duties, and above all, to those who die in fighting against the enemies of the Koran, Mahomet promised a paradise, where every believer should have thousands of slaves at his command, and every appetite and passion should be gratified.

996. There are *two principal sects of Mahometans*, who differ concerning the right of succession to Mahomet—the Sheas, or Shiites, who are chiefly Persians—and the Sonnites, who embrace the inhabitants of East Persia, Arabia, Turkey and Independent Tartary. The latter form of Mahometanism is the prevailing religion in Northern and Eastern Africa, and many of the countries of Senegambia and Soudan, bordering on the Sahara. There are probably 15 millions of Mahometans in Hindoostan.

997. The Seikhs, residing between the rivers Jumna and Indus, who are said to mingle the doctrines of Mahomet with Brahmanism, appear to be in effect Deists.

The Shiites believe that Ali, the son-in-law of Mahomet, and the Shaho of Persia are his rightful successors. The Sonnites claim this honour for Abubeker, the father-in-law of Mahomet, and the Sultans of Constantiuople. The Sonnites wear a white turban, and the Shiites one of red woollen.

A new and powerful sect of Mahometans has recently sprung up in Arabia, called Wahabees, from the name of their founder, who profess to be reformers, endeavouring to restore Islamism from its corruptions. They forbid the idolatrous reverence commonly paid to the Temple of Mecca and the tombs of saints; and worship only in the open air.

998 *Mahomet propagated his religion* by the sword, and taught that it was a crime deserving death, and justifying any degree of hatred and oppression, to profess any other religion. *The characteristics of this system*, are gross sensuality—a rigid observance of ceremonies—and a spirit of malevolence towards all but Mahometans. *The sects* are very numerous, and are scarcely less hostile to each other than to Christians and Jews.

The Mahometans use a crescent, or figure of the new moon as their distinguishing emblem, and place it at the top of their mosques, and on their military standards; and hence it is used to designate Mahometan countries on the Chart of the Inhabited World. The priests are called moollahs, or imams; and the chief priest of Turkey, a multi.

PAGANS.

999. It is estimated that there are 800 or 900 millions of *inhabitants upon the earth*. Of these, probably about 200 millions are *Christians and Jews*, and about 100 millions *Mahometans*. The remainder, from 300 to 500 millions, are usually called *Pagans* or *Heathens*.

1000. The *New-Hollanders*, some of the *Hottentots*, and a few other tribes, do not appear to have any religious opinions or ceremonies; but far the greater part of the Pagan world practise the worship of images and false gods. There are numberless systems

of Paganism, which have little resemblance to each other, except in their absurdity, idolatry, and immorality; and a minute description of each would require volumes. Only the leading features of [180] Paganism can be given, as it exists in the principal geographical divisions of the world.



Pagan Idols.

1. *Brahmah*.—2. *Budhoo*.—3. *The Chinese Thunderer*.

1001. *The most refined systems of Paganism are found among the nations of Asia, east of the Belur Tag, and appear to be branches of the ancient Shamanism. They teach the existence of a Supreme Deity, called by the Hindoos *Brahma*—by the Burmans and Siamese, *Boodh*, or *Budhoo*—by the Tibetians, *La*—and by the Chinese, *Fo*, or *Fohi*. They suppose him to be in a state of inactivity; and believe that the world was created, and is governed by numerous inferior deities.*

1002. *These nations have sacred books, which contain elaborate systems of religion, exhibiting a strange mixture of sublime truths and pure morality, with the grossest absurdities, and the most cruel and wicked rites.*

1003. *As they believe the Supreme Deity pays no attention to the world, the greatest part of the worship is paid to the inferior divinities. The sun, moon, and stars—fire and water—rivers, mountains and animals, are among their deities; and a deformed idol, or even a shapeless block of wood or stone, is often the object to which prayer and sacrifice are offered. It is not uncommon*

for the worshippers to revile or abuse their idols, if they do not obtain what they desire.

1004. *The Guebres or Gaurs* of Persia, anciently called the Magi, worship in the celebrated bituminous ground at Baku, (See ¶ 847.) There are several temples in which the flame is always burning, and is believed by the worshippers to be sacred and eternal. Many are found in Hindoostan under the name of Parsees.

1005. *The inhabitants of Tibet, Chinese Tartary, and the neighbouring portions of Siberia*, regard the Grand Lama, [181] or High Priest of Tibet, as the chief object of religious veneration. They suppose him to be animated by the God La, or Fo; and many of the Tartar tribes call him "The everlasting father of heaven." The family now reigning in China, and a large part of their subjects, are his votaries. In China, great veneration is also paid to Confucius, an ancient philosopher of the country, and to a number of other inferior deities.

1006. *The Hindoos* worship Brahmah under a number of forms, in which they suppose he became incarnate, and a multitude of other deities of subordinate rank. They say that they have many millions of gods, some of which are idols of the most deformed and disgusting kind.

The Brahmanists are distinguished by their division into various castes, who cannot intermarry, or change their rank or employment.—Those who neglect certain religious precepts or rights, become Pariahs or outcasts, and are treated with more cruelty than beasts.

1007. *The nations of Farther India* are Boodhists, and are not divided into castes.

The Asiatic nations generally believe in the metempsychosis, or the transmigration of the soul after death, into another body. For this reason the Pagan Hindoos esteem it a sin to destroy the life of any animal, and refuse to eat animal food.

In correspondence with this idea, the worshippers of the Grand Lama believe, that when he dies, his soul passes into the body of some child, who is sought for, and placed upon the throne. He is trained up from his infancy by the priests, and is never permitted to speak to his votaries. He appears to be little more than "a living idol," governed by the priests, and proclaimed by them to the people, as the vicegerent of the Deity.

1008. Among *the natives of Western, Central, and Southern Africa*, there are no sacred books, and the systems of religion are of the most absurd character, usually classed under the name of *Fetichism*. Every person selects what he pleases—an insect, a serpent, an egg, a piece of wood or paper, or any other object, the most common or the most disgusting, for his deity or *fetiche*; to which he offers prayers or sacrifices.

The object of worship may generally be changed at pleasure. Sometimes a whole village or tribe adopt the same fetiche. The

instruments and articles of curiosity made by Europeans, such as anchors, cannon, &c., are often selected as deities by these idolaters.

1009. Combined with Fetichism, we generally find *the worship of evil deities, and a belief in sorcery*, especially among the Barbarous and Savage tribes of Africa, Northern Asia, and Lapland. The evil deities are often most worshipped, from the fear of their anger. Sorcerers are often supposed to possess the powers of a deity, and the same regard is paid to their wishes and commands. Each tribe usually has one or more sorcerers, under different names, who are applied to for the cure of diseases. They are consulted in every difficulty, especially before undertaking any important enterprise; and nothing is usually done without their approbation.

1010. The latter part of this description is also applicable to the *Indians of North America*; but idols are rarely found among them. Their religious services consist of feasts, sacrifices, and incantations; which are practised regularly once or twice a year, and are repeated on important occasions.

[182] 1011. *Pagans ascribe* vice and cruelty to a *great number of their deities*, and suppose some of them to be evil beings; and hence they often worship them with wicked and cruel rites, as well as those which are irrational, in order to gain their favour.

1012. *Prayers are generally offered* by their priests; and they believe the merit to be proportioned to their number. The prayers often consist of mere repetitions of the name of the deity. The Tartars write them on slips of parchment and hang them in the wind, or fasten them to a small wind-mill, supposing that every motion serves as a repetition of the prayer.

1013. *The ceremonies of worship* are usually absurd and superstitious; and often grossly indecent, or vicious. The Hindoo temples are stained by pollution and vice, scarcely found among the most abandoned class of men in Christian countries.

The sacrifices are usually animals, food, money, ornaments, &c. according to the supposed disposition of the deity or the wants of his priests. But human sacrifices were formerly universal among Pagan nations; and are still practised in Hindoostan, Africa, New-Zealand, and other islands of the Pacific, and among some of the Indians of North America.

In Mexico, 20,000 victims were formerly offered to the sun every year. Even in ancient Britain, the country of our ancestors, Woden and Thor, and other imaginary deities, were formerly honoured by human sacrifices. In Africa, especially in Asbantee and Dahomey, several thousands are sometimes killed on the grave of a king; and great numbers on other important occasions. In Polynesia, the human victim is sometimes devoured by the worshippers.

1014. Numerous *penances and superstitious rules*, are observed

among Pagans to obtain forgiveness of their sins. *The Hindoos* bathe themselves and their dying friends in the sacred rivers, Ganges, Indus, and Kristnah, believing that their waters wash away sin. For the same purpose, they undertake long and painful pilgrimages, and often inflict the most severe tortures on themselves.

Some sit or stand for years in the same position, until they are stiffened—others broil before a fire, or lie on beds of spikes—others are sawn asunder, or throw themselves under the wheels of an idol's car, which crushes them to death. They believe that by some of these practices, a man may at length become superior to the deities. Widows are even required to burn themselves on the funeral pile of their husbands, and thousands are burnt alive annually in Hindoostan.

1015. *The standard of morality among Pagan nations*, is of course very low. Vices which are ascribed to deities, or practised in their worship, cannot be forbidden to their worshippers, and murder, theft, impurity, &c. are scarcely considered sins.

In China, Hindoostan, the Pagan islands of Polynesia, and in some tribes of the North American Indians, infants are allowed to be destroyed. Other nations expose or kill their parents and friends, when they become sick or infirm. The New-Zealanders, and some of the tribes of Africa and South America, feed on human flesh. In short, there is scarcely any crime [189] which man can perpetrate, which is not a part of the worship of some Pagan religion, or allowed by its precepts.

1016. The following table will show the comparative numbers of each religion according to several estimates.

TABLE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD ACCORDING TO
RELIGION, FROM DIFFERENT AUTHORITIES.

	<i>Malte Brun.</i>	<i>Hassel</i>	<i>Rob't Adams.</i>
Catholics	116 millions.	134 millions.	80 millions.
Greek Church	70 “	62 “	30 “
Protestants	42 “	55 “	65 “
Total of Christians	228 “	252 “	175 “
Jews	4 or 5 “	3,900,000	2½ “
Mahometans	100 “	120 millions.	140 “
Votaries of Brahmanism	60 “	111 “	
Of Shamanism, and the religion of the } Grand Lama	50 “	11 “	
Of the religion of Budhoo, Fo, &c.	100 “	365 “	
Various other Pagans	100 “	67 “	
Total of the Pagans	310 “	555 “	482 “
Total Inhabitants of the Globe	538 “	938 “	800 “

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

1017. The Pagan nations of Europe were early converted to Christianity by the agency of the apostles, and other missionaries from Judea; and in later ages, the practice has been continued of sending missionaries to Pagan nations, who have been in some degree successful in enlightening and reforming them.

1018. *Roman Catholics* have uniformly established missions in all the countries which they have colonized in Asia, Africa, and South America. But they have usually neglected or forbidden the use of the Scriptures; and have too generally given little instruction, except in the ceremonies of their worship.

1019. The *Africans* of some kingdoms of Lower Guinea and Zanguebar, have become professed Catholics, under the instruction of the Portuguese priests, and have erected a number of churches. But they appear to know little of the principles of Christianity, and retain nearly all the superstitions and vices of Paganism.

1020. The *Indians of South America*, who are under the control of the Spanish and Portuguese, are compelled to profess the Roman Catholic religion, but are usually in the grossest ignorance of religious truth. Some of the South American tribes embraced Christianity under the care of the Jesuits, who combined religious instruction with other useful knowledge, and the arts of civilization. A [184] few of these tribes attained a considerable degree of improvement; especially those of Paraguay, who now form an independent, civilized community.

1021. The *Moravians* were the first Protestants who sent missionaries to instruct and civilize Pagan nations; and have been distinguished for their zeal and labours. Their example has been followed by the Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, of Germany, Great Britain, and the United States, and to some extent by the Danes and Swedes.

1022. *Protestant missionaries* have uniformly carried the Scriptures to those whom they designed to teach, and have translated them into numerous languages, some of which were never written before. They have in many instances established printing presses, for printing the Scriptures and other useful books. They have also instituted schools, for giving instruction in all branches of useful knowledge, as well as in religion and morals. In Hindoostan alone, there are 50,000 children in the missionary schools, among whom are many females, who were never before allowed to receive instruction. There is probably a greater number in other parts of the world.

1023. Only 400 Protestant missionaries are even now employed among the millions of Pagans; yet their efforts have been attended with some success.

The missions in Hindoostan have led considerable numbers to an enlightened profession of Christianity. Among the *North American Indians*, several tribes in Massachusetts and New-York have been civilized and Christianized by the efforts of missionaries; and some advances have been made towards the same object among the southern Indians.

1024. Many villages of *Greenlanders*, *Esquimaux*, and *Hottentots*, have been reclaimed from their idolatrous practices and savage mode of life, chiefly by the agency of the Moravians.

The *Society Islands*, which were distinguished 50 years since for their abandoned vice and cruel superstition, have been led, by the instruction of English missionaries, to renounce their idols and give up human sacrifices; and are now equally distinguished for the apparent purity of their morals, and their regard for Christianity. The *Sandwich Islands* have begun to follow their example, under the influence of American missionaries.

1025. The following table exhibits the number of Protestant missionaries, teachers, and stations, in different parts of the world. Most of the missionary stations will be found marked upon the maps belonging to the work.

Of 713 missionaries and teachers, 480 are employed by the missionary societies of England. 113 are sent by the London society, 230 by the Wesleyan Methodists, 90 by the Church Missionary Society, and 47 by the Baptists. American societies employ 86; of whom 65 are under the care of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

TABULAR VIEW OF PROTESTANT MISSIONS, 1823. [185]

<i>Countries.</i>	<i>Stations.</i>	<i>Missionaries.</i>	<i>Teachers.</i>
Western Africa	19	10	20
South Africa	12	25	1
Stations beyond the colony	14	11	7
African Islands	3	4	7
Mediterranean and Black Seas	6	12	.
Caspian Sea	5	14	.
Siberia	1	3	.
Tibet	1	1	.
China	1	1	.
India beyond the Ganges	4	6	2
Hindoostan	53	87	59
Ceylon	16	30	161
Indian Archipelago—6 islands	9	15	.
New South Wales	1	2	.
New-Zealand	2	2	.
Polynesia	3	13	20
Sandwich Islands	3	7	8
S. America—La Plata . . . . .	.	2	.
—Guiana	4	10	.
West Indies	14	39	6
—Danish Islands	6	35	.
—Bahamas	5	5	.
—Bermuda	1	1	.
N. American Indians	17	24	35
Labrador	3	16	.
Greenland	3	11	.
<i>Total.</i>	211	388	325

Total Missionaries and Teachers 713.

MISSIONARY SEMINARIES.

1026. A number of literary institutions have been formed expressly for the purpose of educating young men as missionaries; of which the following are the principal.

	<i>Students.</i>		<i>Students.</i>
Gosport (Eng.)	25	Malacca . . . . .	.
Hackney . . . . .	.	Serampore . . . . .	.
Basle (Switz.)	40	Calcutta . . . . .	.
Barkel (Neth.)	16	Sierra Leone . . . . .	.
Berlin (Sax.) . . . . .	.		.

1027. The institution at Calcutta is an Episcopal College, founded by the Bishop of Calcutta. That of Serampore is under the direction of the Baptist Missionaries, and has produced numerous translations of the Scriptures.

LEARNING.

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1028. *The state of learning* in a country is an important index of its state of society, and is intimately connected with it. It depends much on the means employed for preserving and communicating knowledge.

1029. *Savage and Barbarous nations* have no adequate substitute for written language. The memory of past events, and the stock of knowledge they have acquired, are handed down from father to son only by tradition. Public as well as private recitations, of their history, religion, and laws, are often holden for this purpose.

1030. Among the *North American Indians*, there are annual meetings, or "talks," in which the elder members of the tribe, communicate this information to the younger. Their narratives are impressed on the memory by the use of belts of wampum—scalps—the presents received from allies—or other objects emblematical of peace and war, or associated with their history; which are carefully preserved by the keeper of the records.

1031. Among the *Tartars*, and many other Barbarous tribes, a particular class of men are devoted to this employment; like the ancient bards of Britain. The same practice is also adopted in *other nations* where books are scarce; as in Arabia and Iceland.

In Arabia, these persons frequent coffee-houses, and other places of public resort, and collect a crowd, whom they entertain for hours with recitations of poetry, history, or tales, for a trifling gratuity. This custom exists in Italy also; and some of these public orators, termed 'Improvisatori,' are in the habit of reciting extemporaneous poetry, on any subject assigned, or addressed to some one of the audience.

1032. In addition to the want of written language, *the wandering and irregular life of Savage and Barbarous tribes*, is an insurmountable obstacle to their progress in learning. In Arithmetic, many tribes cannot count beyond ten; and none are acquainted with mathematical principles or rules. They have no instruments for gaining an acquaintance with Astronomy or Natural Philosophy; their knowledge is here limited to the stars which direct their wanderings, and the indications of the weather and seasons, in which they often exhibit much observation and skill. They have usually no communication with distant nations, and are entirely ignorant of Geography and General History.

1033. In *Half-Civilized and Civilized nations*, we find in the use of written language and books, the only adequate means for the preservation and diffusion of knowledge, and its state is generally proportioned to the improvements made in this respect.

1034. In the *Half-Civilized nations of Northern Africa, and Western Asia, and in Hindoostan*, books are entirely in manuscript, written on rolls of parchment, or sometimes in India on the leaves of trees. The labour of months is necessary to produce a single copy of a work. Only a small number therefore can be furnished—few can afford the expense—and the attainment and diffusion of knowledge is slow and difficult.

1035. The *Chinese, Japanese, Burmans, and Siamese*, [187] print books from engraved blocks of wood ; one of which must be prepared for each page, and can be used for no other. This invention renders it much more easy to multiply copies of a single work ; but the art is still very imperfect, and the labour and difficulty of publishing new works is so great, as to form a serious obstacle to the advancement of learning.

1036. Although *Half-Civilized nations* are much advanced beyond Savages in knowledge, the *sciences* can scarcely be said to exist among them. *Arithmetic*, and some other branches of the *Mathematics* are understood, especially in Hindoostan ; and the invention of the arithmetical figures is ascribed by some to the Hindoos, and by others to the Arabians. *Astronomy* is partially understood in China and Hindoostan ; but is chiefly used for astronomical purposes, in determining the time when the state of the heavens is propitious to the commencement of any important undertaking, or the performance of a ceremony.

1037. *Arabia* was distinguished in early ages as the seat and source of science, and some other Half-Civilized nations were once the most enlightened in the world ; but in all these countries, the improvements and discoveries of Civilized nations are either unknown or disregarded, and knowledge is stationary.

1038. The *Hindoos, Siamese, and Burmans*, have a large number of works of poetry, theology, and jurisprudence, some of which are very respectable for their literary character.

1039. Among *Civilized nations*, the progress of knowledge has been promoted to an extent almost incalculable, by the improvements in the *art of printing* ; and to this in a great measure, is to be ascribed their superiority in learning and science. Instead of the blocks of the Chinese, moveable types, cast in metal, are employed, which may be easily composed and recomposed for a variety of pages and books in succession. A small collection is sufficient to print any number of works. The copies may be multiplied to an indefinite extent, and with astonishing rapidity, at so cheap a rate, as to bring them within the reach of a large part of the community.

By the recent improvement of *stereotype plates*, or metallic blocks cast from the moveable types, standard works may be perpetuated at a very moderate expense. By the still later improvement of steam presses, a thousand copies of a single newspaper, or other sheet, may be thrown off in an hour ; and the press seems to rival the rapidity of speech. *Lithography*, or the art of printing from a manuscript written on stone, is a more cheap and easy means of diffusing information to a limited extent, than printing itself.

1040. Civilized nations are not less advanced in *knowledge* than in the modes of communication. By means of written and

printed records, every quarter of the globe, and every age of the world, is opened to the examination of the learned. The immense collection of facts from all countries and nations, has laid a foundation for the principles of science; and the numerous instruments devised, extend its discoveries beyond the limits of our senses. The Astronomer explores regions of space which others cannot see. The Philosopher and the Chemist, carry their researches [188] into the bowels of the earth, and the pores of matter; and the most subtle fluids are subjected to the examination and control of man.

1041. *The comparative state of knowledge in Civilized countries* depends much on the character and spirit of the government and religion.

1042. *In absolute governments, and in countries where the distinctions of rank are very great*, the common people are usually degraded and deprived of freedom, and the mass of the nation are involved in great ignorance. At the same time, learning is often patronized by the government, and a class of learned men are highly distinguished. This is the fact in France, Prussia, and some other parts of Europe.

The despotisms of Asiatic nations are eminently prejudicial to the diffusion of knowledge among the people; as may be seen in Turkey and India.

1043. In countries where there is less distinction of rank, and where the common people are free, knowledge is generally diffused among them; as in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and the United States. In some countries of this character, learning and science are carried to the highest pitch of improvement; as in Scotland.

1044. *The religion* of a country also has great influence on the state of information; and in some instances, its very existence depends on the ignorance of the people. Thus most systems of *Paganism*, even that of the Hindoos, are contradictory to the principles of science, and therefore the priests forbid the acquisition of this knowledge, in order to maintain their own authority.

1045. *The spirit of Mahometanism* leads its disciples to fear, reject, or despise the knowledge possessed by those of other religions: and hence they make no advances in science.

1046. *In Catholic countries*, the progress of philosophy and natural science has been checked by the prevalence of superstition. The Italian philosopher, Galileo, was punished for teaching the true system of Astronomy, and books which contain it are still prohibited by the Pope.

The perusal of the scriptures is also forbidden to the people, in most Catholic countries; and in this way, one of the most impor-

tant sources of knowledge, and one of the strongest motives to its acquisition are taken away. The same prohibition is extended to a large number of other books, among which are some of the best extant ; because they are supposed to counteract the influence of the Catholic religion. Even at this day, a traveller in passing through Rome may be deprived of his bible, unless he conceals it.

1047. *In Protestant countries* freedom is permitted in religious opinions and inquiries. The bible is generally circulated among the people, from which all classes learn their duties and their rights. This has led to the establishment of more free institutions ; it has diminished the power of the higher classes over the lower ; and afforded to all, the motives and means for improvement.

1048. From the operation of these causes, *the diffusion of knowledge in civilized countries, will be found proportioned* to the [189] freedom of the people. It is greatest where the government is most free, and where the Protestant religion prevails. It is least where the freedom of the people is abridged, or the progress of inquiry prevented by the restraints of superstition. Those countries also have generally made the greatest advances in *science*, (other things being equal,) where the greatest political freedom has been enjoyed. Evidence of these facts will be found in comparing England with Spain, Sweden with Poland, and the United States with Mexico.

1049. The joint influence of an absolute government and the Catholic religion has prevented the advance of knowledge in *Austria, Poland, Italy, Spain, Portugal*, and the *Spanish and Portuguese colonies* of South America. Science is by no means in its best state. The opinions of a former age are retained ; the improvements of the present are scarcely known ; and little progress is made or attempted.

Since the Spanish and Portuguese settlements in America have become free, great exertions have been made for the promotion of science and education. Their progress must necessarily be slow, from the prejudices of the people, the poverty of the governments, and the want of competent instructors.

1050. *Italy* is celebrated for important discoveries and literary characters ; and still has a respectable number of learned men ; but at present, it appears to contribute little to the promotion of knowledge. It is certainly not advancing with the progress of the age ; and is considered by some travellers as declining.

1051. *Poland and Austria* were formerly respectable for their literature, and that of Austria has still some reputation. But the ne-

bility of these countries too generally neglect or despise learning ; and the restraints of superstition, and a despotic government, prevent its progress among the people. Neither Poland nor Austria, can be considered as having taken rank among scientific nations.

Some of the *Catholic states of Germany* are in a similar condition ; and they are generally far below the Protestant states around them, in the extent and diffusion of knowledge.

1052. *Russia* was in a state of barbarism 100 years ago ; but the late emperors have invited and patronized scientific men from other countries. All the sciences of other nations are now understood and cultivated, in the universities and principal towns ; and are constantly extending through the empire. This nation seems to claim a higher rank, than those in which science is stationary or declining, although the mass of the population are grossly ignorant.

1053. Among the Protestant countries of Europe, *Norway* is excluded from the class of scientific nations, in some measure by its situation, which imposes on the people an unusual amount of labour in procuring a support.

1054. *Denmark and the Netherlands* were formerly distinguished in science, but have declined in this respect, as well as in general prosperity. They appear to be again rising to respectability.

Sweden has been distinguished for scientific men, especially in the branch of Natural History.

1055. Perhaps no portion of the world is more eminent for its literature and science than *Germany* ; and probably none can boast of so large a class of learned men and authors. They are unrivalled for the extent and accuracy of their researches in Languages, Geography, Chronology, and Antiquities. Prussia proper holds a high rank, both for its literature and science ; although they are of more recent origin than in most parts of Germany.

1056. *Great Britain and France* have been most distinguished, for many years, in scientific discoveries ; and they yield to no country except Germany, in any branch of learning.

1057. The people of the *United States* enjoy every facility for the acquisition of knowledge, which the ease of gaining a support, and the perfect freedom of political and religious institutions can give. Liberty of opinion and inquiry, as well as of speech, is unrestrained, when it does not endanger the welfare of society. Except in the unfortunate and degraded class of slaves, there are no distinctions of rank, to prevent the improvement of the people. In most states, every man has a voice in the election of his rulers, and is induced to acquire information to direct his choice. The way to office is open to all, and education secures respectability,

The means of knowledge are also easily accessible. Books are numerous; and newspapers and periodical publications abound, which are circulated through the Post-Office, to every part of the Union, at a very cheap rate. The means of support are so easily procured, that few are in that distressing state of poverty, which depresses so large a proportion of the community in Europe.

The constant communication which is maintained with European nations, puts us in possession of all their most valuable knowledge and recent discoveries; which soon spread through every part of the country. But the state of society and wealth, has prevented the foundation of those magnificent libraries, and public institutions, for the support of learned men and the prosecution of scientific discoveries, which are so numerous in Europe. While knowledge is diffused much more extensively among the people, the number of our learned men is far less. Most of these are so devoted to the instruction of youth, or the active employments of life, as to leave little opportunity for the prosecution of literary research, or scientific discovery.

EDUCATION.

1058. *In Half-Civilized and Civilized countries various institutions* are established for the diffusion of knowledge.

Primary Schools, are designed to give instruction in the elementary branches—reading, writing, and accounts. *Academies, Lycea and Gymnasias*, furnish instruction in the languages, and the elements of science; and Colleges pursue the same course somewhat farther.

1059. *Universities* are supposed to furnish a complete course of instruction in all the branches of science and learning; and their character of course varies, with the state of knowledge in the country where they are found.

Besides these institutions, there are others devoted to particular branches—as the Military and Naval Schools—and the Schools of Medicine, Theology, and Law. The general diffusion of [191] knowledge depends chiefly on the state of Primary Schools.

1060. It is the remark of an European writer concerning the *United States*, that, “the great body of the American people is better educated, than the bulk of any European community.”

In addition to the influence of the causes before mentioned, schools also are numerous, and education may be obtained at an expense comparatively small. In many of the United States, provision is made by law for the support of schools, either by the appropriation of a fund, or the imposition of taxes.

1061. *The Eastern, or New-England States*, are peculiarly favoured with means of instruction of this kind. The people are thickly settled in towns and villages. Every town is divided into districts, each of which is obliged to support a school during the whole, or a part of the year; and it is rare to meet with a native of these states, who cannot read and write. Academies are also numerous; and in *Massachusetts*, a classical school is required by law in all places of sufficient size.

1062. *Connecticut* has a fund of \$1,900,000 for the support of schools, and thus distributes to the people, a greater amount annually for the education of their children, than they pay for the expenses of the state government.

1063. *The Middle States* have been subject to a great influx of emigrants from Europe of the labouring class, many of whom are of course ignorant, and have entailed this misfortune upon their families, by neglect. The state of education is much inferior to that of New-England, on this account. The prevalence of the Dutch and German languages in some parts of New-York, New-Jersey, and Pennsylvania, has also been an obstacle to the improvement of the people.

1064. The State of *New-York* has united all public literary institutions into one body, under the name of the University. It has a fund of a million of dollars for the support of common schools, under the direction of the Regents of the University; and in 1820, it was found that nine tenths of the children received instruction. This state has a distinct fund of 100,000 dollars, for the encouragement of literature, which is appropriated to colleges and academies at the discretion of the Regents.

1065. *Pennsylvania* has also commenced a system of public education.

1066. *In the Southern States*, the people generally live on extensive plantations, or in settlements spread over a large tract, so that it is difficult for a sufficient number to unite, for the establishment of institutions for literary and religious instruction. On this account the means of education are not easily procured, except by the rich. The slaves of these states are rarely taught, even to read; and in many parts of the country, it is considered dangerous to give them any instruction.

1067. *Virginia* has established a fund of more than a million of dollars for the purposes of education, of which \$45,000 are annually appropriated to common schools. *Georgia and South Carolina* also make some provision for the support of schools.

1068. *The Western States* have been so recently settled, and are yet so thinly populated, that it is difficult to establish and support the means of instruction, and even to obtain competent

teachers, either literary or religious. In most of these states, however, a portion of land has generally been reserved by congress for the purposes of education. A foundation is thus laid for the promotion of knowledge, which will doubtless produce the most salutary effects, when the state of the country shall permit the advantageous employment of these funds. In Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, $\frac{1}{36}$ th of each township is devoted to schools, besides an appropriation for the establishment of colleges.

1069. *Among the nations of Europe, the best state of general education is found* in the northern countries, Germany, and Switzerland. In Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Scotland, Switzerland, and Hanover, a common education is given by means of *parish schools*, resembling those of New-England, established in almost every village. The means of support are provided by law; and the poor are taught gratuitously, or on the easiest terms. In Switzerland, not one in sixty is ignorant of writing, and few, comparatively, in any of these countries. In the *Netherlands*, the system is not carried into full effect, and the state of education is much inferior to that of Scotland, although conducted on the same plan. Denmark and Hanover have institutions for the education of teachers; and in Norway and the Netherlands, no one can instruct without a regular license.

1070. *The Protestant States of Germany* are distinguished from the Catholic, by the superior education of the people. Those of Saxony and the Saxon States, and Prussia, are most advanced, and resemble the nations just named. *Bavaria* was lately immersed in gross ignorance; but schools, academies, and colleges have been multiplied by the last and present reigning sovereign, and the youth of both sexes are carefully educated. The sovereigns of *Wurtemberg* and *Baden*, have also paid much attention to the education of the poor, and a perceptible improvement is taking place in these states. In *Hesse Cassel* none but the sons of noblemen, counsellors, and other officers, and the eldest sons of clergymen, are allowed to receive a learned education.

1071. In *Iceland*, the instruction of the young is entirely domestic; the mother teaches reading, and the father writing and arithmetic. This country was anciently among the first in Europe for literature; but books have long been very scarce among them. They are highly valued however; and there is perhaps no country, where a greater proportion of the inhabitants are accustomed to read and collect information from books. It forms the occupation and amusement of the long nights of winter. Travellers have been surprised, to find the humblest peasants possessed of extensive knowledge in history and classical literature.

1072. Although *England* is highly distinguished for its schools [193] of science and literature, it ranks below the countries which have been mentioned, in the general diffusion of knowledge.

In some counties, not more than one half or one third of the population are educated. In London, a system of schools of Mutual Instruction, on the plan of Bell and Lancaster, has been established within a few years, which promises at length to extend the blessings of a common education to the whole community. Sunday schools have also been extensively established, which will greatly aid in this object. In *Wales*, there are not schools for one half of the children. In the whole of England, there are schools for only 7 millions of the people, leaving two millions destitute, and 3 millions with only the education of a Sunday school. The northern counties are best supplied.

1073. In *Ireland*, the mass of the people are involved in the grossest ignorance. In some parts not one in 500 receives instruction. A large number of the Irish use their own peculiar language, in which there are few books. Even the bible could not, until recently, be obtained in this language by the common people. The same thing is true of some parts of the Highlands of Scotland, and of many of the islands on the coast of Great-Britain. One of the strongest motives to the acquisition of knowledge is destroyed by the Catholic priests in Ireland, who prohibit the people from reading the scriptures.

1074. In *France*, two-thirds of the children are without education, and sixteen millions of the people are unable to read and write. Schools of Mutual Instruction have been established of late years, and much has been done to promote education. Recently only 800,000 children were receiving instruction in a population of 28,000,000 : and the progress of schools is now retarded.

1075. No efficient system of instruction for the poor, exists in *Russia, Austria, Poland, and the southern countries of Europe* ; leaving more than half the population of this enlightened quarter of the world, without the means of acquiring knowledge.

Austria has hitherto been far behind the north of Germany, in point of literature ; and although schools have been established by the government, the effect has been small.

1076. In *Russia and Poland*, the state of vassalage or slavery, in which a large part of the population are involved, leaves no motive or opportunity for mental improvement. In *Russia*, schools have long existed in the large towns, and spread a feeble light over a part of the population ; but the inhabitants of the villages and open country, are almost as ignorant as the savage

tribes of Africa. The late emperor established a great number of schools for the education of the peasants, but their effect is not yet felt to any important degree.

1077. In *Spain* and *Portugal*, there has been no provision for the instruction of the lower orders until recently. Education is generally ill conducted, and knowledge at a low ebb. Portugal has recently established the system of Mutual Instruction, [194] and 5,000 pupils were taught on this plan in 1820. The mass of the people in the south of *Italy*, are in a state little better than in Spain; but in the northern parts, there is much more information among the lower classes, and they partake of the intelligence, as well as the industry, of their Swiss neighbours.

1078. In the *Portuguese and Spanish colonies in South America and Mexico*, the state of education is still lower than in the mother countries. The people are grossly ignorant, and schools are almost unknown. Efforts are now made to promote education in the countries which have become independent, and Lancasterian schools are already commenced in Buenos Ayres and Colombia. The former government forbade the study of the sciences to the Mestizoes, and all others except the children of Spaniards.

1079. The oppressed *Greeks* of European Turkey have enjoyed few of the advantages of education; but one of the first acts of their congress has been to establish schools, and should they maintain their freedom, there is every reason to expect that knowledge will be generally diffused among them.

1080. In the *Mahometan countries*, Turkey, Arabia, Persia, East Persia, and Northern Africa, it is considered very important to read the Koran. A considerable portion of the people are taught to read and write the Arabic in which it is written; but it is not thought necessary to understand it, and the language is spoken only in Arabia. Hence the knowledge which is gained is small, and even this is not usually extended to the lower classes.

There is usually a school near every mosque, often founded by charity; and instruction is every where given by the moolahs, or priests.

In *Persia*, great attention is paid to the knowledge of manners, and the forms and compliments of society.

In *Cabul*, there is a schoolmaster in almost every village, who is maintained by an allotment of land, and a small contribution from his scholars; but they read to a great extent without understanding, and not one quarter of the lower classes can read their own language.

1081. *The Mahometan Tartars* of Eastern Russia adopt a similar course, and one-fifth of the people, as far east as Astrachan, are able to read. Among the Moors of the African deserts the children are taught to trace the letters of the Koran in the sand, thus learning to read and write at the same time. The plan of mutual instruction, which is the fundamental peculiarity of the British schools, has long been practised here.

1082. In *Hindoostan*, schools are numerous, and children are taught at a small expense, on the same plan. They usually begin at five years old to write in the sand, and afterwards on palmetto leaves with a reed pen. A number of schools have been established by Christian Missionaries, in which many are receiving a course of elementary instruction, together with moral and religious knowledge.

1083. In *China*, schools are established in almost every town and village, and a large part of the people are taught to read and [195] write, sufficiently for the common purposes of business. The poor have no other knowledge than is necessary to follow the profession of their fathers. A Chinese treatise on the education of the higher classes, styles 'religion, music, archery, horsemanship, writing, and accounts,' the essential points of knowledge.

1084. *The Japanese* also have numerous elementary schools, and appear to be among the best educated people of Asia. Gymnastic exercises are taught; and domestic economy, and the history of their own country, are deemed indispensable to a good education. Almost all can read and write. Copies of the laws are put up in public places, so that all may become familiar with them.

1085. In *Siam and Burmah*, the children of the higher classes are placed in the convents of the Talapoins, or monks, to learn reading, writing, and accounts; and are taught precepts of morality, combined with lessons in the practice of cunning and fraud. Many of the lower classes are also taught to read.

1086. *Java, and the Asiatic Islands* generally, are characterized by the want of education; many of the chiefs, even in this advanced state of society, being unable to read and write. The fierce, barbarous character of the *Malays* leads to a similar state of things among them. It is scarcely necessary to state, that among the Savage and Barbarous nations of Australia, Polynesia, Africa, and America, instruction in the use of books is unknown. Songs and tales relating to their history, or fables, are the only subjects of intellectual instruction.

1087. The present Bashaw of *Egypt*, appears anxious to promote the education of the higher classes. For this purpose

he has founded at least one important public institution, has procured European teachers, and provides for the education of a number of youth.

(II.) LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

1088. *Universities* are generally understood to furnish a complete course of instruction in Classical Literature, Mathematical and Natural Science, and in Law, Theology, and Medicine. They are usually provided with extensive libraries, philosophical and chemical apparatus, collections of minerals and anatomical preparations, and botanical gardens.

1089. *The colleges and universities of Europe* differ materially from those of the United States. They are rather places of study for such as wish to acquire knowledge. Scarcely any control or care is exercised over the character and conduct of the students, and their efforts are chiefly voluntary.

1090. *In the universities of Germany*, the whole instruction is given by professors, divided into four faculties—Theology, Law, Medicine, and Philosophy; the last including all subjects not comprised in the three preceding. The professors are appointed by government, which pays them a regular salary. Each chooses the subject of his lectures from the branches of his own faculty, and delivers as many courses as he thinks proper. The students attend such lectures as they please, and pay a small fee to the professor. They are not subject to any discipline or examination in the pursuit of their studies.

Degrees are given only to such as undergo a public examination, and hold a disputation on such subjects as they choose, with the learned men of the university. Dissipation and vice unhappily exist to a great extent, although rigorous laws exist, designed to guard against them. Still a considerable number of [196] students are distinguished for their intense application to study.

There are twenty-eight universities in Germany. Those of Gottingen, Leipsic, Berlin, and Halle, are the most distinguished. Vienna and Prague are the best Catholic Universities.

1091. *In the Gymnasia*, or higher schools of Germany, a thorough course of instruction is given, which nearly resembles that of American Colleges.

1092. *Most of the universities of Europe* are conducted on the plan of those in Germany.

Norway has a literary institution of distinction at Christiana. The two principal universities of *Sweden* are at Upsal and Lund. That of Upsal is celebrated for the learned men educated in it. There are also twelve gymnasia, or classical schools in the kingdom, supported by government.

Denmark has universities at Copenhagen and Kiel. Copenhagen is the great centre of literature and science. Kiel has a celebrated observatory. There is also a college at Odensee; and 50 classical schools are supported by the crown.

1093. *The Netherlands* have six universities, at Leyden, Utrecht, Groningen, Louvain, Ghent, and Liege, which have long been celebrated. There are also seven other institutions, called Athenæ, at Amsterdam, Brussels, and other large towns, which differ from universities only in not conferring degrees.

1094. *Prussia* has six universities—the principal at Berlin, Halle, Königsberg, and Breslau; but they have produced fewer distinguished men than others in Germany.

Austria has universities at Prague, Pest, Eslau Lemberg, Vienna, Freyberg, and Innsbruck, which have not attained a high rank; and there are several in Austrian Italy. Those of Vienna and Prague are the principal.

1095. *Switzerland* has colleges at Berne, Zurich, and Lucerne, and universities at Geneva and Basle. The university at Geneva has been very celebrated for its learned men. Switzerland was also the seat of the celebrated institution of Pestalozzi, and still is of that of Fellenberg, in which the most valuable improvements in education have been devised. In the latter, mechanical and agricultural employments have been connected with literary pursuits.

1096. *In Russia, there are universities* at Abo, Petersburg, Kiev, Moscow, Wilna, Dorpat, Charkov, and Kazan, in which the sciences are well taught. Those of Abo, Petersburg, and Kiev are the principal. The teachers of science in Russia have generally been foreigners, who have been sent for, or patronized by the emperor. *Petersburgh* contains a number of institutions for naval, military, scientific, legal, and theological education. At *Odessa* is a college, established by the Greek merchants of that city. In 1820, it contained 350 youths, who were instructed in the Greek language, and in all branches of science, by professors of their own nation.

There are also many *academies and colleges* established in Russia, for giving a superior education; but the system is not in full operation. About 9000 young men were educated at the expense of government in 1820, and a degree from a university is now necessary to obtain many public offices.

[197] 1097. *In Italy, there are universities or colleges* in most of the large cities—Rome, Naples, Bologna, Venice, Florence, Mantua, Padua, Parma, Pavia, Genoa, Turin, Milan, Palermo, &c. Bologna is among the first, and most richly furnished with professors. Some of these universities are rather collections of schools, intermediate between the German Universities and Gymnasia.

1098. *Spain* has eleven universities, but in a low state; the principal of which is at Salamanca. The modern improvements in science are not taught. Latin, and the scholastic logic and theology of the seventeenth century, are the principal subjects of attention. The universities of *Portugal*, at Coimbra and Evora, are in a similar state.

1099. *In Brazil, there is scarcely the appearance of literature or education.* The institutions of the *Spanish colonies in America* are much like those of the mother country, except that the practical sciences, important in the working of the mines, are more attended to. Santa-Fé de Bogota has a university, with two well-endowed colleges, and a good library. Lima, Quito, Caraccas, Guamanga, and Santiago have also universities.

Mexico is distinguished for its valuable establishments for the promotion of science. A university has recently been established at Cordova, in *La Plata*, and a college at Buenos Ayres, with a state library of 20,000 volumes.

1100. *In France, all institutions for education are subject to a board of officers, styled the University of France.* The kingdom is divided into 26 territorial divisions, called academies, corresponding to the divisions of the courts of appeal, in each of which is one or more faculties. Their places of education are divided into primary and secondary schools, lycea, colleges, &c.

There are no institutions in which all the branches of knowledge are taught; but the institutions of Theology, Law, Medicine, and Science, are separated. Each diocess has a theological school of 3 professors. There are two law schools of 5 professors, and five medical schools of 9 professors. The principal are at Paris, Montpellier, and Strasburg. There are also distinct institutions for the mathematical sciences and literature. All these have the power of conferring degrees in their own departments.

1101. *The Lycea and Colleges of France* appear to be schools of science and classical literature, like the German gymnasia, and corresponding very nearly to our colleges in their influence. Dancing and Music are among the branches of instruction.

In addition to these, there are military schools—schools for the blind—for the deaf and dumb—for geography—for the oriental languages—and for instruction in various arts important to the public service—the building of bridges, preservation of forests, &c.

1102. *In Scotland, the university of Edinburgh* is the most celebrated medical school in the world. Instruction is here given, as on the continent, entirely by lectures, and the attendance of the students is voluntary. *The Scotch universities at Glasgow, Aberdeen, and St. Andrews* have more resemblance to American Colleges; but only 6 or 7 months in the year are devoted to instruction. [198] Aberdeen contains two distinct universities, King's College, and Marischal College.

Examinations, as well as lectures, are holden on every subject; the conduct of the students is attended to; and a weekly meeting holden for account and censure.

The students formerly resided in the college buildings, and lived at a common table; but this plan has been abandoned. Degrees are given on examination, after a full course of study.

The Divinity School of Aberdeen, is formed of professors from both universities. The course continues four years.

1103. *The Universities of Cambridge and Oxford*, the only ones in England, have scarcely any resemblance to our colleges and universities. They have been described by an intelligent traveller as "collections of funds and buildings, libraries and learned men, designed in various ways to aid in the promotion of science." Each university consists of a number of colleges, endowed with funds for the support of fellows and scholars, and the distribution of prizes. They are conducted on different principles, according to the direction of the donors. There is a formal course of public instruction, by lectures on science, and examinations in classical and mathematical learning; but these are little attended to by the students, and produce little effect. Degrees are given, of course, after four years residence; and to noblemen after two years, without examination.

Almost all the knowledge acquired in these institutions, is by voluntary study, under the direction of the tutors in private lessons. The students are stimulated in their pursuits by the establishment of honorary distinctions and prizes, and annuities for the support of scholars and fellows, which are distributed to those who hold the highest rank at an examination. The fellows receive a support at the university for life, with the expectation that they will devote their time to scientific and literary pursuits. The libraries of these universities are very large and valuable. The number of learned men is very great. The course of medical instruction is defective. London has long had medical schools which rival that of Edinburgh. A university has recently been established here.

Oxford is the most ancient of the universities. It now contains 20 colleges, and 8 halls, many of them remarkable for beauty or grandeur; and maintains about 1100 officers, fellows, and students, besides accommodating a large number of independent students.

Cambridge contains 13 colleges and 4 halls, not less magnificent than those of Oxford; and supports 1300 officers, fellows, and students.

1104. *In the universities and Colleges of the United States*, a collection of buildings is usually erected, in which the students reside, and live at a common table. They are in other respects organized on the plan of the colleges of Scotland; but several of them pursue a more extended course of study. Instruction is generally continued through the year, with short vacations.

The students are superintended and taught by a number of professors, who deliver lectures on particular branches; and tutors, who direct their studies more particularly, and examine them in their daily lessons. It is also considered [199] a part of their duty to inspect and regulate their conduct, and exercise a paternal care in forming their character. The course of study is usually four years; and degrees are conferred on examination, after a full course of instruction.

1105. New-England is more amply supplied with colleges than other parts of the Union, and receives a great number of students from other states.

1106. *Maine* has a flourishing literary institution and medical school, styled *Bowdoin College*, at Brunswick.

1107. *In New-Hampshire* is *Dartmouth College*, at Hanover. It was originally founded for the education of Indian youth; but is now similar to other colleges in its organization.

1108. *Vermont* has an institution styled the *University of Vermont*, at Burlington, which is patronized by the state; and a college at *Middlebury*, supported entirely by private bounty. At *Castleton* a medical school has recently been established, connected with *Middlebury College*.

1109. *In Massachusetts* is *Harvard University* at Cambridge, the oldest in the United States. It holds the first rank in the extent of its funds, library, and means of instruction, and the number of its professors. A theological school at Cambridge, and a medical school in Boston are connected with it. This state also has a college, called *Williams' College*, at Williamstown; and another at *Amherst*. In *Berkshire County*, is a medical institution connected with *Williams' College*.

1110. In *Connecticut* is *Yale College* at New-Haven, which was next to Harvard in the period of its foundation, and is one of the first in the United States. It has very limited funds, but an extensive apparatus for chemical and philosophical instruction; and the finest cabinet of minerals in the United States. A medical college, a theological, and law school, are connected with it. At Hartford is *Washington College*, an institution recently established; and at *Litchfield*, is a law school of celebrity.

1111. *Rhode Island* has an institution at Providence, called *Brown University*, in which a course of medical instruction is given.

1112. The *Middle States* have a number of seats of learning, which hold a respectable rank.

1113. *New-York* has 3 colleges. *Columbia College*, in the City of New-York, was the fourth established in the United States. There is also a celebrated medical institution in this city; and a law school, connected with *Columbia College*. *Union College* at Schenectady is a valuable institution, which has a fine collection of buildings, situated on a rising ground at a little distance from the town. *Hamilton College*, at Clinton near Utica, is of recent origin, but has advanced rapidly to a flourishing state.

1114. In *Pennsylvania*, the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, is chiefly distinguished for its course of medical instruction. *Dickinson College*, at Carlisle, was one of the early institutions of the country, and is now reviving from a declining state. *Alleghany College* is a recent institution, established at Meadville. *Jefferson College*, at Canonsburgh, 18 miles from Pittsburgh, and *Washington College*, not far from it, are also recent establishments, but have a respectable number of students.

1115. *New-Jersey* has a flourishing college at Princeton, styled *Nassau Hall*. It was among the earliest institutions of our country, and has produced some of our most celebrated men.

1116. The *Southern States* are not so well provided with literary institutions, and a large number of their youth are educated in the Northern States.

1117. *Maryland* has distinguished schools of medicine and law at Baltimore and a Catholic College. In the *District of Columbia* is a Catholic College at Georgetown; and a Baptist institution, called the *Columbian College*, has recently been founded in the city of Washington.

1118. *Virginia* has established a university for the state at Charlottesville, with ample funds, to which \$15,000 are annually appropriated. Extensive and elegant buildings have been erected, comprising 104 dormitories for students, with 5 hotels, or boarding houses, and several houses for the professors. At Williamsburg is the college of *William and Mary*, founded in the reign of those sovereigns; which at one period had nearly fallen to decay, but is now revived. At Lexington, in Rockbridge County, is *Washington College*, partially endowed by Gen. Washington. *Hampden Sidney College* is a flourishing college in Prince Edward County.

1119. *North Carolina* has a *State University* at Chapel Hill, liberally patronized, and rapidly advancing in usefulness and respectability.

1120. *South Carolina* has a *University* at Columbia, founded in 1801, which is richly endowed from the public funds. At Beaufort there is a chartered college, provided with buildings, but not organized.

1121. The *University of Georgia* consists of a well endowed College, called Franklin College, at Athens, and a number of academies or preparatory schools, one of which is to be established in each county, under the direction of a body, styled the *Senatus Academicus*.

1122. In the *Western States*, a number of colleges have been founded on the appropriation of land made by Congress; but several have not gone into operation; and others have not risen above the rank of respectable academies.

1123. In *Mississippi*, is *Jefferson College*, at Washington near Natches, which has a building, but no regular course of collegiate instruction.

1124. *Tennessee* has colleges at *Greenville* and *Knoxville* in East Tennessee, and *Nashville* in West Tennessee. Another college is chartered in East Tennessee at Washington.

1125. *Kentucky* has a college at *Danville*. At Lexington is a flourishing

university, styled the *Transylvania University*, which comprises a law school and a medical institution. It holds the first rank among the institutions of the Western States, in the number of its professors and students, and the extent of its course of instruction.

1126. In *Ohio*, is the *Cincinnati University*, at Cincinnati, which has a [201] medical school and a respectable literary institution. At *Athens* also a college is in operation. The *Western Reserve College* is yet in its infancy.

1127. Besides these colleges there are numerous *classical and scientific schools of a higher order in the United States*, usually termed *academies*. But the course of instruction is by no means so extensive and minute as in European gymnasia. A few are established upon funds bestowed by private donors, and in some states they are supported by law; but they are generally dependent on the immediate contributions of individuals, and the fees of tuition.

1128. *Institutions for the education of the deaf and dumb*, have been in successful operation for several years, at Hartford, (Conn.) New-York, and Philadelphia; and one or two have been commenced in the Western States.

1129. Among the most distinguished scientific institutions in the United States, is the *Military Academy* at West Point, on the Hudson River. It is said to rival or surpass the best establishments of this kind in Europe. A very thorough course of instruction is given in the natural, and especially the mathematical sciences, (extending to the highest branches, in their application to the military art) the French language, drawing, and the elements of moral and political philosophy.

There are two hundred and fifty students, supported by the United States, each for five years. They reside in a large building, live at a common table, and are continually subject to military discipline. They are daily exercised by companies, in military manoeuvres; and are encamped at least 3 months in the year. Each in his turn, has an opportunity of learning the duties of a common soldier, and of every grade of office. Those who finish the course of five years, are considered candidates for vacancies which may occur among the officers of the army.

At *Middletown in Connecticut*, there is a private institution on a plan nearly similar, superintended by Captain Partridge, the late commander at West Point.

1130. We find *institutions* termed universities and colleges among the *Mahometan, and other Half-Civilized nations*; but we know little of their plan of instruction. In these countries, science of course is not taught, because it is not known; and scarcely any thing is acquired beyond a knowledge of their religion and laws. Among the Persians, who appear to rank with the most learned people in the East, Philosophy and Metaphysics are also taught, and Poetry is cultivated.

1131. *Arabia* has two celebrated Academies of a higher order, in the province of Yemen, one at Zebid and the other at Damar, and colleges in other cities. In *Turkey and Persia*, a madresse, or college is usually connected with every mosque, superintended by the priests. The principal colleges in Turkey, are connected with the mosques of Constantinople and Adrianople.

1132. *The Mahometan Tartars of Russia* have academies at Kazan, Tobolsk, and Astrachan.

Bucharia has several colleges prepared for students, one of which, designed for Mahometan priests, has 300 apartments. *Samarcond* was a seat of science [202] in ancient times, and is now resorted to from all quarters, for the acquisition of Mahometan learning. Peshawer, in Cabul, also has a public seminary.

1133. *Tibet, China, and Farther India*, have their places of education of a higher order; but little is known of them.

1134. In *Hindoostan*, the Brahmins form the literary class of the community. They have a number of schools for instruction in their mythology and literature, of which Benares is the most celebrated.

1135. *Literary institutions have been established in Hindoostan by the British government.*

At *Fort William*, in Calcutta, there is a college for the education of young men designed for the service of the East India Company. It is chiefly devoted to the languages, laws, and institutions of the Hindoos.

In *Poonah*, another college has been instituted under the sanction of the government, for the preservation of Hindoo literature, and the education of young men of the Brahmin cast, in the learning of India. Ten native professors are appointed. All young men of respectability are allowed to attend gratis, and the government partially maintain 100 students, in each branch of study.

1136. Several institutions have also been founded in India, by the benevolence of Christian individuals and societies. At *Benares* is an institution like that of Poonah, founded by the benevolence of an English gentleman. It contains nearly 2000 students, from 12 to 18 years of age, most of whom receive a partial support from the funds. The course of study embraces twelve years. Quarterly and annual examinations and disputations are holden, and prizes distributed to encourage application.

At *Cotym*, in the country of the Syrian Christians, on the Malabar coast, a college has been established by the English Church Missionary Society, for the education of the Syrian priests. A system of preparatory schools has also been connected with it.

1137. In Egypt the present Bashaw has established a Military School, in which it is stated that 700 pupils are now receiving elementary instruction; 30 are studying the Italian language, and 30 are attending to a course of medicine under the direction of foreign teachers. The Bashaw has also sent 40 young Egyptians to receive an education at Paris.

1138. The United States and Great Britain have a number of *institutions exclusively devoted to the education of clergymen*.

The principal establishments of this kind in Great Britain, are at Homerton, Stepney, and Bristol, in England, for Congregationalists or Independents; at Glasgow and Aberdeen in Scotland, for Presbyterians, and at Maynooth, in Ireland, for Catholics.

In *Catholic countries*, every monastery has a classical and theological school connected with it.

1139. The following are tables of the principal universities and colleges in Europe and the United States; and of the theological institutions of our own country.*

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THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS.

<i>Denomination.</i>	<i>Places.</i>	<i>Prof.</i>	<i>Stud.</i>	<i>Lib'y.</i>
Congregational	Bangor, Me.	2	30	
do	Andover, Mass.	4	132	5,000
Presbyterian	Auburn, N. Y.	3	21	
do	Princeton, N. J.	3	120	6,000
Dutch Reformed do.	New-Brunswick, N. J.	2	15	800
Episcopal	New-York	2	22	900
Baptist	Washington, D. C.	3		
do	Waterville, Me.	3	57	
do	Hamilton, N. Y.			
Lutheran	Hartwick, N. Y.		10	1,000
Presbyterian Union	Prince Edward Co. Va	1	21	
Lutheran	Gettysburg, Penn.	1		7,000
Presbyterian	Maryville, Tenn.	2		3,000
Unitarian	Cambridge, Mass.	3	42	
Episcopalian	Fairfax Co., Va.	2	14	
Presbyterian	Alleghany Town, Penn.	1		
Baptist	Rock Spring, Ill.	3	14	1,000
Congregational	New Haven, Conn.	2	44	
Baptist	Newtown, Mass.	2		
Roman Catholic	Baltimore, Md.			

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UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

UNITED STATES.

<i>Colleges.</i>	<i>Prof.</i>	<i>Tut.</i>	<i>Academ. Students</i>	<i>Med. ical.</i>	<i>Total Stud.</i>	<i>Library.</i>
Yale	4	2	123	52	175	5,000
Hartmouth	8	2	141	73	241	6,000
Middlebury			89			2,000
—Castleton Med. Inst.				126	215	
Burlington, Un. of Ver.	7		43	55	108	1,000
Harvard University	20	5	267	76	386	25,000
<i>(32 Theological students.)</i>						
Williams' College	3	2	118			
—Berkshire Medical Inst.	7			84	202	
Amherst	3	1	126		126	8,500
Brown University	8	2	157		157	9,000
Cale College	13	7	374	71	473	3,500
Columbia	5	2	140		140	5,000
Union	4	2	234		234	2,000
Hamilton	3	2	110		110	8,000
Nassau Hall	3	3	121		121	3,000
Dickinson			77		77	2,000
Washington (Penn.)	2	2	50		50	1,000
Jefferson			60		60	
Baltimore College			150		150	valuable
St. Mary's	4	2	86			
Columbian		12	150		150	7,000
Catholic Un. Georgetown	4					3,500
William and Mary	2		120		120	
Hampden Sidney	5	3	173		173	
University of North Carolina	4	2	100		100	5,000
University of South Carolina	4	2	80		80	2,000
Franklin College (Georgia)			30		30	
Greenville	13	3	124	197	369	3,000
Transylvania University						
<i>(48 Law students.)</i>						
Knoxville	2		28			3,000
Cincinnati	1		40			
Athens University			120			
University of Pennsylvania	17			450	500	9,000
Washington (Conn.)	3	1			85	7,000
Rutger's College (N.J.)						
Cumberland (Tenn.)						
Centre (Ky.)						
Geneva (N. Y.)						
Kenyon (Ohio)						

EUROPE.

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	<i>Students</i>	<i>Library.</i>		<i>Students</i>	<i>Library.</i>
Oxford (on the books)	3,000		Leipsic	84 prof. 1,300	160,000
Salamanca, 60 prof.	3 to 400	20,000	Prague	55 prof. 1,449	100,000
Cambridge, Eng	2,147	100,000	Copenhagen		700
Edinburgh, 27 prof.	2,019	50,000	Halle, Prus. 54 prof.		1,000
Saragossa	2,000		Palermo		500
Leyden	300	50,000	Aberdeen	3 to 400	13,000
Glasgow	1,400		Padua, It.		300
Upsal	1,200	40,000	Tubingen, Ger.		300
Göttingen, 40 prof.	1,500	300,000	Kiel	100 to 150	
Vienna	1,600	350,000	Lund	300	20,000

LIBRARIES.

1140. Books are rendered more useful among civilized nations, by their collection and preservation in *public libraries*. The following is a list of the principal libraries in the world.

TABLE OF LIBRARIES.

	Volumes.		Volumes.
Paris, (Royal)	300,000	Copenhagen University . . .	60,000
—(<i>manuscripts</i>)	70,000	Petersburgh, (Hermitage) . . .	60,000
Rome, (Vatican)	500,000	Edinburgh University	50,000
Munich, (Royal)	400,000	Leyden do.	50,000
Petersburgh, (Imperial) . . .	300,000	Geneva do.	50,000
Vienna, (Imperial)	300,000	Gotha do.	50,000
Gottingen, (University) . . .	200,000	Dublin do.	50,000
Copenhagen, (Royal)	270,000	Coimbra do.	40,000
Dresden, (Royal)	150,000	Upsal do.	40,000
Berlin, (Royal)	200,000	Mafra Coll. (Portugal) . . .	40,000
Wolfenbuttel	200,000	St. Andrew's University . . .	36,000
Stutgard	170,000	Dantzic	30,000
Bologna	150,000	Lambeth	25,000
Paris, (Arsenal)	150,000	Cambridge University	25,000
Milan (Ambrosian)	60,000	Philadelphia	22,000
—(<i>manuscripts</i>)	15,000	Boston Athenæum	21,000
Prague	100,000	Berne	20,000
Madrid, (Royal)	100,000	Escorial	20,000
Brussels	100,000	Lund	20,000
Paris, (St. Genevieve)	110,000	Salamanca	20,000
Vienna University	103,000	Buenos Ayres, (State Library)	20,000
Lyons	106,000	New-York	14,650
Bordeaux	105,000	Aberdeen University	13,000
Gratz	105,000	Baltimore	10,000
Paris, (Pantheon)	102,000	Abo University	10,000
Hamburgh	100,000	Washington, (Congress) . . .	8,000
Cambridge University	100,000	Princeton College	8,000
Frankfort on the Maine	100,000	Yale College	9,000
Weimar	100,000	Georgetown College	6,000
Florence	90,000	Salem Athenæum	5,000
Edinburgh, (Advocates)	70,000	Andover Theol. Seminary . . .	5,000
Turin	69,000	Union College, (New-York) . .	5,000

[205] 1141. *The libraries of Europe* are the most valuable in the world. Those of Paris, and many others on the continent, are open to all persons, at certain hours of the day. Those of the German and American Universities, are accessible to all the students. Those of the English Universities are divided into small portions, in the different colleges; and are subject to various restrictions, which greatly diminish their usefulness.

1142. There is no considerable library in the *United States*, which is open to all, like those of Paris. The largest library is that of the University at Cambridge. Those of Philadelphia, and of the Boston Athenæum, are nearly as large. Those of New-York, Baltimore, and Charleston, are next in rank. All our public libraries united, do not contain as many volumes as one of the largest in Europe. There are, however, numerous town and village libraries, in all parts of the country, which serve a more valuable purpose, in the general diffusion of knowledge.

NATIONAL CHARACTER.

1143. *The character of nations is marked, in some measure, with the peculiarities of the race to which they belong. It is also affected, directly or indirectly, by the influence of physical causes, climate, soil, &c.; but it is chiefly determined by the influence of moral causes—government, religion, and the state of society.*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RACES.

1144. *The European race embraces all the civilized and enlightened nations now existing in the world; and it is therefore common to consider this race as the most intelligent. It is remarkable that there is no example known, even in history, of a tribe of this race, which was not so far civilized as to till the ground or rear cattle.*

1145. *The Russians, Cossacs, Turks, Tartars, and the nations around the Caspian Sea, who form the Caucasian family of the European race, are said to be distinguished for a restless, impetuous, warlike disposition, and have little aptitude for science or refinement.*

1146. *The Highland-Scotch, Irish, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Italians, and Greeks, who form the Celtic family, usually have strong passions and lively dispositions; and all except the Spanish, Portuguese, and Italians, are conspicuous for activity, ingenuity, vivacity, and enterprise.*

1147. *The Gothic or German family, including the Germans, Danes, Hollanders, Swedes, Norwegians, and Icelanders, are also ingenious, but usually phlegmatic, and most distinguished for patient, persevering industry. The Swedes are the most lively.*

1148. *Of the Asiatic or Mongolian race, the Burmans, Mongols, and some other Tartar tribes are active, bold, and fond of war.*

The Chinese, Japanese, and other nations east of the Ganges, are generally mild and timid, and make few improvements in knowledge and arts.

The dwarfish tribes of the Asiatic race, that inhabit the northern regions of Europe, Asia, and America, are dull, filthy and [206] indolent in their natural state; but mild, gentle, and docile. They include the Esquimaux and Samoiedes.

1149. *The American and Malay races are generally bold, active, and crafty; and patient under fatigue and suffering. The Malays are distinguished for levity, treachery, and cruelty.*

The North American Indians are generally grave, hospitable,

and generous in their dispositions ; and a high degree of native intelligence and eloquence is found among their warriors and chiefs.

Many of the *independent tribes of South America* have the same character. Others are marked by a great degree of natural ferocity and treachery. The *Peruvian Indians* are mild, patient, and remarkable for fidelity and honesty. The Indians subject to the European colonies, are degraded by oppression or slavery. The *Mestizoes* are distinguished for vivacity, and generally surpass the Spaniards in intelligence. The *Cholos* are remarkably active and sprightly ; and exhibit great skill in imitation, and the mechanic arts.

1150. Improvidence, thoughtlessness, and gayety are prominent characteristics of the *African race*, and they are passionately fond of music and dancing. "From the hour of sunset," says a traveller, "all Africa dances." They are generally considered less intelligent and ingenious than the other races. In Civilized countries, they have usually existed only in slavery—a state in which there is no opportunity for exhibiting or improving their intellectual powers. The Africans of Hayti give as much evidence of intelligence, as any nation so lately favoured with the means of instruction.

The *Hottentots*, and the *Papuan race* of Australia, are mild, but stupid, indolent, filthy, and sensual, and remarkably destitute of ingenuity and reflection. The *Hottentots*, however, have been found capable of improvement by education. The *Papuans* are in the most degraded state of any human beings yet discovered.

The *Caffres* are more bold, intelligent, active, and ingenious, than most other nations of the *African race* ; and appear to possess noble traits of character.

INFLUENCE OF PHYSICAL CAUSES.

1151. The character of the same race is sometimes modified by the influence of climate, soil, and situation.

The *inhabitants of hot countries* are generally indolent, and rarely exhibit the same activity and enterprise, or the same skill in sciences, as those of more temperate climates. This is true in the hot countries of Asia and Africa. The natives of warm climates are usually characterized, by the ardour and impetuosity of their *feelings*, and the liveliness of their *imagination*s. It is remarkable in the Persians, Arabs, and other inhabitants of Southern Asia ; and may be seen to some extent in the Southern United States.

1152. In advancing north, we usually find the ardour of feeling

decline, and the people of colder climates are more distinguished for active and persevering industry, and strong powers of reason and judgment. Such is the fact with the middle and northern [207] nations of Europe, compared with the southern.

The inhabitants of the middle and northern portions of the Temperate Zones, and of other regions corresponding to them in climate, have usually been the most intelligent, enterprising, and industrious of the race to which they belong.

The inhabitants of the countries near the Polar Circles, exhibit a stupid indolence and indifference of character, cherished by the gloom of their climate, which obliges them to spend a large portion of the year in confinement in their huts. This is striking in the Greenlanders, Esquimaux, Laplanders, and Samoiedes. The climate which will not permit the growth of the oak, does not bring the human powers to perfection.

1153. The character of nations is more influenced by the nature and situation of their country.

The inhabitants of fertile regions gain their subsistence so easily, that indolence is a prevailing characteristic. For this reason, they are seldom hardy or enterprising, and their slothful habits often lead to the practice of vice in an unusual degree. This is seen in the Hindoos, Turks, and most of the African nations; and in some degree, in the Portuguese and Italians.

1154. On the contrary, *the inhabitants of rough, barren countries, or those in which it is difficult to obtain a subsistence, are usually distinguished as hardy and enterprising. The habits of industry, which become necessary in order to gain a support, prevent them from the practice of many vices, and often render their situation more comfortable, than that of the people of more fertile countries. The Swedes, Norwegians, Icelanders, Scotch, Swiss, and New-Englanders, are striking examples to illustrate this principle. The unusual industry and comfort found among the Swiss, in the midst of their barren mountains, are singularly contrasted with the indolence, filthiness, and poverty observed on the rich plains of the south of Italy.*

The situation of Holland, requiring the constant efforts of the people to preserve it from the irruptions of the sea, and to obtain support, has produced a similar effect in that country. The mountain tribes of Persia and Turkey, and the Arabs of the desert, are far more hardy and industrious, and less corrupt also, than the inhabitants of the fertile regions around them; and keep the latter in perpetual fear, from their superior military prowess.

1155. *In an Island or a country situated on the sea coast, a spirit of enterprise and adventure usually exists in a higher degree*

than in inland countries, where there is nothing to lead the people from their homes. Great Britain, Holland, Norway, and the seacoast of the northern United States, furnish striking examples of this, when contrasted with Austria, and the interior of Germany and Pennsylvania.

INFLUENCE OF MORAL CAUSES.

1156. *The diffusion of knowledge*, and especially moral and religious knowledge, by means of schools, books, and public teachers, [208] is the only foundation of national virtue; and the effects may be seen in Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, and New-England.

On the other hand, *general ignorance* is almost invariably attended with general corruption, as is fully exhibited in Russia, and the Catholic countries of Europe. A marked distinction may be observed, even among the towns of our own country, proportioned to the means of instruction they enjoy.

Hence *the means of intellectual and moral instruction* and social intercourse, have a large share in forming the character of a nation. The causes which influence the former, also affect the latter; and the state of knowledge, as already described, will enable us to form some estimate of the character of a people.

POPULATION.

1157. In nations which are similar in other respects, the state of population has much influence on national character.

A population which is dense, without being crowded, so as to render intercourse easy, and to allow the establishment of public worship and of the means of instruction, within the reach of the inhabitants, is most favourable to virtuous habits. In such countries, as in Switzerland, Sweden, and the northern United States, there are few large cities crowded with people, and the inhabitants are generally settled in villages, or scattered upon farms.

1158. *In a country very thinly settled*, the people cannot have that frequent intercourse or connection, which is so important to improvement in arts and manners. To this cause is to be ascribed in some measure, the savage character of many nations, inhabiting countries which will not support a dense population; as in Siberia, the northern regions of North America, and the deserts of Africa. Even in cultivated countries which are thinly settled, the progress of improvement is checked by these circumstances. This observation is exemplified in the western portions of the United States, and in all newly settled countries; and from the influence of these causes, colonies are usually far behind the mother country in knowledge, arts, and moral improvement.

1159. On the other hand, it is found that when there is a *crowded population*, as in large cities, vice, poverty, and misery are greatly increased. In these cases, the few who become wealthy, are rendered indolent by their wealth; many of those who depend on them for support, cannot obtain employment without difficulty, and are led into vicious habits, or resort to beggary or dishonesty for subsistence. The operation of these causes may be seen in the general contrast of the city with the country. Striking illustrations are furnished by the great cities of Europe, which present a mass of wretchedness and vice, entirely unknown in the United States. In Paris, one-third of the deaths occur in the public hospitals.

STATE OF SOCIETY.

1160. The character of nations is especially influenced by their *government, religion, and state of society*.

Savages are in the childhood of society; and a singular freedom from *ordinary vices* is found in some nations, especially [209] those inhabiting islands, oftener from the want of temptation, than from any peculiarity of character. Thus they do not value *property*, because it will not procure them any additional enjoyments which they regard; they are therefore often free from the vices, which arise from the desire of wealth among civilized nations, and are ready to practise hospitality and generosity. In some respects, they exhibit great purity of morals; while in others of equal or greater importance, they abandon themselves to the worst of crimes.

In warfare and revenge, and in pursuit of honour, which is the chief object of desire, they practise the basest treachery and the most dreadful cruelties, even on the helpless and defenceless. *They unite* in small tribes or communities, and the members of the same tribe are strongly attached to each other, and to their allies; but they usually agree in the most deadly hatred towards other tribes. The North American Indians and Savage tribes of Africa sustain this character.

Savages are so generally free from the restraints of law and government, that they *are characterized* by a bold, independent, and lawless spirit. Fortitude and patience under extreme sufferings, and great command of passions, are striking traits in the character of the American Indians; and they esteem it an honour to be tortured by their enemies, that they may have an opportunity of exhibiting these qualities.

As there are no means of obtaining justice, and each man is left to protect his own rights, a revengeful spirit is continually cherished, which is not restrained either by law or religion.

1161. *In gaining a subsistence*, savages are almost always careless and improvident, rarely laying up stores for the future, and consuming or destroying at a single meal, what might support them for some time. They are restless in their *disposition*, and will endure any toil and hardship in the chase or fisheries, or in war. But they are extremely averse to most kinds of regular *labour*, and esteem it a degrading employment, suited only for females. They are usually very *superstitious*, believing in charms, incantations, and the supernatural power of sorcerers.

1162. *Barbarous nations*, like the Tartars, Arabs, &c. have much of the ferocity, boldness, and independence of savages. *Robbery* usually prevails to a great extent, and is considered honourable. The aspect of the whole community is rough and turbulent, and there is little security for life or property. *Hospitality*, or at least its forms still prevail, and a stranger is usually provided for when he throws himself on their protection, though he may be robbed if he does not. But the Arabs, who are most remarkable for this custom, will sometimes take measures to deceive a traveller, and prevent his coming to their tents.

Barbarous nations are also marked by strong attachment, and warm social affections in the tribe, and hostility to other tribes. Those of Africa are chiefly under despotic government, and the people are in a state of slavery, which tends to depress and corrupt them.

[210] In the Savage and Barbarous nations of the world, the influence of the *Pagan religion* is generally united to that of their state of society, and admits the same unrestrained indulgence of appetite and ferocity.

1163. In *Half-Civilized nations*, the independent, warlike, and revengeful disposition of savages is diminished, by the establishment of laws or systems of government; and the passions and appetites are in some degree restrained. The habits and manners of the people are more uniform and regular. The whole spirit is that of imitation, and the principles and practices of their forefathers are adopted, without any effort or desire for improvement.

In these, and in Civilized countries, the government and religion are reduced so much to a system, that the character of the people must be referred chiefly to their influence.

GOVERNMENT.

1164. The influence of *despotic governments* is most completely felt in China, and other Half-Civilized countries of Asia, where it has prevailed for ages. The power of nobles and priests has been entirely checked by that of the sovereign.

The arts which contribute to magnificence and splendour, are often patronised, but general improvement is rather checked than

encouraged. Despotism prevails through every rank in society; the sovereign oppressing his officers, and they using the same authority over their inferiors. *The people* are orderly, and usually industrious; but tame, quiet, and feeble; without energy or enterprise; and they cannot withstand the attacks of Barbarous nations. Thus the Tartars overran Hindoostan and China, and still reign in these empires.

1165. *The moral character* is not less injured by a despotism. As the subject is liable to have the fruits of his labours taken from him, he has no motive to provide for any but his present wants, to make improvements, or to accumulate wealth. Not being able to defend himself by strength, he resorts to concealment and deception, to preserve his property, and protect himself from oppression; and practises flattery to gain favour. Hence fraud and flattery are the usual characteristics in despotic governments. China is said by the members of the late British embassy, to exhibit a uniform character of falsehood, through all ranks, from the emperor to the beggar.

1166. The same state of things exists in all absolute governments, in proportion to the degree of despotism, and to the state of civilization of the people. In the absolute monarchies of Civilized countries, the influence of the government is somewhat limited by the restraints of the Christian religion, and of the principles and customs produced by its influence, together with the greater amount of knowledge diffused among the people. But in Russia, Prussia, and in some parts of Austria, and in Italy, Spain, and Portugal, a character similar to that described prevails among the lower classes.

1167. In limited monarchies, the restraints which are placed on the power of the king, prevent the oppression and tyranny to which the subjects of a despotic government are exposed, and the habits of concealment, flattery, and fraud, are not so general. The people have some share of the government, and a spirit of independence is cherished. They are protected in the enjoyment of their property and rights; and are therefore encouraged to be industrious and enterprising, and to endeavour to make improvements. They are usually allowed to think and speak with freedom, and the powers of the mind are much more enlarged.

1168. Various degrees of liberty are enjoyed in different countries, which have a limited or free government; and the progress of improvement, and the moral condition of the people are proportioned to the liberty enjoyed.

Sweden, Norway, England, and Scotland, which have usually been the most free among the monarchical states, and the repub-

lics of Switzerland and the United States, have been *most distinguished for general intelligence and virtue*. In *republican governments*, where the greatest freedom is enjoyed, the people are remarkable for their independent, enterprising spirit, and the rapid progress of improvement.

RELIGION.

1169. *Religion* presents one of the most powerful motives which actuate man; and therefore the peculiar features of the system adopted by a nation, must affect their character materially.

The religious systems of Pagan nations are usually unfavourable, both to purity of morals and benevolence of disposition and under their influence, we find the human character in its most debased condition.

"Throughout all India," it is observed by a writer of eminence, "there is not such a thing as common honesty; and it is scarcely possible to administer justice, on account of the universal practice of perjury. The most shameful crimes are committed without disgrace; and, as has been already stated, the very worship of the gods is often attended with impurity and blood. In many of these nations, a person in distress is left to suffer or perish by his friends. The destruction of parents and children, the sick and feeble, are common customs.

1170. *Mahometans* are taught to regard those of other religions with contempt and hatred, and consider the knowledge of other nations either worthless or dangerous. Hence they are remarkably destitute of curiosity, and a desire for improvement. A spirit of haughtiness and bigotry is cherished, and general benevolence is in effect prohibited. They believe also, agreeably to the doctrine of fatalism, that no efforts influence the course of events and therefore exhibit peculiar indifference to disease and danger.

1171. Unlike all others, the *Christian Religion* inculcates benevolence towards all men, of every nation and of every religion.

It forbids every thing which inflicts suffering or evil, except for the safety of society. It requires the practice of every thing by which we can promote the welfare of others. Where its precepts are obeyed, it produces mutual kindness and good will among men, and prevents those crimes which destroy their peace. Although it is corrupted in many, and imperfectly practised in a countries where it prevails, it still meliorates the state of society [212] it banishes barbarous and cruel customs; and diminishes even the rigour of despotism.

It is almost exclusively in Christian countries, that we find provision made for the poor and the feeble, in *public alms-houses and hospitals*; and none but Christians seem to have thought of attempting to alleviate the miseries of other nations, or to communicate useful and religious knowledge to the ignorant by charity.

CONDITION OF FEMALES.

1172. The civilization and character of a nation are intimately connected with *the condition of the female sex*. When they are permitted to exert their proper influence, it tends to soften the ferocity and cruelty of manners, and check licentiousness; and the early education of children devolves so much upon them, that the progress of society must be materially affected, by the state of improvement among them.

It is common among *Mahometan nations* to consider them as beings without souls, made only to be the slaves of man, and the instruments of his pleasure. *Pagans* generally place them in the same rank with their domestic animals, and treat them in the same manner. In *China* they are often obliged to drag the plough; and they usually perform the most severe labours.

In *Half-Civilized countries*, those who do not labour, are bought and sold, and treated as prisoners and slaves, receiving no instruction except in music, embroidery or dancing. They are not usually permitted to have intercourse with society, and are not considered capable of mental improvement.

1173. The *Christian Religion* only, declares females to be immortal beings—recognizes their equality with men—and vindicates their claims to respect. As the natural result, it is in *Christian countries* only, that they are placed in their proper rank; but their situation varies even in these.

In a large part of *Germany, Austria, Poland, and Russia*, women of the lower classes are still employed in severe labours, which properly belong to the other sex; and even in *Sweden*, they often labour in the field. In most nations of Europe, music, dancing, and other personal accomplishments, are considered the only important acquisitions, even for the higher classes.

1174. *England, Scotland, and the United States* appear to be the only countries, in which attention is generally paid to the intellectual improvement of females; and the general standard of purity, in morals and manners, is more elevated than in any other nations.

The greatest attention is probably paid to female education in the United States, and numerous institutions have been established for this object. Some of these furnish an education as complete in all the most important and practical branches of knowledge, as the literary institutions designed for the other sex. None of them have that permanency of character, derived from funds or legislative patronage; and amidst the variety of their institutions, for every class of the ignorant and unfortunate, not one has been founded and endowed for the instruction of females.

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AGRICULTURE.

1175. The *state of agriculture* is connected with the *state of society*, and the knowledge and freedom of a people.

Among *Savage nations* it is scarcely known. In their native state, they have no instruments of metal for this purpose, and the wandering mode of life forbids their attention to it, as a regular employment. They prefer hunting and fishing, and depend chiefly on the products of these, and the spontaneous fruits of the earth for their subsistence.

The *Indians of North America* were in the habit of planting Indian corn to a very limited extent. Rude implements of stone were formerly their only tools; and the labour was assigned to the women. They are accustomed only to open the ground very slightly; and never occupy the same spot long enough to exhaust its strength.

The savage nations in the *hot countries* of South America, Africa, the Asiatic Islands, and Polynesia, scarcely attempt cultivation. The spontaneous productions of the earth, are ample sufficient for the support of the scattered inhabitants.

1176. Among *Barbarous nations*, the Arabs, Moors, Tartars and others who lead a wandering life, subsist chiefly on the milk and flesh of their cattle, horses, sheep, and camels. These tribes often possess large herds of cattle, and are continually roving from place to place in search of water and pasturage. They rarely attempt cultivation, and depend chiefly on such roots and vegetables as they find growing spontaneously. When they raise grain they only remain in one spot long enough to sow and reap a single crop; and despise those who are willing to settle and cultivate the same ground from year to year.

1177. The Barbarous nations who inhabit the *Torrid Zone*, Africa, Asia, and Polynesia, have ample supplies of food without any labour; and when they cultivate the earth, they have only to sow their seed and gather their crops. In these, as in all other Barbarous nations, the labour is assigned to the women; their implements are rude, and little skill is needed or desired. In Africa, maize, rice, millet, yams, and plantains are considerably cultivated; and cotton also, which is manufactured into clothing.

In *Polynesia*, the taro-root and the bread-fruit tree are important articles of food, and are raised as substitutes for grain. Among these nations, all the land belongs to the kings and chiefs, who can at any time seize it with its produce; and therefore there is no inducement to raise more than a necessary supply.

1178. Among Half-Civilized nations, the *Chinese and Japanese* have been led by the pressure of a crowded population, to

highest perfection in agriculture, as a practical art. In these countries, *rough grounds* are levelled, and even the sides of mountains are terraced, so that scarcely a spot is left uncultivated. They collect and preserve every thing that can be used as *manure*, even to the parings of the beard. Still they are ignorant of many important *principles and improvements*, found among civilized nations.

Both in China and Japan, the art is honoured and patronized by the emperor; [214] and in China, he goes annually into the field, and gives a feast in honour of agriculture. In Japan, uncultivated land may be occupied by any one who will till it.

1179. In *India*, the soil is fertile beyond that of most portions of the world. In the level regions on the Ganges and other rivers, at a great distance from the sea, it is a pure mould, watered with numerous streams; and in that hot climate, vegetation is so luxuriant, that it has been styled the garden of the world. *Cultivation* is easy, and no efforts are made at improvement. *Rice* is the principal support of the people.

Wheat and barley are cultivated in the more northern, elevated districts, bordering on the mountains, particularly Nepaul, Bootan, and Assam. Rice is raised in low lands, where water can be introduced to cover it, at certain periods of its growth. There are generally two crops in a year; one of rice and one of millet or pulse. Sometimes the crops are cut off by floods or drought, and dreadful famines ensue. In one of these, 3,000,000 probably perished, without the possibility of relief.

COUNTRIES ON THE MEDITERRANEAN.

1180. In *Western Asia and Northern Africa*, agriculture has probably been longer practised than in any other parts of the world; but among the Half-Civilized nations now occupying these regions, it has declined instead of improving by the lapse of ages.

In *Turkey and Persia*, the extortion of oppressive governments, and the frequent incursions of the robbers who inhabit the mountains, have discouraged effort; and these countries, which are naturally superior to most others in the world, are now among the least productive in the same latitude. The climate is so hot and dry, that irrigation is necessary, and often difficult; and many of the ancient canals for this purpose, have been suffered to decay.

The forests also have been entirely removed, and the sources of springs dried up. Tracts which were once very fertile, have thus been reduced to barren wastes, and even to deserts: and those spots which once contained a crowded population like that surrounding the ancient Babylon, are now scarcely habitable. The same remarks are applicable to a part of *Arabia*.

No *improvements* are made in these countries, but the same rude implements are in use as in ancient times, and grain is still trodden out with cattle. *East Persia* has a similar state of agriculture,

and the difficulty of tillage is increased by its dryness. The *Arabs* pull up their harvests by the roots, and cut their forage with a sickle. The *Turks* not only neglect but despise agriculture.

In all these countries, wheat, rice, cotton, and the sugar-cane are *articles of culture*; and in Arabia, the finest coffee is raised especially in the south.

1181. *Lower Egypt* derives so rich a soil, from the slime left by the annual inundations of the Nile, that it produces abundant crop [215] with very little labour. The water of the river is conducted by canals, or raised by machines, to every part of the vale of the Nile. Great quantities of excellent wheat as well as rye are produced, and there are usually three courses of crops in a year, in the Delta. The character of the *government* has been much improved within a few years, and this leads to the hope of an improvement in the state of the arts. Cotton is now an important product and article of export.

1182. *The Barbary States* generally resemble Turkey in their agriculture, from the influence of the same causes; but the greater extent of their commerce and navigation has led to more industry in this, and all other arts.

The same characteristics extend to *Turkey in Europe*; and indeed to the whole of southern Europe in some degree.

1183. *Spain, Portugal, and the South of Italy*, like the region which have been described, have a soil of great fertility, and warm climate, so dry as to render irrigation necessary. Like them, they have been subject to an oppressive government, which has palsied the efforts of industry, and checked the ardour of enterprise and improvement.

Sicily, which was once the granary of the Roman empire, now pays £1,000,000 per annum for imported grain. Large tracts of land lie waste, and the villages of the interior are very scantily supplied with bread. The *Islands of Sardinia and Corsica* are in a state much worse. The former is a waste, cultivated only in a few spots, the number of cattle and sheep is small; and the oppression of stewards discourages all efforts in the peasantry.

The south of *Italy*, with a luxuriant soil, loses half its value from the wretched system of agriculture. A considerable portion of the *Roman States* is left uncultivated. The western part, forming the Maremma and the Pontine Marshes, are very fertile and produce excellent pasturage; but are almost uninhabitable on account of their pestilential air. The country for some distance around *Rome*, which is said to have sustained a population of several millions in ancient times, is now a barren waste, where the traveller will not see a cottage, or a cultivated spot, for miles. *Spain and Portugal* are in a state somewhat similar.

1184. In these *countries*, as in others mentioned on the *Mediterranean*, the ancient system of agriculture is pursued, without any attempt at improvement. The *plough* is a crooked, heavy piece of timber, to which the oxen are usually fastened by the horns, and cuts the ground to a very small depth. Little care is taken in the collection of *manure*, or the preservation of the land, except in vegetable gardens. The adaptation of plants to various soils, is not understood; and the importance of a succession of different crops is unknown. The grain is still trodden out with oxen; and all the operations of agriculture are marked by similar rudeness.

1185. *Wheat* flourishes in all these countries, and forms an article of export from Egypt and Barbary, and some parts of Asia Minor. The grape, the fig, and the date are cultivated and dried, for food and exportation. The *vine* is an important article of culture, for the manufacture of wine. In Christian countries, this forms the chief drink of the people; and is produced in [216] considerable quantities for exportation, especially in Spain, Portugal, and Sicily. The *olive* is one of the most precious fruits of the countries on the Mediterranean, and is cultivated with great care in all of them. The oil is generally used as a substitute for butter, as well as in lamps. Considerable quantities are exported, especially from Italy.

The *barilla plant*, or sea-weed, is an important product of the coasts of Spain and Italy, and some other parts of the Mediterranean. It is burned into a coarse mass of ashes, called *barilla*, from which soda is obtained by a refining process. The Spanish province of Murcia alone, yields 9,500 tons of *barilla* annually.

Spain is distinguished for its vast flocks of *sheep*. They travel from province to province, and are permitted by a code of laws, called the *Mista*, to feed wherever pasture can be found. Five millions belonging to the inland provinces, are continually roving during the spring and summer, in flocks of 10,000. In the provinces on the coast, there are 8,000,000 more, which are stationary. Wool is of course an important product of Spain, and is raised for exportation; as it is in Barbary also.

MIDDLE REGIONS OF EUROPE.

1186. In all the north of Italy, the state of agriculture is far better than the south, apparently in consequence of a less oppressive government. Irrigation has been practised from an ancient period, and with great success. Some of the canals are more than 30 miles long, and 50 feet wide. Wheat, the olive, and the vine, are the most important articles of cultivation.

In *Tuscany*, *Lucca*, *Modena*, and *Parma*, industry and improvement are encouraged. The country is divided into small farms. Every acre seems to be occupied for grain, or vines, or olives, and a population of 200 to the square mile is supported.

Lombardy, or Austrian Italy, which forms the basin of the *Po*.

is extremely fertile ; and requires but a simple system of agriculture. The principal labour is that of distributing the water, the numerous streams over the plains. The whole country appears like a continued garden. The *dairies* are a source of great wealth, and the pastures are thus rendered as valuable as tilled land. The celebrated Parmesan cheese is exported from this region, to the value of 200,000 dollars annually.

In the *Milanese*, which lies also in the basin of the Po, divided between Austria and Sardinia, and in *Piedmont*, which lies wholly in Sardinia, the state of cultivation is nearly similar. The landlord and tenant divide the expenses and profits of the year.

1187. *Switzerland*, on account of the roughness of its surface, is best adapted to pasturage, and this is the chief dependence of the people. There is no defect of industry. *Cultivation* is extended to the most rugged and barren spots which permit it ; and *barley* is raised even to the edge of the glaciers. Still the *supply of grain* is insufficient for home consumption. In some districts, the inhabitants are almost strangers to the use of *bread*, and subsist on the produce of their dairies.

[217] In some of the valleys, and on the southern sides of the mountains, the *vine* is frequently cultivated with success.

1188. *The middle countries of Europe* extending from the Warm, through the Temperate, to the Cold Regions, may termed in reference to the agricultural products, a region of grain and vines. In the *southern parts of France, Austria, and Russia*, which enter the warm regions, the olive is an important article of culture. The *vine* is cultivated for the manufacture of wines in the middle portions. *Wheat and rye* are raised in great quantities, especially on the southern shores of the Baltic.

1189. In *Russia and Poland*, the enslaved state of the peasantry, and the ignorance which generally prevails, have prevented any considerable progress in agriculture.

In *Poland especially*, the state of cultivation is wretched ; crops are very scanty, compared with the fertility of the soil. The use of *manure* is unknown, and the fields are tilled with the *plough* only scratches the surface of the ground. The water is suffered to stagnate on the pastures till they are converted into marshes. Yet *grain and cattle* are raised and exported to a considerable amount.

The state of agriculture in *Russia* is nearly similar. It abounds in extensive steppes, often covered with grass growing to the height of a man, which form valuable *pasturage*, and render cultivation of meadows unnecessary. *Grazing* is the most common occupation. The inhabitants of the south and east, who are chiefly *Tartars*, do little else than tend their flocks and herds.

Sheep are so numerous, that in the southern provinces, a common Tartar often possesses 1,000 : and a rich man, 5,000. Although the *tillage* is wretched, the soil, like that of Poland, is very productive. *Hemp and Flax* are important articles of culture for exportation, in most parts of Russia. The *potatoe* is raised even as far north as Archangel. The middle and south of Russia abound in *fruit-orchards*, which supply the empire. Some of the species of apples are remarkable for their size and flavour.

1190. In *Prussia, Austria, and Germany*, agriculture is somewhat more advanced than in the south of Europe ; but still remains generally in a very imperfect state. Much valuable land is left uncultivated ; and scarcely any is sufficiently tilled to produce plentiful crops. The instruments of husbandry are rude, and its ancient practices are retained, in place of modern improvements.

In *Saxony, Baden*, and a few of the smaller states of Germany, some improvement is made. Generally the tillage is best, where the government is most free and mild, as in the Protestant states.

Prussia and Northern Germany, like Poland, raise large quantities of wheat and rye for exportation. The vine is cultivated, and furnishes some wine for exportation in Saxony, Southern Germany, and Austria.

1191. *France* is one of the finest countries in the world in soil and climate. In agriculture, it is much inferior to England. One-fifth more is produced on the same surface in England than in France. In the south, the practice of treading [218] out the grain with oxen is still retained ; and many similar customs are continued, without improvement.

One-half of the whole surface of France is *arable land*. One-fourth of the remainder, or one-eighth of the whole surface, is occupied by forests ; about the same quantity by *pastures* and meadows ; $\frac{1}{8}$ by towns, roads, rivers, &c. ; and $\frac{1}{8}$ is waste land. Great quantities of *wheat* are raised here, and the price of bread is lower than in England. The *vine* is a valuable article of culture in the middle and southern portions ; five millions of acres are covered with vineyards ; and large quantities of wine are exported, especially of Claret and Champagne. The *olive* is also an important fruit in the southern portion, lying on the Mediterranean.

1192. *Belgium*, or the southern part of the Netherlands, has been celebrated for 600 years, for the fertility of its soil, and the perfect state of its agriculture. It still shares with Lombardy and England, the title of the garden of Europe. A thin crop is rarely to be seen. By judicious changes of crops, and great care in exterminating weeds, the land is kept under *perpetual*

cultivation ; and the labours of a part of the inhabitants support a *population* of 215 to a square mile. Hemp and flax are extensively cultivated.

1193. *Holland*, or the northern portion of the Netherland is chiefly devoted to pasturage, which is remarkably fine. It is unfit for the cultivation of *grain* on account of its moisture, and the inhabitants are chiefly supplied from abroad. They pay great attention to their *dairies*, and make great quantities of butter and cheese for exportation.

They are so attentive to the warmth and cleanliness of the *cattle*, that they frequently clothe them when they are feeding in the pastures. Their cattle and horses are remarkably large and fine ; and they fatten great numbers of lean cattle from the interior of Europe. *Madder*, a root used in dying, and *tobacco* are extensively cultivated. The Dutch have also paid great attention to the cultivation of flowers ; and have furnished some of the most beautiful in the gardens of Europe.

BRITISH ISLES.

1194. In *England*, a great amount of capital is employed in agriculture ; and a dense population has given great encouragement to it, by the high price and ready sale of provisions. Great efforts have also been made to improve the system, by means of numerous societies, and the distribution of premiums for useful discoveries : and scientific men have made it more an object of study than in any other nation. From these causes, it is probably superior to that of any other country, and the products of the field and the dairy more rich and abundant.

Wheat is the most important article of culture in England. Extensive *orchards* are found in some districts ; and large quantities of cider are made. The whole number of acres in England and Wales is estimated at 37 millions ; of which 6 millions are *waste lands*. About 16 millions are devoted to *pasturage* [219] Twelve millions are under actual *tillage* ; of which 3 millions are supposed to be devoted to wheat.

New instruments and new modes of culture have been devised, which have greatly diminished the labour. A succession of crops has been adopted instead of fallows, by which the land may be perpetually tilled, and still improve in quality. Much attention is also paid to pastures and meadows.

The breeds of horses and cattle have been improved with great care, and have reached a high degree of perfection. The sheep are estimated at more than 2 millions. Much attention is also paid to the planting and rearing of fruit trees, and of timber, especially for ship building.

1195. The soil of *Scotland* is various, but a large portion of the country is rough and barren, and the climate is very unfavourable to tillage. It was for a long period remarkable for producing the best gardeners and the worst farmers in Europe.

The highlands are chiefly devoted to pasturage. Some of the rougher tracts are now rendered productive, by the cultivation of forest trees for timber.

In the lowlands, agriculture has been greatly improved within half a century, chiefly by the efforts of scientific men and agricultural societies. It is now conducted with great skill, and with greater success than the climate would lead us to expect. Barley and wheat are cultivated; but oats is the chief grain raised for bread by the common people.

The cultivation of *gardens* has been a particular object of attention in Scotland. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the climate, all kinds of garden vegetables, and the finest fruits of temperate climates are produced, nearly in the same perfection as in their native soil.

1196. Agriculture is less advanced in *Ireland* than in England. Industry is discouraged by the oppression of the *middle men*, who rent lands from the owner, and then distribute them in small parcels to the peasants. The peasants are so poor that they have no opportunity of making improvements. The *implements of husbandry* in most counties, are still of the rudest kind. The plough requires great labour, and performs the work very imperfectly. *Wheat* is sparingly tilled, and is inferior to that of England; but of late years there has been a sufficient quantity raised to admit of its exportation. *Oats* is more cultivated than other grains, but *potatoes* are the chief article of subsistence in Ireland, and are remarkably fine. A failure of this crop produces a famine among the peasantry. *The greater part of Ireland* is devoted to grazing. Large quantities of butter, beef, and pork, of excellent quality, are prepared for exportation.

NORTHERN EUROPE.

1197. In the most *northern*, or *Frozen Regions of Europe*, above 60° or 63° of latitude, the climate prevents the tillage of grain almost entirely, or renders the crops very precarious. Throughout these countries, only rye, barley, and oats can be raised. In *Norway and Sweden*, the crops are often so scanty, that the people are obliged to mix the powdered bark of trees with their flour for bread. The *potatoe* however, is cultivated far to the north. *The most valuable products* of the earth are the timber of their forests, and the tar, turpentine, and pitch, obtained from their pines and firs.

1198. *Denmark* is a level, and to a considerable extent, a fertile country. Its latitude and peninsular situation, give such mildness to its climate, that it produces most of the necessities of life in abundance. The raising of *horses and cattle* for exportation.

tion, is an important branch of their agriculture. The general state of tillage has been much improved within half a century. In the south of Denmark, and in the German Duchy of Holstein the mode of cultivation and crops resemble those of England. Garden vegetables are easily raised, and form an important part of the food of the peasantry. Hemp, flax, and tobacco are extensively cultivated; and apples, pears, plums, and cherries are abundant, both for home consumption and for exportation.

1199. In Norway, the rugged surface and dreary climate are great obstacles to tillage, and the people are dependent on other countries for grain. Great exertions, however, are now made for the improvement of agriculture. They have excellent pastures, and are thus enabled to rear and export cattle in considerable numbers.

In Sweden, only $\frac{1}{30}$ th part of the southern provinces, or $\frac{1}{60}$ th part of the whole kingdom is arable land. A large part of the country is covered with forests. The quantity of grain annually sown is small; and the produce seldom more than five fold, although agriculture is conducted with a considerable degree of skill. The whole quantity of grain raised, amounts only to $\frac{1}{3}$ of a bushel for each inhabitant annually.

The state of Northern Russia is very similar to that of Norway and Sweden, except that the utmost limit of cultivation is farther from the poles. Asiatic Russia is even more dreary; and tillage is practicable only on the southern borders. Precarious crops of grain are raised here; and in some parts of the district, south of the Volga, the vine and olive are cultivated.

UNITED STATES.

1200. The United States, and its territories, were so recently settled, and fertile land has been so abundant, that there has been less inducement than in Europe, to improve the methods of tillage. It has been too common to cultivate lands in an imperfect manner, until they were worn out; and then clear up new tracts of forest, or emigrate into the unsettled and fertile country, west of the Apalachian Mountains. The rich, vegetable mould which accumulates in a forest, affords for many years so rich soil, that abundant crops are produced with very little care. Hence the agriculture is much inferior to that of England, although far superior to that of most parts of Europe. In the older states, great efforts have been made of late years, and considerable improvements effected.

With regard to the products of agriculture, the United States may be divided into four regions, corresponding to those of Europe: the northern or grazing region—the middle or wher-

region—the warm or cotton region—and the tropical [221] region, on the gulf of Mexico, producing the sugar cane.

1201. *New-England and the northern parts of New-York* are best adapted to grazing, from the soil and face of the country. Butter, cheese, cattle, and provisions, are the chief products, and large quantities are exported. Great numbers of sheep are raised, and a considerable quantity of wool is furnished for manufacture. New-England is divided into small farms, which are generally tilled in a neat and skilful manner. *Wheat* was formerly cultivated; but it has become a precarious crop of late years, and rye is the principal grain now raised. Large supplies of wheat are obtained from the middle region. Maize and potatoes are among the most important vegetable products. Barley, oats, and buckwheat, and the garden vegetables yield abundantly. *Orchards* are numerous in most parts of New-England; and cider is the common drink of the inhabitants. The *peach* is raised with difficulty; but other fruits of the Temperate Regions are abundant.

Maine, New-Hampshire, and Vermont, are only in a partial state of cultivation. The extensive forests furnish large quantities of timber and potash for exportation.

The northern part of Rhode Island is sterile; but *the islands and coast of Narraganset Bay*, are among the most fertile and well-cultivated spots in the United States, and are celebrated for excellent cattle, and numerous flocks of sheep.

Massachusetts is considered the best cultivated state in the Union, except Pennsylvania; and much advance has been made by means of agricultural societies, and the premiums offered by them. *Connecticut* has commenced a similar course of improvement.

1202. *The middle, or wheat region*, comprises the southern and western parts of New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, the states north of the Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and Kentucky. In N. York, N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the neighbouring portions of Maryland and Virginia, tillage is generally conducted with skill.

Pennsylvania was the first state in the Union in which agricultural societies were formed, and doubtless holds the first rank in agricultural improvements. These have been chiefly made in the *south-western parts*, between the Delaware and the Blue Ridge. Much of the *northern and western parts* is still covered with forests. In this state was first introduced the practice of manuring with clover, which has so much enriched the soil of that, and all the neighbouring states. It is raised by means of plaster of Paris, in luxuriant crops, and is then ploughed into the soil.

In *Maryland and Virginia*, much less attention is paid to agriculture; and lands are frequently worn out and deserted for want of care. The *valley of the Shenandoah*, west of the Blue Ridge, is superior in tillage to the surrounding country.

In the *Western States on the Ohio*, the native richness of the soil is not yet exhausted; and without the aid of an improved [222] system of agriculture, the crops are far superior to those of the best cultivated states on the Atlantic.

1203. The *wheat* of the middle region is the finest produce in the United States, and is the third article in importance among our exports. *Maize* is raised in great quantities, and rye, oat and buck-wheat are abundant. *Tobacco* is extensively cultivated in Maryland, Virginia, and Kentucky, and next to cotton, is the most valuable article of export from the United States. *Hemp* was formerly cultivated extensively in Kentucky; but late, it has been exchanged for tobacco, as a more profitable crop.

In the states on the Atlantic, *orchards* are numerous, and great quantities of cider are made. The *cider* of New-Jersey, (especially of Newark,) is much celebrated, and often rivals the Champagne wine of France in sprightliness and flavour. *Wine of the Apalachian Mountains*, orchards are more rare, and large quantities of grain are raised for the distillation of spirituous liquors. The *peach* is abundant in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New-Jersey, Ohio, the southern parts of Pennsylvania, and the western parts of New-York. Extensive orchards are cultivated in Virginia, for the manufacture of peach brandy. Pear cherries, plums, and other fruits flourish in most parts of the region. At Vevay, on the Ohio River, vineyards have been planted by a colony of Swiss, and good wine is made.

1204. In New-York, Pennsylvania, and New-Jersey, the *rearing and fattening* of cattle is an important branch of agriculture, and the products of the dairy are very fine. In Virginia, and the Western States, great numbers of *swine* are raised in the woods for provisions, and large quantities of pork are exported from the Western States. Drovers of *horses* and *cattle* are sent from the Western into the Atlantic States. The winter is so mild that they usually require no shelter, and little food.

1205. The *warm or cotton region* of the United States, commences in Tennessee and the southern parts of Virginia, and extends to the Gulf of Mexico.

In all the *states lying south of Pennsylvania* and the River Ohio, the land is tilled almost entirely by slaves. In consequence of this, agriculture is much more imperfect than in the northern states, where the proprietor himself is usually employed in the labours of the field.

Cotton is the chief article of culture in this region, and yields great profit to the planter. It is raised throughout Virginia for home consumption, and has been found to flourish still farther north. Rice and maize are the principal *grains* of the cotton region. *Maize* is the principal food of the slaves in these states, and in Virginia. *Rice* is exported in considerable quantities. Wheat and rye are little cultivated, except in the hilly country. *Barley, oats, hemp, and tobacco* flourish here. *Indigo* has been cultivated to a great extent, especially in Georgia and South-Carolina; but the profits arising from the crops of cotton, now lead to the neglect of all others. The *potatoe* cannot be cultivated to advantage in this region; and the *sweet potatoe*, [223] a plant of a different species, is generally substituted.

Peaches are abundant and fine. *The fig and pomegranate* are also raised, and the orange and lemon grow imperfectly in South Carolina. *Apples, pears*, and other fruits of the Temperate Regions degenerate.

The cotton is of two kinds. The black-seed, or sea-island, is by far the most valuable; but it can be raised only in a few districts, and chiefly on the low islands which line the coast of the Southern States. The green-seed, or upland cotton, requires so much labour to separate it from the seed, that it was not worth raising until the invention of the cotton gin, by Eli Whitney, Esq. of New-Haven, Conn. Before this time it was an article of small importance; but now it forms half of the exports of the United States; exceeding in value all the other products of the field and the forest.

1206. *The tropical region* embraces Louisiana, Florida, and the southern parts of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. *Sugar* is here an important article of culture, and an object of increasing attention. Coffee may probably be raised; but experiments have not yet been made to any extent.

Maize produces luxuriant crops, almost without cultivation. But the inhabitants of the whole region lying on the Mississippi and Gulf of Mexico, south of Kentucky, depend chiefly on the states on the Ohio River for *supplies of grain*, and are occupied more profitably in the culture of cotton or sugar. Great numbers of *cattle* and *swine* are raised and fattened in the woods with very little care. *The orange, lemon, and fig*, are found in this region in perfection; and it is not improbable, that this tract of country may supply the northern states with sugar and coffee, and most of the important productions of the tropical regions,

MEXICO AND SOUTH AMERICA.

1207. In the *Spanish and Portuguese colonies* of North and South America, several causes have combined to prevent improvements in agriculture. The natural *indolence* of the Portuguese

and Spaniards has been increased, by the enervating influence of a warm climate, and the discouragements arising from an oppressive government. The *passion for mining* has produced general distaste for the more slow, but certain profits of agriculture; and it is peculiarly neglected in the mining regions on this account. In addition to this, the exportation of their productions has been prohibited, and even the cultivation of the olive, and some other articles, has been forbidden, in order to compel the importation of them from Spain.

1208. In *Mexico*, the articles of cultivation depend entirely on the temperature, as determined by the elevation of the land. At various heights, all the productions of the Torrid and Temperate Zones may be raised. In the *lower districts* bordering the sea, the plantain or banana, the manioc, and the cassava root, are cultivated. The *more elevated regions* produce excellent wheat. *Maize* flourishes both in the hot and temperate [224] regions, and is the principal article of subsistence. The soil is productive, and the *chief difficulty* arises from the dryness of the climate. This often destroys the crops, and produces distressing famine.

1209. Those parts of *South America* which lie *between the tropics*, have that rich luxuriance of vegetation, which is common to fertile soils in the Torrid Zone. Very little labour is required to produce all the necessaries, and most of the luxuries of life. *Rice, plantain, and banana*, are the chief articles of subsistence. *Coffee, sugar, cacao*, (or the chocolate-nut,) and *indigo*, are important articles of culture. The most delicious fruits are abundant. But with all these advantages, the inhabitants want many comforts enjoyed by the inhabitants of more sterile countries and severe climates. All the labour is performed by Indian and Negro slaves. In consequence of this, their farming operations are marked by the imperfection arising from ignorance and indolence. No care is taken to preserve the fertility of their lands. No *enclosures* are made, and everything is suffered to decay until it is useless. After the crops are gathered, the most valuable productions of the earth are often destroyed, for want of careful preservation. These marks are especially applicable to Brazil. *Dairies* are scarcely attended to, and cattle are miserably managed.

1210. *The pampas or plains of Brazil and Buenos Ayres* have vast herds of horses and cattle, which require the attendance only a few herdsmen. They furnish an inexhaustible store of provisions, and also large quantities of hides and tallow for exportation.

The more elevated regions of South America, and those lying in the Temperate Zone, including the mountainous region of Peru, Chili, and the greater part of La Plata, produce wheat, orchard-fruits, and other productions of temperate climates, and the state of cultivation is somewhat better. The *mining districts* procure their supplies of grain from the surrounding country, and Peru is entirely dependent on Chili for bread-stuffs.

(II.) ROADS.

1211. The state of *public roads* is important to commerce, and the improvements of society; and generally corresponds to the state of agriculture.

Among Savage and Barbarous nations, no roads exist but the beaten paths, which are formed by the frequent passing of travellers in the same direction. These nations are guided in their wanderings by the stars, or the skilful observations they make on the objects in view; or sometimes by the marks left in former journeys. Their roving habits render it easy for them to discover and to pursue the most intricate and difficult routes; and their jealousy leads them rather to destroy all traces which may serve as guides of others, than to attempt to render communication easy.

1212. *In nations which are advancing to civilization*, the introduction of commerce leads to the establishment of roads, and the ease of communication thus produced, renders them alternately the cause and the consequence of improving the state of society.

The same causes which have operated to depress the agriculture of the [225] *Half-Civilized* nations of Asia, have led to the neglect of roads. They travel only on camels or horses, in Arabia, Turkey, Persia, and Northern Africa; and in India, on elephants, and in palanquins, or couches carried by men. The roads are usually narrow paths, often very difficult to travel. The energy of the government and industry of the people in *China and Japan*, has led to the construction of numerous roads. Some of those in China, are remarkable for their bridges and excavations.

Turkey in Europe is almost as backward in roads as Western Asia. *Spain and Portugal* are very deficient in this respect; and there are comparatively few routes in Spain, which it is safe and convenient to travel in carriages.

1213. *The character of roads depends* much on the geological structure of a country. The rugged and rocky surface of *primitive regions* present considerable difficulties in the construction of roads; but if well made, they are more permanent than those of other formations. *Transition and secondary* regions present fewer difficulties. A soil of *loam* or gravel furnishes good roads at very little expense. In *sandy regions*, it is difficult to render them otherwise than heavy. In *rich alluvions*, they are almost necessarily bad, especially during the wet season, as the soil offers no resistance to the impression of wheels. The roads of dry tracts are of course better and more permanent, than those of moist regions.

1214. *In the Cold and Frozen Regions* of North America, Europe, and Asia, the snows form permanent and excellent paths for sledges during the winter; and this season is usually chosen for travelling and transportation. Hence there is less necessity for the construction of artificial roads in these regions; and where they are made, they are protected from injury in the winter, and it is easy to keep them in repair. The roads of Sweden are excellent. Those of Russia are not so good. The rugged character and severe climate of Norway scarcely admits the construction of roads; and the passage of the mountains is attended with great difficulty and danger.

1215. *In the Temperate Regions*, the frequent thaws and prevalent moisture of winter and spring, usually render the roads very bad during these seasons; and difficult to be repaired in summer. These difficulties are in some instances

counteracted by the dryness of the climate, as in some parts of France, or by the progressive effects of labour, in a country long since civilized, as in Germany.

Italy, and the middle countries of Europe, are traversed by numerous roads, generally very good, and many of great antiquity. The bridges are usually constructed of stone; many of the roads are paved; and there is an aspect of permanency which is not found in those of a new country, like the United States. The most important roads of Italy are founded on the ancient Roman Ways, which were so well constructed, that after the lapse of fifteen centuries, some parts are still entire. The principal was the *Via Appia*, leading from Rome to Naples, upon which the modern road between these cities is constructed.

1216. *The passes of mountains* present the most serious difficulty in the construction of roads; and we cannot expect to find them good, except in countries which are populous, and have long been inhabited by civilized nations.

There are more than fifty roads over the *Pyrenees*, including those for pedestrians; but seven only are passable for carriages. The ascent on the side of France is easy; on the side of Spain, it is more steep and difficult.

A number of fine roads have been constructed across the *Alps*. *Mount St. Gothard* is passed by a road for horsemen, at the height of 6,700 feet. The *Maritime Alps* of the Sardinian States, are crossed by a fine carriage road, ascending 8,000 feet, and leading the traveller above the clouds. But the passages of Mt. Simplan and Mt. Cenis, constructed by the late Emperor Napoleon, are the best and most celebrated roads over these mountains.

The Mount Simplan was formerly impassable by carriages; but in 1801, a road for carriages and artillery was commenced, and was completed by the labours of 3,000 men, in 1805. Fifty bridges were necessary to cross the tremendous chasms; the road was often cut in a bed of rocks, and six vaulted passages or galleries, of considerable length, were dug through portions of the rock, which could not be otherwise passed. Parapets and walls, some of them 200 feet high, were erected to secure the road from the effects of torrents and avalanches. At convenient distances, houses of refuge were built, to protect travellers from storms, and occupied by cantonniers, whose duty it was to accommodate them, and to keep the roads in order. The whole distance is 36 miles, and the highest point is 6,000 feet above the level of the sea; but so well is the road constructed, that it may be easily passed in a carriage in eleven hours.

A similar route was formed over *Mount Cenis*, in 1811. The elevation is nearly equal to that of the Simplan. It has an equal number of galleries; one of which is cut through a mass of granite, 2,000 feet in length.

1217. *Great Britain* is traversed by numerous roads in every direction. In the mountainous districts of Scotland and Wales, they are often very bad; but those of the level districts are generally constructed in the best manner, and furnish a rapid and easy communication with every part of the kingdom. The bridges are well built, usually of stone; and a number have been constructed of iron, which unite great strength with extraordinary beauty and lightness.

The roads of *Ireland* are generally excellent; and were superior to those of England, fifty years since.

1218. *The public works of European nations*, are the result of labours which have been going on for 15 or 20 centuries. *Those of colonies and newly settled countries* must of course be less advanced; and are often entirely neglected, on account of the difficulty of subduing the soil, and procuring the means of personal support and comfort.

The valuable commerce of *South America*, has led to the construction of roads from the sea-ports to the mining and other important districts; but they are generally very poor, and can be travelled only by mules.

Several have been made across the *Andes*; but from the tremendous difficulties of the route, and the want of skill and perseverance in the architects, the passage is usually difficult and dangerous. They are often constructed on the side of a mountain, where a single misstep would precipitate the traveller to an immense depth. The numerous chasms and torrents are crossed by means of bridges formed of ropes. These frail structures wave and vibrate with the wind, and the motion of the traveller, so that only those who are experienced can pass them with safety. In other cases a cable is stretched from side to side, and the

travellers and mules are suspended to it, and drawn over by ropes. The torrents produced by storms, or a sudden melting of the snows, often destroy those [227] who have escaped other dangers.

The pass of Quindiu, between Popayan and Bogota, is the most difficult. The highest point is 11,000 feet above the sea, or 8,000 above the foot of the mountain. No hut is to be seen for ten or twelve days on this route. In many places, the path winds through chasms, so narrow that mules cannot pass each other; some of which exceed half a mile in length. In some parts they are covered with the carcasses and bones of animals which have perished from fatigue or accident.

1219. There are only eight or nine roads between Chuli and La Plata, the best of which is impassable for carriages, and is so narrow that the traveller is often obliged to proceed on foot. Not a year passes, but some of the mules are dashed to pieces in its tremendous chasms.

The road from Lima to Potosi and Buenos Ayres is encompassed with similar dangers, although it forms the channel of an important commerce. The traveller in this, as in other passages over the Andes, is exposed to the utmost extremes of heat and cold, and undergoes dangers and privations of every kind. The path is often so steep and narrow, that it is indented with deep holes, in which the mules may place their legs to secure them from slipping. Where these are wanting, the mules sometimes bring their feet together at the top of the descent, and slide down with inconceivable rapidity to the bottom, as the only means of security.

The whole distance over the Andes, from Lima to the plains of La Plata, is 1600 miles. From the foot of the mountains to Buenos Ayres, which is nearly the same distance, the road is level, and is travelled in covered wagons, drawn by oxen or horses.

1220. *The table-land of Mexico* is crossed by a number of roads, from ocean to ocean; but the ascent is so difficult, and the arts so little advanced, that they are generally very bad, and passable only for mules. The summit of the table-land is so level, that a carriage road has been constructed with very little labour, for a distance of 500 leagues, from Mexico to Santa Fe.

1221. *The United States* exhibit in a striking manner, the effects of free institutions and enterprise. Probably no nation has ever executed so many improvements in roads, bridges, and canals, over such an extent of country in the same time.

Two centuries ago, the whole tract was a wilderness, covered with forests, and traversed only by the foot-paths of the Indians. Now, there are roads constructed in every direction, to connect the villages, towns, and cities, which have sprung up in rapid succession. In 1790, the extent of post-roads was only 1875 miles; in 1818, it was 51,600. The number of Post-Offices exceeds 4,000; and the mail is transported 20,000 miles daily. To describe all our roads, would require an enumeration of all the important settlements in the country. The principal are laid down on the map. A large number are public roads, constructed and repaired by the towns through which they pass; but the great roads are usually turnpikes, constructed by the state or incorporated bodies, and supported by tolls. Only their general character, and the most important routes, can be described.

1222. *The northern, primitive district of the United States*, including New England and the northern part of New-York, falls within the Cold Region; and generally has permanent snows during the winter, as far south as latitude 42°, which render travelling easy, and protect the roads from injury. New-England, and the greater part of the Middle States, are intersected in every direction by roads, which are usually well constructed, and in good repair.

New-York and Pennsylvania have little advantage from the snow; and the rich, clayey soil, which is prevalent, renders the roads very bad during the winter. The same is true to a greater extent in *Maryland*. In Pennsylvania, about eight millions of dollars are invested in roads and bridges.

1223. *In the sandy, alluvial country of the Atlantic coast*, from New-York to Florida, the roads are heavy, and not easily improved; but they rarely present the difficulties and dangers found in the roads of a rich country, after a wet season. The scattered state of population has prevented much attention to roads, in the states south of Maryland: and frequent impediments are presented by the want of bridges and causeways, over the streams and marshes.

1224. *In the Western States*, the richness of the soil, the want of stone and gravel, and the moisture of the winter, render the construction of good and permanent roads almost impracticable. During the wet season, the difficulty of travelling is very great; and many roads are scarcely passable for wheel carriages.

The streams are so variable at different seasons, that most of them can be forded during the dry season, and bridges are rarely built. The banks are high and steep, and the difficulty of passage is often very great. During high water, many of the streams become impassable, and the traveller encounters serious difficulties and dangers. Little has yet been done to improve roads; but in all these states except Tennessee and Kentucky, a portion of the proceeds of public lands sold by the United States, is appropriated to them, besides the usual taxes; and we may expect a rapid improvement in this respect, when these states become thickly settled. In *Louisiana*, the levees or dykes erected on the banks of the streams form excellent roads.

1225. *The most important post-road* of the United States, is that which traverses the states on the Atlantic, a distance of 1800 miles, passing through all the principal towns, from Robbinstown in Maine, to Florida.

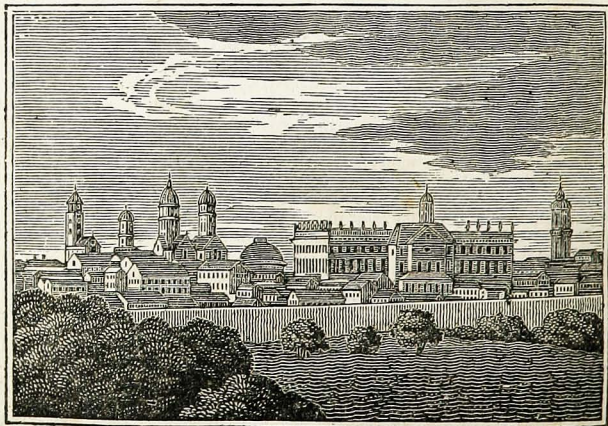
The principal roads from the Atlantic to the Western States, are the great western turnpike of New-York, from Albany to Buffalo and Erie—the road from Philadelphia, through Lancaster, to Pittsburgh—and the Cumberland Road, from Washington City to Wheeling on the Ohio River. The latter was constructed at the expense of the general government, and is probably the best route over the mountains.

Other roads, of less importance, cross the Alleghany Ridge in Virginia and North Carolina; and the State of South Carolina has recently opened a road across the mountains to Tennessee.

A military road has been opened at the expense of the United States, from Nashville in Tennessee to Madisonville on Lake Ponchartrain, opposite New-Orleans. It may be travelled by wagons. A branch leads from this road to Natches, through the wilderness inhabited by the Choctaw Indians.

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BUILDINGS AND CITIES.



(36.) Berlin.

1226. The progress of civilization is marked by the improvements in buildings, and the erection of towns and cities.

The *wandering tribes* of Tartars, and the Bodouins of the Arabian and African deserts, live in tents covered with felt, cloth, or skins. A village is merely the encampment of a horde, or tribe, and is moved from place to place as convenience requires.

1227. *Savage nations* usually live in huts, constructed of different materials, and with various degrees of skill, according to the situation and character of the people. They are generally formed of stakes or poles, interwoven with twigs and covered with bark or leaves, or sometimes plastered with clay. The fire is made in the centre, and the smoke escapes at the top. Those of the North American Indians are called wigwams. An irregular collection of these huts or tents, forms a village.

The natives of *South Africa* form their huts of bent poles, plastered with earth, much resembling a bee-hive. They are arranged in a circle around an enclosure which contains their cattle; and the village is termed a kraal. A number of villages formed around the missionary stations of South Africa, and Sierra Leone, have a neat appearance, and present many of the improvements of civilized life.

1228. The Laplanders, Northern Siberians, and the North American tribes of the *Frozen Regions*, usually reside in tents, or huts constructed of light materials, during the summer. But the winter huts are built with thick walls of stone and turf, with no outlet for the smoke except the entrance. In Greenland and Lapland, they are protected from the cold winds by a long, vaulted passage for entrance; and to render them still warmer, many of the tribes of these regions build them half underground, and enter through an opening at the top, by means of a ladder.

The *Esquimaux* of *North Georgia* make their winter huts of snow, which is so compact that it may be cut into blocks, and used like stone. A dwelling [230] of this kind is beautifully transparent; and when lined with skins and branches of trees, it is said to form a comfortable winter residence in these dreary regions. (Parry.)

1229. In the *Torrid Zone*, many of the uncivilized nations build their huts of very slight materials, and they are often mere sheds, used only as a protection from the rains and dews. In Polynesia, and some of the Asiatic islands, they are very neatly built of canes, lined with mats, and covered with leaves. The same style of building is found in Hindoostan and Farther India, and to a considerable extent in China; and these, or mud-walled huts, are the best buildings of the poor. The residence of a king in Africa, appears like a collection of thatched barns and hovels, surrounded by a mud-wall; and the palace even of the Emperor of China, is only a collection of cottages, in which the meanness of the structures is concealed by splendid curtains and gilded ornaments. The dwellings of the great are distinguished by the number of buildings, and the great extent of ground they occupy, rather than the superiority of architecture.

1230. The huts and tents of uncivilized nations, have rarely more than a single room and fire.

In the *Frozen Regions*, several families are usually crowded together, each occupying a stall divided off by posts or skins. They are lighted by a large lamp, composed of moss and supplied with oil, which also serves as a fire. The domestic animals often partake of the comfort and filthiness of these habitations.

The hovel of the poor in the *Half-Civilized nations* of Asia, and even in Russia, Poland, and many parts of Austria, Germany, and Ireland, are little superior to those of Savage nations, in structure or in cleanliness; and are inferior to those of many nations in Polynesia. In Ireland, "the peasantry are miserably lodged, in a hovel of four mud walls, with one entrance, frequently without either a window or a chimney," and scarcely sheltered from the rain. The floor is of clay; their beds are usually bundles of heath or straw spread over it, and many share these wretched accommodations with their cow or pigs.

1231. The arts and refinement of *civilized nations* lead to the erection of more substantial and convenient dwellings; which furnish a complete protection from the weather, and are found with every degree of comfort and elegance, from the plain cottage of the farmer to the splendid palace of the noble. The regard for religion—the necessary arrangements of an organized government—and the pride of royalty, give rise to the erection of numerous and magnificent public build-

ings ; and among Civilized nations it has become a distinct art, to devise such forms and ornaments as are best adapted for beauty and convenience. A description of the various works of architecture would require a volume ; and we can only consider the buildings of cultivated nations, as they are collected in cities and towns.

1232. *The cities of EUROPE* far surpass those of America, in number, population, and magnificence. They are superior to any in the world, in their universities, hospitals, museums, and other public institutions, in the splendour and size of their churches and public buildings, and in the extent of their manufactures and commerce.

In the cities on the continent, the streets are usually narrow, crooked, and filthy. They are seldom furnished with side walks, and foot passengers are exposed to constant danger in the crowd of carriages. Most of the cities are surrounded with walls, and entered only by gates, and are much more crowded with houses and [231] inhabitants, than those of the United States. In the most populous countries, villages like those of America are rarely seen ; but every collection of houses appears like a portion of a large city.

1233. *The houses* are generally of stone or brick ; but in many of the towns of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Russia, they are built of timber. They are usually high, often from five to ten stories in the large cities. They are not uniform in their appearance ; and magnificent palaces are frequently surrounded with wretched huts.

In the cities of Catholic countries, especially in the south of Europe, pictures or images of saints are placed at the corners of the streets, and passengers frequently stop to offer their devotions before them. These cities are also distinguished for the great number of their churches and chapels, and for the costly paintings, statues, and ornaments they contain. *Most cities of Southern Europe* are furnished with water by aqueducts ; and fountains are erected in the streets and public squares, which add to their beauty, and produce a refreshing coolness in summer.

The views of London, Edinburgh, and Berlin, will give a more distinct idea of the general appearance of the principal cities, than any description.

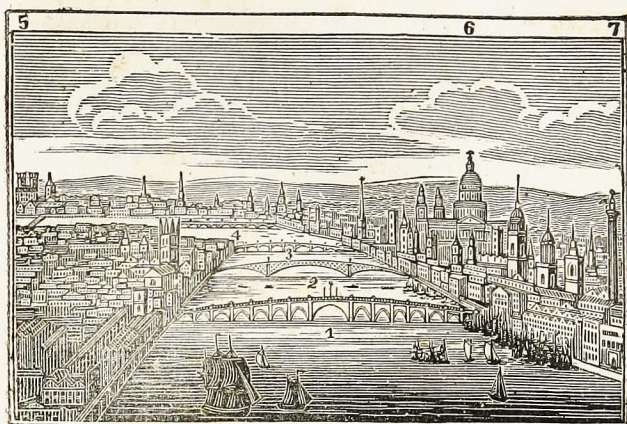
1234. Most of the large cities are seaports, or connected with the sea. *The capitals are usually distinguished* as the residence of the sovereign and royal family. London, Paris, Petersburg, Moscow, Vienna, Berlin, Amsterdam, Dublin, Rome, Florence, and Dresden, are situated on rivers, which divide them into two portions connected by bridges. Rome, Madrid, Lisbon, and Edinburgh, are built on several hills, which gives them a picturesque appearance.

Naples, and most of the other *cities lying on the Mediterranean*, are situated on declivities, and the streets rise from the shore, like the seats of an amphitheatre. The seaports of Western Asia, and Barbary, are generally situated in the same manner, and the houses are frequently white. The view of Algiers, will give some idea of their appearance.

1235. *ASIA* abounds with large cities, but much inferior in their appearance to those of Europe. The buildings are generally mean, and crowded with inhabitants. The streets are extremely narrow, irregular, and filthy, and seldom paved.

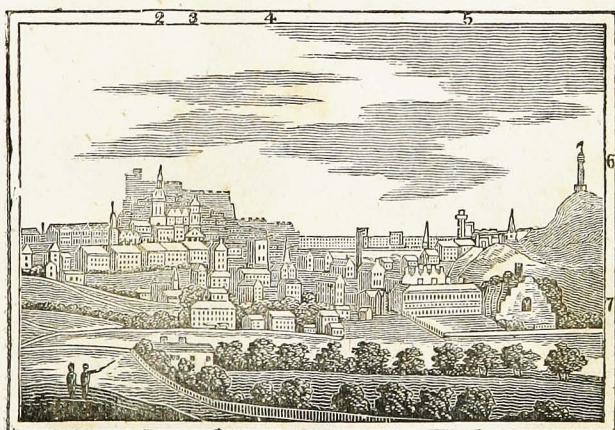
In Western Asia, the houses of the rich are usually of stone, or of brick, which are sometimes only sun-dried. They are generally built around a court or space in the centre, from which they receive most of their light and air, and which is frequently adorned with gardens and fountains. They are often magnificent within ; but they have few or no windows towards the street. They present to the traveller only a dismal succession of high walls, with here and there a lattice, producing the appearance of a range of prisons. The roofs are usually flat, so that the inhabitants can pass from one house to another without descending into the street, and frequently sleep on the house-top, in the hot season. The houses of the poor are low and mean, built of mud, or a mixture of small stones and mortar.

The mode of building, like other customs and arts of Western Asia, was early imitated in *Northern Africa and Southern Europe*, and it is still pursued, except that in Europe, the houses are more open. The floors are usually of brick or mortar ; chimneys are rare ; and their place is supplied by pans of coal in



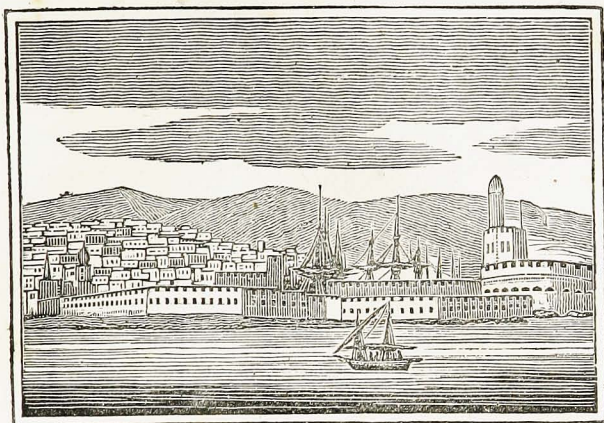
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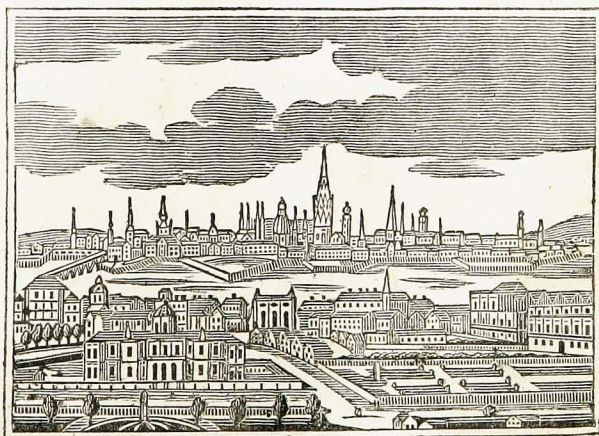


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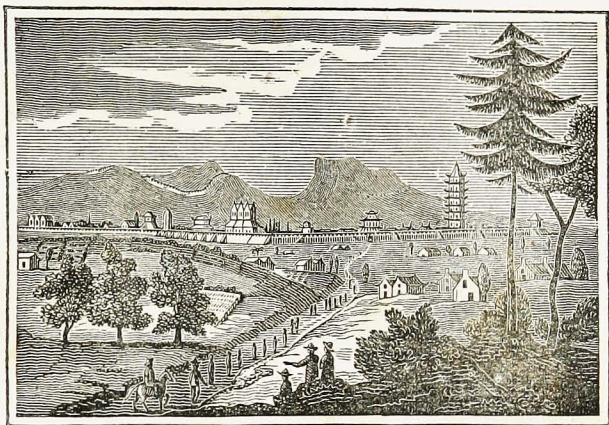
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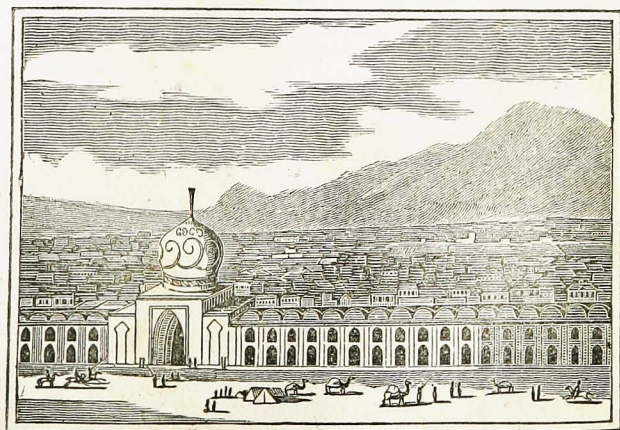
(39.) *Algiers.*



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(41.) *Pekin.*



(42.) *Ispahan.*

winter. It is common in countries on the Mediterranean, to use the lower story of the house as a stable.

Instead of churches, the *Mahometan cities* are adorned with mosques, which are often very splendid. At the side of each mosque are minarets, or lofty, circular towers, with a gallery near the top, from which a crier calls the people at the hours of prayer.

The cities of Turkey, as well as those of Africa on the Mediterranean, are frequently visited by the plague, which destroys vast numbers of the inhabitants.

1236. *The cities of Eastern Asia*, (except a few in Hindoostan) are poorly built, and are much inferior to those of Western Asia. They are generally collections of low, thatched huts of mud or bamboo; and are formed of such slight materials, that they are frequently destroyed by fire, but are easily rebuilt. The temples and pagodas are generally the only buildings which have any beauty; and these are often splendidly adorned with gold and gilding, especially in China and Burmah.

Most of the cities of Asia are surrounded with walls, usually of mud or sun-dried bricks. Many of them are partially in ruins, or surrounded with the ruins of ancient cities.

The view of Ispahan will give some idea of the appearance of this celebrated city, as it was seen by Morier.

China abounds in cities, generally built like those of India, but most of them walled. The pagodas, towering above the surrounding buildings, are striking features in their external appearance; as will be seen in the view of Peking.

1237. A large part of *AFRICA* is in a state of barbarism, and therefore contains few cities, or even considerable towns, in comparison with Europe and Asia. *These are chiefly in Northern Africa*, and most of them are greatly inferior to the chief cities of Europe and Asia in commerce, manufactures, and wealth, as well as in population. They are inferior to the poorest in Europe in their appearance, on account of the narrowness, irregularity, and filthiness of their streets. Even in Cairo and Fez, the streets are often so narrow, that two camels cannot go abreast.

The houses, like those of the Asiatic cities on the Mediterranean, commonly have flat roofs, with an open court in the centre, and are destitute of windows towards the street. They are generally built of half-burnt brick, or of a mixture of stones, earth, and mortar, whitened with lime. In Cairo, many are of stone, and some of the mosques and other public buildings in this city and Barbary, are built of stone or marble. Like other Mahometan cities, they have numerous mosques, and these with the palaces of the sovereigns or governors, are usually the only handsome buildings. Many cities of Egypt are surrounded with grand and interesting remains of ancient buildings and monuments.

Most of the cities on the coast of Barbary are fortified, and are places of some trade. They have more resemblance to those of Europe, than any others in Africa.

1238. *AMERICA* is much less distinguished for the number and size of its cities, than Europe and Asia. There are none which belong to the four first classes of cities in the world, and only five which are above the seventh class. *The cities of British America, and of the Spanish and Portuguese colonies*, resemble those of Europe. Quebec and Montreal have the appearance of old French towns. The cities of Mexico and South America, have more resemblance to those of Southern Europe.

1239. In *SPANISH AMERICA*, the cities are generally built on a regular plan, with broad, paved streets, furnished with side walks. Most of them are [238] supplied with water by aqueducts, and the public squares are often adorned with fountains, as in Spain.

The public buildings, especially churches, nunneries, and convents, are numerous and splendid. The *private houses* are seldom convenient or elegant. They are usually low, often only one story, and seldom exceeding two stories in height on account of the earthquakes and hurricanes to which these cities are subject. Lima, Quito, and Caraccas, have been almost destroyed by earthquakes. In Lima, the houses are built of wood; in Popayan and Quito, of unburnt brick; and in most of the other cities, of brick or stone. In the cities of the

Torrid Zone, the windows are usually furnished with lattices, blinds or curtains instead of glass, on account of the heat.

A number of these cities are situated on such high ground, that they enjoy perpetual spring. Santa Fe de Bogota, Quito, and Popayan, are nearly two miles above the level of the sea; Mexico, Puebla, Durango, and several others, a mile and a half; and Caraccas, more than half a mile.

PORTUGUESE AMERICA, or BRAZIL, is extremely deficient in cities and towns. Few only are found on the coast, at considerable distances, and without any road from one to another. The only towns in the interior, are those established for mining. The cities generally resemble those of Spanish America; but are not so pleasant or so well built.

1240. In the cities of the UNITED STATES, the houses are generally built of brick. The streets are broader and more neat than in most European cities; and are usually paved, and furnished with side walks for foot passengers. They are adorned with churches and other public buildings, which often have considerable beauty. Perhaps no cities in the world are more distinguished for the number of humane and charitable institutions.

The towns of the northern United States, especially of New-England, are seldom closely built. The houses are generally of wood, separated by gardens and cultivated grounds; and the streets are usually shaded with trees. These circumstances give them peculiar beauty.

The towns of the Western States, and of the western parts of New-York and Pennsylvania, are laid out more regularly, and the buildings are generally more elegant, than in the older towns of the Atlantic States.

In the Southern States, the people are so much scattered, that there are few towns or villages, and only a small number of places of considerable size.

Most of the principal cities of the United States are seaports, and the largest are situated on islands or peninsulas. New-York and New-Orleans are on islands; Boston, Philadelphia, and Charleston are on peninsulas; Hartford, Albany, Trenton, Richmond, and Savannah are seats of government, and all except Albany, at the head of sloop-navigation on their respective rivers.

The seats of Government of the individual states are often very small towns, chosen only on account of their central situation.

1241. The Indian Towns of Mexico are many of them well built, and brick has long been in use among the natives of that country. The ancient cities of the natives in Peru and Chili, are generally of brick or stone. Some are adorned with fine buildings, and have an appearance of magnificence.

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ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

1242. The state of arts and manufactures in different nations is an important index of their state of civilization.

Among savage nations, all arts are in a low state, and this is generally the fact in Barbarous nations. There is no distinction of trades, but each man builds his own hut and canoe, and makes for himself all the instruments and clothes which he uses. With such a variety of employments, he cannot become perfect in any one.

The same practice continues in some Civilized countries which are thinly settled; and where the attention of the people is, from necessity, chiefly devoted to agriculture, and the products of mines and forests. Thus in Norway and Russia, the peasants generally make all the necessaries for their own families. In such cases, the implements of workmanship are imperfect, the labour is slow and difficult, and nothing is made in the best manner. The manufactures of such nations are not usually sufficient for home

consumption; and the inhabitants find agriculture more profitable; as in the North of Europe and in America.

1243. *Among the Half-Civilized Nations of Asia*, and some of the *Barbarous tribes of Asia and Africa*, beautiful articles of manufacture are produced. Such are the silks and cottons of India and China—the shawls of Cashmere—the carpets of Persia and Cabul—and the embroidery, and other works of silver and gold, in India and the Asiatic Isles. But they are generally produced with a few simple and rude instruments, and with very great labour. In India, Arabia, and Africa, the weaver fixes his threads to the ground by small stakes, in the open air, and removes his singular loom at night. Yet India produces cotton fabrics superior to almost any in the world. In Japan and China, the instruments are more perfect.

1244. In some Half-Civilized countries, but especially in Civilized countries which are populous, the arts are greatly advanced by the *division of labour*. Each man is devoted to a single employment. He thus learns the best methods of pursuing it; and is able to work with more skill and rapidity.

This is carried so far at the present day, that in England 25 persons are employed in making a pin. One cuts the wire, another smooths it, another points it, &c. and these persons will make more in a day, than several hundreds who should pursue their labours singly.

1245. It is only in the *Civilized countries of Europe and America*, that the tools and instruments of various trades are found in a perfect state. Here also vast improvements have been made by the use of machinery, moved by water, steam, or the force of animals; which performs the labour of men with perfect accuracy and uniformity, and a despatch almost incredible.

From the greater degree of skill thus obtained in populous countries, and from the excess of inhabitants, a part of them may be more profitably employed in manufactures than in agriculture. We accordingly find such countries, as Great Britain, Germany, and France, not only supply themselves with manufactures, [235] but export large quantities to other nations.

A single machine with the aid of one or two persons to attend it, may perform the labour of 100 men, in a more perfect manner than could have been effected by human efforts. In contemplating the vast manufacturing establishments of Europe and the United States, it would seem as if blocks of wood, and bars of metal, were endued with activity and intelligence.

1246. The principal tools and instruments used in tilling the ground, in building our houses, and other important arts, and the utensils employed to prepare our food, are chiefly made of metal. Hence the *working of metals* is the foundation of all arts; and forms the most important employment of civilized man.

Among *Savage nations*, this art is unknown, except to a few who have learned it from Europeans. Among *Barbarous nations*,

it continues very imperfect. The same mechanics work in iron, copper, and gold, and the operation is carried on in the open air. The apparatus, which is moved from place to place as they travel, consists usually of a bag for blowing the fire, an anvil and a hammer; and all the implements are very rude. But as has been already observed, they succeed by patient labour, in forming some articles of great beauty.

1247. *The manufacture of metals from their ores*, into bars, pigs, &c. is carried on to a great extent in every Civilized country which contains mines. In those which are thinly settled, as Russia, Siberia, Sweden, Norway, and America, the metals are generally exported in their unwrought state, and only the most common and necessary tools, and implements of husbandry, are manufactured.

In the *United States*, some manufactures of metals have been carried on extensively, and to a good degree of perfection; but they are still principally dependent on foreign nations for all fine articles. *The gold and silver of South America and Mexico*, are chiefly exported in bullion or coin.

1248. *In the populous countries of Europe*, the metals are wrought into every form that ingenuity can devise, for use or ornament, and are exported to other parts of the world.

England surpasses every other nation in the extent, variety, and excellence of its manufactures of metals. *Sheffield* is unrivalled in its cutlery; and *Birmingham* has been called the toy shop of Europe. *London and Liverpool* produce the best clocks and watches in use. London is also unrivalled in the construction of mathematical, astronomical, and philosophical instruments. The metallic manufactures of England and Wales employ 320,000 persons; and produce 17,000,000*l.* annually.

1249. *Germany* ranks next to England in metallic manufactures. In Prussia many articles are made with peculiar ingenuity and skill. *Clocks and watches* are made in great numbers for exportation, in Switzerland, France, and Germany; but they are generally inferior to the English in quality. *Jewelry* is manufactured to a great extent in France, Switzerland, and the Netherlands; and France is distinguished for the more elegant metallic articles. Holland and Germany are remarkable for toys.

1250. Turkey, and especially Damascus, has long been celebrated for unrivalled skill in the manufacture of sword blades, and other cutting instruments. This art has extended to Persia, and some of the neighbouring countries. The Japanese surpass the Chinese and Hindoos, in working metals; and are said to make instruments of steel, little inferior to those of Turkey.

1251. *The manufacture of plate, and other articles of gold and silver*, is probably more perfect in England and France, than in any other part of Europe. The vessels and ornaments of these metals made in Mexico, rival the finest productions of European skill. In Japan, China, India, and the Asiatic Isles, the most exquisite workmanship in silver and gold, is produced by very imperfect tools.

1252. Most Savage and Barbarous nations are ignorant of *the art of weaving*. They generally form their clothing of the skins of animals. The Tartars, and some other Barbarous nations, make a kind of felt, (like that of which our hats are composed,) from the wool of sheep, or the hair of camels. In many of the Islands of Polynesia, the natives use mats for their covering, or form a species of cloth from the bark of trees. A few of the Barbarous nations of Asia and Africa, are acquainted with weaving.

This art is carried to the highest perfection among Civilized and Half-Civilized nations; and hemp, flax, cotton, wool, and silk are manufactured into various species of cloth, adapted to every use, of comfort and ornament. In warm climates, silks and cottons are the chief articles, and in cold climates, woollen, cotton, and linen.

1253. Some parts of *the finest woollen cloths* are made in France and England, especially in the west of England and Yorkshire. The woollen manufacture of England employs 500,000 persons, and amounts to 180,000,000*l.* sterling annually. In Saxony, the Netherlands, and Prussia, the manufacture of cloths is also in a perfect state and very extensive. Silesia, in Prussia, is especially distinguished; and produces some of the finest cloths made on the continent. *In Spain, and most of the remaining countries of Europe*, this manufacture is in an imperfect state. Coarse cloths are made in considerable quantities, in the north of Europe; but not generally enough for home consumption.

In some parts of *the United States* woollen cloths are manufactured with a good degree of perfection; but the supply is very small compared with the home consumption.

1254. *Carpets* are manufactured to a considerable extent, and of a good quality, in England and Scotland; but the most beautiful are made in Turkey, Persia, and the north of Hindoostan. In Turkey this is almost the only article manufactured in sufficient quantities for exportation. They are woven by the Iliats, or wandering tribes who inhabit the mountains. The Persians excel the Turks, and even the Europeans, in the brilliancy of their dyes.

Independent Tartary, and the neighbouring regions, fur. [237]

nish stuffs made from camel's hair. The *Cashmere shawls* are woven in Cabul and Cashmere, from the hair of the goat of Tibet. They surpass all European fabrics in beauty and fineness.

1255. *Cotton cloths* form the principal clothing of the inhabitants of warm countries, and are manufactured in most countries of the Torrid Zone on the eastern continent. The finest and cheapest cottons have usually been procured in Hindoostan; and they have been for ages the staple article of manufacture and export in that country. The improvements in machinery now enable European nations to excel the Asiatics in most branches of this manufacture.

The cotton manufacture of Great-Britain is not rivalled in the magnitude and perfection of its operations, in any other part of the globe. It employs 427,000 persons in England and Wales and produces 15,000,000*l.* sterling annually. Some of the *finest muslins*, next to those of India, are obtained from England, Scotland, France, Saxony, and Austria. In *Austria* the manufacture of cotton employ 360,000 persons. Cottons are made in *Switzerland* to some extent, for exportation, and in Germany and most other countries of *Europe*, for home consumption. The Nankin or Nankeen cotton cloth, obtained chiefly from China, is made from a coloured species of cotton, not unknown in the Southern United States.

1256. The manufacture of cotton has become extensive in the United States. It has long been woven for domestic consumption in the Southern States. In the Eastern and Middle States, numerous and extensive factories have been erected, with many valuable improvements on the English machinery. They furnish most of the coarse cottons and shirtings used in the United States, and some for exportation. Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New-York, and Pennsylvania, are distinguished for these articles.

1257. *Linens* of the finest quality are manufactured for exportation to the greatest extent, in Ireland, Bohemia, Moravia, Prussian and Austrian Silesia, and the Netherlands, particularly in Holland. Bohemia alone employs more than 300,000 persons in the linen manufacture. In Silesia, whole villages and towns are occupied by weavers.

Russia has 300 factories of linen; and this forms the most important manufacture and export of the *Hessian states*, in Germany. In other parts of Europe and in the United States, it has been carried on only to a limited extent, and chiefly for home consumption. The manufacture of hemp into duck, sail cloth and cordage, is most extensive in Russia and England.

The finest laces are those of France and the Netherlands, but laces are also made in Denmark, Russia, and Switzerland.

1258. *The manufacture of silk* is carried on to a great extent in China and the East Indies, Spain, Italy, and the southern parts of France, Austria, and Russia. It is the most extensive, and important manufacture in *Spain and the south of France*. In the city of Lyons alone, it employs 60,000 persons. It is also carried on to some extent in Switzerland, Germany, the [238] Netherlands, and England, and also in Turkey, Persia, and Northern Africa.

Embroidery, brocade, and tapestry of silk, cotton, and wool with gold, are made of peculiar beauty in the western and southern countries of Asia. The tapestry of the Gobelins, in Paris, surpasses every other production of this kind.

1259. Most Barbarous nations manufacture *pottery*, in some rude way; and the coarser species of earthen ware are made for domestic use, in almost all countries.

Porcelain, or China ware, was formerly procured only in China, or of an inferior quality, in Japan. It is now manufactured at Berlin and Dresden in Prussia, Sevres in France, and in England, superior in beauty to that obtained from China. It is also made in Copenhagen, Vienna, and some other parts of Europe. Other species of *earthen ware, of a fine quality*, are most extensively manufactured in England, France, Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands. Only the coarser kinds are made in the *United States*; and the fine earthen ware is chiefly obtained from England and Germany.

1260. *Glass* is made to a greater or less extent, in most Civilized and Half-Civilized countries. France, Austria, Germany, Italy, and England, excel in this manufacture, and produce the finest mirrors and cut glass. The manufacture of crown glass, (for windows,) and cut glass, has been carried to a high degree of perfection in the *United States*; and that of Boston and Pittsburg is scarcely surpassed in Europe.

COMMERCE.

1261. From the variety of productions in different parts of the globe, every country furnishes more of some articles than is necessary for the supply of its inhabitants, and is usually deficient in others. This gives rise to an exchange by *commerce*, the nature and extent of which is regulated by the products and wants of a country.

1262. Some articles are so rare, that they can be procured in commerce, only from a few countries. The *precious stones* are chiefly obtained from Siberia, India, and South America; the *diamond* from Brazil and Hindoostan; *pearls* chiefly from India the *red coral* from the Mediterranean; and the *precious metal* from S. America and Mexico. (See MINERALS, ¶ 826, 828, 837, 838.)

Europe and North America are supplied with *tea*, exclusively from China, and with *the finest spices*, from the East Indies; and South America is furnished with *matte*, (as a substitute for tea by Paraguay alone. The coasts of Arabia and Africa near the mouth of the Red Sea, furnish nearly all the *fragrant gums* used by other nations, such as myrrh, frankincense, &c.

1263. Other numerous and delicious *productions of the Torrid Zone and the Warm Regions*, give rise to a perpetual commerce with the Temperate and Cold Regions, in coffee, sugar, fruit, &c. (See VEGETABLES, ¶ 775, 783.4, 788.9.)

[239] *The more common spices*, pepper, ginger, &c. and also *sugar*, are produced for exportation chiefly in the West and East Indies, and some parts of Africa and South America. Louisiana begins to export sugar. *Coffee* is chiefly from the West Indies, Arabia, and the Asiatic Islands. *Cacao*, or the chocolate-nut, is almost exclusively from South America; and this country and Mexico furnish most of the *indigo and dye-woods* of commerce. *Rice and cotton* are generally obtained from the Southern United States, the East Indies, and Egypt.

The largest quantities of *tobacco* are procured in commerce from Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Still it is raised in many other states and countries in small quantities and is exported to some extent, from South America.

1264. The countries on the Mediterranean, including the South of France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Turkey, and Barbary and the African Islands, furnish most of the *oranges, lemons, dried fruits, wine, and olive oil*, consumed by civilized nations; but the United States receive a considerable quantity of oranges and lemons from the West Indies. The *wines* of Madeira are considered superior to any other; some from the Cape of Good Hope have peculiar delicacy; and some of the wines of France and Germany are highly esteemed. A fine wine is also brought from Marsala, in Sicily, which is thought to rival the Madeiran and is called Sicily-Madeira.

1265. *Continual intercourse* also arises between manufacturing countries, and those which are covered with forests, enriched with mines, or engaged in grazing and tillage.

Countries covered with forests supply those which are cultivated with timber, and the various kinds of lumber ; with tar and turpentine from the sap of the trees ; and potash from the ashes. Norway, Sweden, and Russia—Vermont, New-Hampshire, Maine, and other forested portions of the United States, exchange these articles for the productions and manufactures of regions more cultivated. *When such countries have mines*, large quantities of wood are consumed in reducing the metals, which become articles of export, and furnish a source of wealth. This is the case in Sweden, Norway, and many parts of Siberia, Russia, Mexico, South America, and some districts of the United States.

1266. Some *countries* are well adapted for grazing, which from the coldness of their climate, the ruggedness of their surface, or their thin population, are not extensively cultivated ; and these usually supply agricultural and manufacturing states with cattle and horses, or with their flesh and hides. Brazil and Buenos Ayres rear large herds of cattle, whose flesh, tallow, and hides are important articles of export. Russia supplies other nations with large quantities of tallow, hides, and leather. Norway and Denmark export cattle in considerable numbers. Beef, pork, butter and cheese, form important exports from Ireland, and also from the New-England states, and the states on the Ohio River.

1267. In exchange for the commodities of more favoured nations, the *cold countries* of northern climates send their stores of fish, and the furs of their animals. In Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, Scotland, and New England, the fish and oil obtained by their fisheries, are important articles of export [240] to the southern countries of Europe, and Asia Minor. *Codfish* are chiefly caught on the north-eastern coast of North America ; especially on the Grand Bank of Newfoundland. The North Sea and Northern Ocean, on the coast of Europe, are visited at certain seasons by immense numbers of *herring*, which furnish supplies for the people of the neighbouring countries, and give employment to a large number of fishermen. *Spermaceti, whale-oil, and whale-bone* are obtained from Greenland, and from the whale fishery.

Furs are chiefly obtained from the Savage and Barbarous nations, who inhabit the northern parts of Europe, Asia, and America. They are carried to most nations in the Temperate Zone. The finest are from Siberia. The sable and the ermine are valued at the highest price, and used as ornaments of dress, by the princes and nobles of Europe and Asia.

1268. *Temperate countries, adapted to tillage*, carry on a per-

petual intercourse with other nations, in grain, hemp, and flax. The southern shores of the Baltic supply the north of Europe. Egypt, Barbary, and the countries on the Black Sea, send large quantities to the south of Europe. *The United States* furnish the West Indies, Spain, and Portugal with considerable quantities of grain, in return for their peculiar productions. The variety of climate and soil in the different districts of the United States enables them not only to supply each other with the various products of warm and cold climates, and of grazing and tillage, but to export tobacco, cotton, rice and provisions to other countries.

1269. *Thickly settled, and manufacturing nations* obtain raw materials, and articles of necessity and luxury, from other nations, in exchange with each other for the products of mechanical industry. The manufactures of India and China are sent to most Civilized countries. But Great Britain, the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland, may almost be styled, *the manufacturers of the world*. Few other nations supply their own wants; while these tax every quarter of the globe, even the savage tribes of Asia, Africa, and America, to reward their skill and industry.

From the account already given of manufactures, it will be seen that Great Britain furnishes *the largest supply of woollen and cotton goods*: and that *India* is next in cotton. *Silks* are obtained chiefly from India, China, France, Spain, and Italy; and *linen* from Ireland, Prussia, and Russia. *Metallic articles* are procured principally from Great Britain and Germany. Great Britain is beginning to manufacture silk.

1270. The variety of products in the different portions of a single country gives rise to *internal commerce*, often of great extent.

The vast territory and variety of climate and soil in *China*, render the productions of various parts adequate to the wants of the people, and lead to an important internal commerce. The *Russian Empire* has a similar trade between different parts of its extensive possessions. It returns manufactured goods and provisions from Europe, for the furs and minerals of its territories in Asia and America. *The middle regions of Europe* have a similar course of internal trade, to a more limited extent.

The United States also have internal commerce to a considerable amount. The Middle States supply the northern and southern with grain—and receive provisions, cotton, sugar, &c. from them. The different districts of *South America*—mining, agricultural and commercial—have a perpetual intercourse with one another, for the interchange of their respective commodities.

1271. Some *nations* are merely *passive in foreign commerce*, trading only with those who come to procure their commodities, and receiving such articles as are brought, adapted to their wants.

Such is *the trade of savage nations*, whose ignorance of navigation and arts prevents their going to a distance from home. From these, especially from the inhabitants of Northern Asia and America, the most valuable furs and other articles are obtained in exchange for beads, toys, or metallic articles, tools and other goods of far less value among civilized nations. Here the trade is merely the exchange of one commodity for another, and money is seldom used. Where a standard of value is employed, it often consists of shells or beads. In some parts of Africa, even lumps of salt are used as money.

1272. *Half-Civilized nations* are too ignorant of ship-building and navigation to extend their naval commerce far; and are chiefly confined to narrow seas, and short distances in their excursions. The *Turks* rarely go out of the Mediterranean; but the more enterprising *Greeks* often extend their voyages to the Atlantic. The *Chinese* confine themselves to the eastern coasts of Asia and the Asiatic Islands. *The commerce of China and Japan* is chiefly of the passive kind; and they receive few commodities of other nations, except gold and silver. These nations impose severe restrictions upon trade, and allow foreigners to come but to a single port. The Dutch are the only nation allowed to trade in Japan. The Chinese permit the Russians on their borders, to trade only at the town of Kiachta.

1273. Some nations have an *active commerce*, and are continually engaged in carrying their goods to others. All the maritime nations of Europe have trade of this kind. Others go still farther, and act as the carriers from one nation to another. In this way commerce is made not only advantageous by the exchange of commodities, but a profitable employment in itself.

The principal nations engaged in the carrying trade are the United States, Great Britain, Denmark, Holland, and France. In Great Britain, $\frac{1}{3}$ of the exports are articles obtained from foreign countries; and in the United States, $\frac{1}{3}$. These nations extend their commerce to every part of the world, and obtain its productions and manufactures usually in exchange for their own.

The following table of the imports and exports of the United States, will serve as a specimen of the commerce of a nation engaged chiefly in agriculture and navigation, and will illustrate the principles which have been stated, concerning the articles furnished by each class of countries. For the sake of distinctness, manufactured goods are marked (*m*); and the products of warm climates, (*).—The second column of figures shows the articles imported for re-exportation, and the amount of our carrying trade.

TABLE OF IMPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR 1822.

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR VALUE.

IMPORTS.	Value.	Re-exported.	From what countries imported.
<i>Total</i>	\$83,000,000	\$22,000,000	
<i>m.</i> Woollen Goods	12,200,000	200,000	England $\frac{1}{10}$.
<i>m.</i> Cotton do.	10,300,000	1,700,000	Great Britain $\frac{2}{10}$ —China $\frac{1}{12}$.
<i>m.</i> Silk do.	6,800,000	1,000,000	France $\frac{2}{5}$ —China $\frac{1}{5}$ —British East Indies $\frac{1}{5}$.
* Coffee	5,600,000	1,700,000	Cuba $\frac{1}{5}$ —Hayti $\frac{1}{5}$ —Brazil $\frac{1}{11}$ —East and West Indies generally.
<i>m.</i> Iron and Steel	5,200,000	300,000	Manufactured, England $\frac{1}{10}$ —Unwrought, Sweden $\frac{3}{5}$ —Russia.
* Sugar	5,000,000	1,000,000	Cuba $\frac{2}{5}$ —Danish West Indies $\frac{1}{5}$ —and other West Indies.
<i>m.</i> Linen Goods	4,100,000	400,000	England and Scotland $\frac{1}{5}$ —Ireland $\frac{1}{5}$ —Germany $\frac{1}{5}$.
Gold & Silver Coin, & Bullion	3,400,000	<i>more exp'ted</i>	South America $\frac{1}{5}$ —Cuba $\frac{1}{5}$ —Other West Indies $\frac{1}{4}$ —Holland and Italy.
Spirits	2,500,000	200,000	France $\frac{3}{5}$ —Danish West Indies $\frac{1}{5}$ —Holland $\frac{1}{5}$.
* Molasses	2,400,000	4,000	Cuba $\frac{1}{5}$ —French West Indies $\frac{1}{5}$ —Dutch do. $\frac{1}{5}$.
Raw Hides	2,000,000	40,000	South America $\frac{3}{4}$ —West Indies $\frac{1}{4}$.
* Wines	1,900,000	200,000	{ Spain $\frac{1}{5}$ —France $\frac{1}{5}$ —Teneriffe $\frac{1}{5}$ —Portugal $\frac{1}{5}$ —Maderia $\frac{1}{11}$ —Azores $\frac{1}{12}$ } —Sicily $\frac{1}{11}$.
* Teas	1,900,000	700,000	China.
* Indigo	1,800,000	1,200,000	British East Indies $\frac{3}{5}$ —West Indies and South America.
<i>m.</i> Duck and Sheetings	1,500,000	400,000	Russia.
<i>m.</i> Copper, Brass, and Tin	1,400,000	50,000	Manufactured, England, Unwrought do. $\frac{1}{2}$ —South America $\frac{1}{5}$.
<i>m.</i> Earthen and Stone Ware	1,100,000	50,000	England.
Hemp	1,100,000	4,000	Russia.
<i>m.</i> Hats, Caps, and Bonnets	720,000	14,000	Italy $\frac{1}{5}$ —France $\frac{1}{5}$.
Salt	630,000	1,000	England $\frac{1}{5}$ —British West Indies $\frac{1}{5}$ —Portugal $\frac{1}{10}$.
* Spices	500,000	450,000	Southern parts of Asia $\frac{2}{5}$ —and West Indies.
<i>m.</i> Glass Ware and Window	450,000	55,000	England $\frac{3}{5}$ —Germany $\frac{1}{5}$.
Wool	400,000		Spain $\frac{1}{5}$ —Portugal $\frac{1}{5}$.
Wool	360,000	95,000	Spain and Gibraltar $\frac{2}{5}$ —Mediterranean ports generally.

Candles, Cheese, and Soap.....	360,000	66,000	Russia $\frac{2}{3}$ —and Mediterranean ports.
m. Hempen Goods.....	330,000	14,000	Scotland $\frac{2}{3}$ —England $\frac{2}{3}$.
* Dye Woods.....	310,000	234,000	West Indies and south-west shores of the Gulf of Mexico.
Furs.....	300,000	1,000	British America $\frac{1}{3}$ —Germany $\frac{1}{3}$ —England $\frac{1}{3}$ —South America $\frac{1}{3}$.
m. Paints.....	280,000	12,000	England $\frac{2}{3}$ —Holland.
Lead.....	270,000	24,000	England.
* Cacao.....	250,000	205,000	South America $\frac{2}{3}$ —and West Indies
Cigars.....	200,000	26,000	Cuba.
m. Gold, Silver, and Precious } Stones (manufactured) }	150,000	34,000	England $\frac{2}{3}$ —France $\frac{1}{3}$.
m. Cordage.....	150,000	22,000	Russia $\frac{2}{3}$ —England $\frac{1}{3}$.
Coal.....	140,000	1,000	England $\frac{2}{3}$ —British America $\frac{1}{3}$ —Scotland $\frac{1}{3}$.
Gypsum.....	120,000		Nova Scotia.
m. Beer, Ale, and Porter.....	100,000	3,000	England $\frac{9}{10}$.
m. Paper.....	94,000	6,000	France $\frac{2}{3}$ —England $\frac{1}{3}$.
Bristles and Glue.....	90,000		Russia $\frac{2}{3}$ —Great Britain $\frac{1}{3}$.
Sulphur.....	60,000	1,000	Italy and Malta $\frac{1}{3}$ —Trieste and other Austrian ports $\frac{1}{3}$ —Russia $\frac{1}{3}$.
m. China Ware.....	57,000	9,000	England $\frac{1}{3}$ —China $\frac{1}{3}$ —France $\frac{1}{3}$.
* Olive Oil.....	49,000	14,000	Italy and Malta $\frac{2}{3}$ —other European Mediterranean ports $\frac{1}{3}$.
* Cotton.....	30,000	57,000	Spanish South America.
m. Gunpowder.....	26,000	6,000	England.
Fish.....	19,000	1,000	British America.
Copperas.....	13,000		England.
Alum.....	11,000		Sweden $\frac{2}{3}$ —Germany $\frac{1}{3}$.
Burr Mill Stones.....	11,000		France.

EXPORTS.

Exports of Foreign articles..	\$22,000,000	Gold and Silver $\frac{1}{2}$ —Tropical products $\frac{1}{4}$ —Manufactures $\frac{1}{4}$.
— of Domestic articles.	50,000,000	Products of Agriculture $\frac{2}{3}$ —of Forests $\frac{1}{12}$ —of Manufactures $\frac{1}{6}$ —of Sea $\frac{1}{6}$.

[244] 1274. *Circuitous voyages* are sometimes made, to procure the articles necessary for commerce. Thus many American and British ships procure furs from the North-west Coast, or sandal wood from the Sandwich Islands; and then carry them to Chin in exchange for teas, silks, &c. The ships of the United State carried furs to Canton to the value of half a million of dollars, in the year 1803.

Some commercial nations employ great numbers of their ship in *fisheries*, for the whale, cod, herring, and seal, to obtain articles of commerce. The whale and seal fisheries are most extensively carried on by the British and the Eastern United States. Massachusetts, and especially the Island of Nantucket, is most distinguished for this trade. The cod and herring fisheries employ great numbers of vessels, from the United States, Great Britain, the Netherlands, France, and the northern countries of Europe; and the produce is carried to southern climates.

1275. Extensive regions in the interior of Asia and Africa carry on all their *commerce by land*. Caravans are continually crossing the deserts of Asia and Africa. They are composed sometimes of 1000 or 2000 merchants with their camels, who assemble and travel together for the sake of security. In this way, the spices of Arabia, the gold and ivory of Africa, and the manufactures of India and China, are scattered through the surrounding countries; and the interior receives the articles obtained from the coast, or from foreign commerce. The trade in slaves is an important branch in Africa. On the principal routes, caravans go and return at certain seasons of the year; and are often attended by guards.

1276. One branch of commerce has not been mentioned, which disgraces a large number of civilized nations—the *slave-trade* to Africa.

In this devoted quarter of the globe, the people not only enslave Europeans and Americans wrecked on their coasts, but are continually sending coffles (or small caravans) of their countrymen in chains, from the interior to the coasts, and to Western Asia. Many are sold in African and Asiatic countries; but a greater number are exported to the European colonies of America and the East Indies. This traffic in human flesh is maintained by wars, waged by the stronger kings and chiefs of Africa against the weaker, for the sake of taking prisoners; and has thus devastated extensive regions, once fertile and populous. Kings have even been known to plunder villages in their own kingdoms, to supply slave ships. Aside from its inherent cruelty, the ships which convey the slaves to other countries are so crowded, that

they endure every species of suffering, from heat and confinement, and many die on the passage.

Great Britain and the United States were formerly deeply engaged in this trade ; but both nations have now forbidden it, and it is punished as piracy by the United States. The *French, Portuguese, and Spanish* still pursue it, on certain parts of the coast of Africa ; and too often American and English vessels are found engaged in it, under the colours of those nations. In 18 months of 1821 and 1822, 400 slave ships, nearly half French, [245] visited the western coast of Africa, and carried away 100,000 slaves.* The slave-trade is also carried on, to a great extent, on the eastern coast. Great efforts are made by British and American armed vessels to suppress this traffic, and much has been effected. The king of Madagascar recently engaged with the British government to abolish it in his dominions.

A traffic in slaves, especially females, is also carried on from *Georgia and Circassia*, and the neighbouring regions, to Turkey and Persia. The Mamelukes, who lately governed Egypt, were originally slaves from Georgia, and were annually recruited from that country.

Statistical Geography.

In the preceding parts of this work, we have given general views of the state of countries, with regard to every important subject of Geography. The aspect and phenomena of Deserts, Mountains, Volcanoes, Rivers, Lakes, &c., have been portrayed ; and the descriptions applied, by a particular survey of the surface and waters of each of the Grand Divisions of the earth. The various Climates, and corresponding Vegetables and Animals of the earth, are next described, and are illustrated, and in some respects more minutely exhibited, on the *Physical Chart of the World*, or View of Climates and Productions. The location of the most valuable Minerals is also stated.

The division of mankind by their Race and Language forms the introduction to Civil Geography. The Chart of the Inhabited World, in connection with the corresponding articles, presents a distinct view of the prevailing Religion, Government, and state of Civilization, in each country ; and the subsequent chapters will furnish all the most important information, concerning the Learning, Education, Literary Institutions, and Character of nations, and the state of Agriculture, Roads, Cities, Commerce, and Arts.

Under the head of STATISTICAL GEOGRAPHY, a general view will be given of the Sources of National Power, and a detailed account of the most important facts, relative to the character and resources of each state. It is important to become familiar with the general views, before proceeding to this part of the work; and then the acquisition will be easy. *It will be indispensably necessary to accurate knowledge, to examine the maps, in connection with the account of each country. The appropriate questions will be found in the Atlas.*

NATIONAL POWER.

1277. The power of a nation may be considered, either with reference to its ability to defend itself, or the means it possesses of attacking other nations.

Countries which are rugged and mountainous are difficult of attack. Every mountain becomes a fortress, and every pass a place of defence. This has been an important security to the liberties of Switzerland; and Norway has maintained the rights of the people inviolate, although subject to a foreign prince. In this manner bands of robbers, and roving tribes, maintain their independence in the mountains of Turkey, Persia, and even in Italy.

1278. *Countries which are thinly settled* are easily invaded and overrun by a foreign power, on account of their extent. But for the same reason, it is not easy to retain possession of them; and an invading army is liable to be harassed and gradually destroyed. Such was the fact with the United States in the revolutionary war; and with Spain and Russia, when attacked by the French, some years since.

Thinly settled countries are sometimes so extensive as to furnish large armies, and thus have the power of attacking or defending other states; as is the fact with Russia. But generally, the difficulty of collecting a force from so great distances, prevents any efforts of this kind, and incapacitates them for foreign wars.

1279. *Countries which are thickly settled* are able to collect a large force, in a short time, at any point of attack; and their territory is thus more easily defended. The amount of population enables some nations to send large armies abroad, to aid or to attack other nations, and hence these are usually most engaged in foreign wars; as is the fact with France and Great Britain.

1280. Among nations which are similar in other respects, those which possess most *knowledge and skill in the arts*, are most powerful; because they are thus enabled to provide the best arms, ammunition, and ships, and to conduct the operations of war with the greatest skill. *Wealth* is also very important to national power; as it not only furnishes the best supplies of all [246] kinds, but enables a nation to procure the aid of others, or to give aid to them, without sending its armies abroad.

The wealth of a country depends more on the industry, enter-

prise, and skill of the people in Agriculture, Manufactures, and Commerce, than on its fertility or natural riches ; and these in turn, depend on the state of knowledge, information, and freedom. It would appear therefore, that the number and character of the people are *the ultimate foundation of national power* ; and that its increase is usually proportioned, (under similar circumstances,) to the increase of knowledge, industry, and improvements.

In illustration of these principles, Spain, with her fertile and extensive dominions, and inexhaustible mines of gold and silver, has been a poor country ; while the little republic of Holland, a marshy tract rescued from the sea by persevering industry, has been immensely wealthy, and very powerful.

1281. *In surveying the state of EUROPE*, we find in conformity with the preceding views, that Great Britain, which holds the highest rank with respect to knowledge, arts, and enterprise, possesses power which no other nation can control ; and her commerce and naval force, have enabled her to exert an influence on every quarter of the globe, far more extensive than that of any other existing empire. France, Austria, and Prussia also belong to the *first class of European states* ; and the immense population and extent of Russia places this empire among them, although it is inferior to the rest in arts and improvements. These are the only powers which exert a decided influence on their neighbours ; and they have, in fact, settled the condition of Europe for some time past.

1282 *In the second rank*, are Sweden, the Netherlands, Spain, and Turkey. These states are not controlled directly by any other power, and could not be controlled without difficulty ; but they exert little influence upon surrounding nations, or the general state of Europe.

1283. *In the third rank*, are Naples, Portugal, Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg, Hanover, Denmark, and Switzerland. They are too feeble to resist the surrounding states without assistance, but they are important as auxiliaries, and are often courted and protected for that purpose, by more powerful nations.

1284. *In the fourth rank*, are Baden, Tuscany, Rome, and the small states of Germany and Italy. These are entirely dependent on the large states for existence ; and frequently have owed their preservation to the mutual jealousies of the principal powers.

1285. In ASIA, *Russia* controls a larger portion of territory, and is more formidable, than any other power. The Tartar, or *Chinese Empire*, is next in extent, and has great resources ; but

it is confined entirely to its own territories. The small, but populous Empire, of *Japan*, seems to possess ample means of self-defence also ; but has no communication with its neighbours.

Persia and Turkey are feeble states, which cannot even restrain the robbers of their own territories. *Arabia* is divided among too many chiefs to possess any united power ; and *Affghanistan*, although a powerful collection of tribes, is enfeebled for want of [247] firm union. *Hindoostan* is in the same condition ; but is chiefly under the influence of Great Britain.

In *Farther India*, there are two important, energetic states—the empires of *Burmah*, and of *Anam or Tonkin*. They appear to have power sufficient to control the whole peninsula, and are rapidly advancing in national improvements. The *Malays* are formidable as robbers and pirates, but have no power as a nation.

1286. *The Asiatic Isles and Polynesia* are divided among numerous chiefs and kings, none of whom exert an extensive influence. In *Polynesia*, the kings of the *Sandwich Isles*, and *Society Isles*, are the most powerful, and these islands are advancing most rapidly in civilization.

1287. In *AFRICA*, the *Barbary States* were once formidable even to European nations by their piracies ; but they have gradually declined like *Turkey*, and are now of little consequence. *Egypt*, under the government of an intelligent and energetic bey is rising in respectability and power. The greater part of *Africa* is divided among numerous kings and chiefs, some of whom are powerful, while others scarcely possess a territory equal to an American village. They are perpetually at war, and the extent and power of each is continually varying. *Congo* appears to be the principal state south of the equator. *Ashantee* has lately assumed a commanding station among the nations of *Upper Guinea*. Of the interior tribes, we know very little.

On the whole, it may be observed, with respect to *Asia and Africa*, that no native power, except *Turkey*, exerts any important influence on the rest of the world ; and that the extent and condition of states is continually fluctuating. The influence and dominions of *Russia and England*, are rapidly extending in *Asia*.

MEXICO, and the countries of SOUTH AMERICA have become independent, and possess immense natural resources. But the state of confusion in which they have been involved, and which still prevails in some of them, and the low state of arts and improvement, must for a long time prevent them from taking an important rank on the political scale.

1288. The *UNITED STATES* are the only independent power of importance remaining to be described. They are happily removed

from the jealousies of European states ; and therefore it is not necessary to estimate their ability for engaging in their wars.

They possess immense natural resources, and an extensive and fertile territory, furnishing the most valuable products of two zones. The people are free. They are brave and independent in their character ; intelligent and well educated beyond most other nations of the globe ; and rapidly advancing in arts, manufactures, commerce, and wealth. No country has greater prosperity—none have more ample means of defence—and none have fewer reasons to fear the encroachments of foreign invaders, or fewer inducements to seek for foreign conquests.

NORTH AMERICA.

The Physical Geography of North America, including its mountains, natural Divisions, surface, and waters, has been already described, (page 72 to 92.) It has every variety of CLIMATE, extending through all the regions, from the polar circles to the vicinity of the equator. (See *Physical Chart of the World*, and ¶ 733—7, 745—8, 754—9, 766.) Its products have a corresponding variety ; and a view of the most important VEGETABLES and ANIMALS will be obtained by examining these articles under each region, in connection with the Physical Chart of the World. It is rich in MINERAL treasures also, as described under that head.

Only three centuries have elapsed since any part of America was ranked among civilized nations ; and the first European settlements north of Mexico, were commenced in 1607. The territory and resources of North America are amply sufficient for the foundation of empires, more extensive and powerful than those of Europe. The United States is the only portion, which has taken an important rank among the nations of the earth. Mexico and Guatemala are now independent republics. Nearly the whole civilized population of North America is found in the Mexican peninsula—the United States east of the Mississippi River—and the British provinces bordering on the United States. The vast region lying north [249] of latitude 50° is claimed by the Russians and British ; and the territory south of this and west of longitude 96°, belongs to Mexico and the United States. But the greater part of these regions is scarcely explored ; and with the exception of trading houses, and the districts of California and Santa Fé, this largest section of the continent is inhabited only by the native tribes of Indians.

The GOVERNMENT, RELIGION, and state of CIVILIZATION of each division may be learned, by referring to the Chart of the World in connexion with these articles. and a particular account of the state of knowledge, arts, &c., has been given under the proper heads.

ARCTIC REGIONS.

GREENLAND. (See ¶ 540.)

This dreary country has usually been called DANISH AMERICA, but is now believed to be unconnected with the Continent. It may be said to consist of rock, ice, and snow, and is nearly destitute of vegetation. Even in the southern parts, a few small junipers, willows, and birches are the only trees to be found. The animals are such as can endure the most intense cold—the reindeer, the polar fox, and the bear. The walrus and seal frequent the shores. Fish and fowl are tolerably numerous.

The highest mountains are on the west side; and the three pinnacles of which is called the Stag's Horn are visible from the sea, at the distance of forty or sixty leagues.

The natives are a branch of the Esquimaux or American Samoiedes. It is supposed they do not exceed ten thousand, the number having been greatly reduced by the small-pox.

There are several settlements, established by the Danes and Norwegians and by Moravian missionaries, chiefly in the south-west.

This country was colonized and claimed by the Danes. At one period, the colonists were enabled to export cattle and provisions; but it is probably a possession of very small value to the mother country.

RUSSIAN AMERICA;

OR NORTH-WEST COAST.

The Russians may be regarded as the first discoverers of the north-western shores of America. They lay claim to the territory, and about 50,000 Indians acknowledge their authority.

This coast seems to be chiefly alpine; in some parts rising into snow-capped summits, with immense glaciers winding through its cavities. In this respect, and in its numerous creeks and isles, it bears no small resemblance to Norway. The most remarkable mountain seems to be that called St. Elias by the Russian navigators; and which, it is affirmed, is visible at sea at the distance of sixty leagues.

The inhabitants of the more northern regions of this coast appear to be Esquimaux. The savages of Nootka are said to be very cruel to the captives taken in war, and have frequently proved treacherous in their attacks on trading vessels. Whales form a favourite article of their food.

[250] They obtain valuable furs from the seal and other animals: and many ships visit this coast to procure them for the Chinese market. (See § 1274.) A chain of islands stretches from Kamschatka to the promontory of Alaska, which receives the general appellation of the Aleutian Isles.

BRITISH AMERICA.

Those parts of North America which still belong to Great Britain, are extensive and of considerable importance; but they are so thinly peopled, and in such a disadvantageous climate, that they sink into insignificance, when compared with Mexico and Guatemala, or the territories of the United States. The inhabitants of the former are estimated at eight millions; and those of the United States at ten; while those of the British possessions scarcely exceed 400,000.

The chief of these possessions is Canada, now divided into two provinces called Upper and Lower Canada, separated by the Ottawas River. The former is on the north of the great lakes; the lower division, on the River St. Lawrence. On the eastern coast, south of the River St. Lawrence, are Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Islands of Newfoundland, Cape Breton, and St. Johns. Labrador, and the regions around Hudson's Bay, sometimes called New-Britain, are nominally subject to Great Britain also. All the British possessions are subject to a Governor-General, residing at Quebec.

The greater part of this region is important only for the fur-trade and fisheries. Manufactures are few, unless those of flour and lumber in Canada be reckoned among them. Commerce is chiefly in these articles, and in the necessities of life.

LOWER CANADA.

Lower Canada nominally extends north of the St. Lawrence, into unexplored regions. But the only portion which is settled is the vale of the St. Lawrence, enclosed by two ridges of mountains running from south-west to north-east.

dividing the waters of this stream, from those of the northern and Atlantic dependencies. (See ¶ 505.)

At the mouth of the St. Lawrence, the country is rugged and mountainous, and the climate very severe. But in the upper and more southerly portions of the province, the country is well watered and fertile, and the climate is milder. All parts, however, have the winters of Sweden, although situated in the latitude of France; and are liable to great and sudden heat in summer. (See ¶ 761.)

At Montreal, the spring generally commences six weeks earlier than at Quebec: vegetation is proportionably more vigorous and luxuriant; and the crops produced are more abundant, as they are seldom checked by the early frosts, which are common in the eastern parts of the province.

The greater part of the inhabitants are French, who are generally industrious. Their manners and customs are considerably tinged with the French gayety and urbanity. The French women of the lower classes in Canada can generally read and write, and are thus superior to the men; but both are very ignorant and superstitious, and blindly devoted to their priests. They use the French language universally, English being restricted to the few British settlers.

The chief town is *Quebec*, built on a lofty point of land on the St. Lawrence: which is here sufficiently deep and spacious to float more than one hundred sail of the line. The upper town is on a rock of limestone, well fortified, both by nature and art: but the lower town is the chief seat of commerce.

Montreal is situated on an island in the River St. Lawrence. It is the [251] principal seat of the fur trade, and increasing in population and importance. *Three Rivers*, or *Trois Rivières*, between Quebec and Montreal, is a place of some trade.

The Island of *Cape Breton* is connected with this province. It is chiefly valuable for its coal mines.

UPPER CANADA.

The soil of Upper Canada, it is stated by Bouchette, is generally a fine, dark loam, mixed with a rich vegetable mould, not exceeded in any portion of North America. From the eastern frontier of the province to Lake Ontario, a distance of about 170 miles, the land presents an almost uniform level of exquisite beauty, rising only a few feet above the banks of the St. Lawrence, and finely intersected in every direction by numerous streams. Several of these are navigable (with occasional obstructions from falls) for boats and canoes, while they offer many choice situations for the erection of mills. On the northern shores of Lake Ontario is a ridge of heights of no great elevation, and of inconsiderable breadth, from which the land soon descends again, and forms a level, fertile tract, extending to Lake Huron. Most of the settlements are between the River Niagara and Lake Huron, which is the finest part of the province.

The climate of Upper Canada is particularly salubrious; and epidemic diseases, either among men or cattle, are almost unknown. The winters are shorter, and not so rigorous as in Lower Canada. The spring opens, and agricultural labours commence, from six weeks to two months earlier than in the neighbourhood of Quebec. The summer heats are also more moderate, and the autumns are in general favourable for securing the produce of all the late crops.

The inhabitants are generally of English origin, and superior to those of the lower province. Many are emigrants from the United States.

York is the seat of government of Upper Canada. It is situated upon an excellent harbour of the same name, sufficiently large to contain a considerable fleet. *Kingston* is situated near The Thousand Isles, which lie in the passage from Lake Ontario to the St. Lawrence.

Queenstown is celebrated for a battle in the late war.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

New-Brunswick resembles Lower Canada in its climate and character, but it is less populous. It has a good degree of fertility, especially in the neighbourhood of the St. Johns, and other rivers. Its forests produce pines of extraordinary size: and lumber and fish are the principal articles of export.

Frederickton is the capital, situated at the head of sloop navigation on the St John's River. The largest town is *St. Johns*, near the mouth of the same river.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Nova Scotia is a peninsula, south of New-Brunswick. The coast is rugged and stony, but the interior has some fertile land. The climate is mild, but subject to frequent fogs. There are valuable mines of gypsum, coal, and iron, which furnish articles of export. Roads are generally good, and communication easy; there are good harbours on the coast; and the commerce and wealth are increasing. Gypsum, lumber, and fish, are the principal exports.

[252] *Halifax* has a fine harbour. It is a naval station, and is flourishing in commerce. *Liverpool* is also a commercial place of some importance. *Windsor* has a college.

St. Johns, or Prince Edward, is a large island north of Nova Scotia.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Newfoundland is a barren, hilly island, of which the interior is unknown. The coast abounds with fine harbours. It is a region of frosts and fogs, only valuable as a convenient fishing station. The population is chiefly of persons concerned in the fisheries, and is very variable. Scarcely any education or refinement is generally found among them.

St. Johns is the capital; a place of considerable population, but reduced by repeated conflagrations.

LABRADOR.

This large country was so named by a Portuguese navigator, who first discovered it. In the inland parts there were American Indians, and on the coasts Esquimaux; but the former have mostly retired to the south, and even the latter seem gradually to withdraw. A few factories were the only European establishments here, till the Moravian clergy formed little settlements at Nain, Okkak, and Hopedale.

So far as examined, Labrador is generally hilly, and even mountainous. The eastern coast exhibits a most barren and iron-bound appearance, the rocky mountains rising suddenly from the sea; and is lined with thousands of islands, abounding with the eider-duck, and other sea-fowl. Rivers, brooks, lakes, and ponds, are abundant, rich in fish, and frequented by innumerable birds.

In the interior, the air is milder, there are many trees, and some symptoms of fertility. The mountaineers of the interior resemble gipsies, with somewhat of French features, from a mixture of Canadian blood. They live in a kind of tent covered with deer skin and birch bark. They profess to be Roman Catholics, and occasionally visit the priests at Quebec.

TERRITORY OF HUDSON'S BAY.

The Hudson's Bay Company claims the extensive territories on the west, south, and east of that inland sea, supposed to extend from 70° to 115° of west longitude; and allowing the degree only 30 miles, the length will be 1350 geographical miles, and the medial breadth about 350. This vast extent of ice and snow is however of little consequence considered in itself. There are some fertile tracts on the southern border.

The regions on the west of Hudson's Bay have been called New North and New South Wales; while that on the east is styled East Main. The most valuable settlements are in the vicinity of James's Bay, at Albany-fort, Moose-fort, and East-Main Factory. To the west, the Hudson's Bay Company has extended little farther than Hudson House. The Sea of Hudson commonly presents bold, rocky shores; but at intervals, there are marshes and large beaches. Even in latitude 57°, the winters have the severity of the Frozen Regions, already described, (¶ 765—7.) The fish in Hudson's Sea are far from numerous; and the whale fishery has been attempted without success. The quadrupeds and birds correspond with those of Labrador and Canada.

The northern natives are Esquimaux, but there are other savages in the south; and the factories are visited by several tribes. All subsist on the products of hunting and fishing.

UNITED STATES.

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The UNITED STATES form a single republic, composed of twenty-four separate states and several territorial governments, together with an extensive territory acquired by purchase, west of the Mississippi River, which is yet undivided and scarcely explored. The whole cover a surface of two millions of square miles. About one million are occupied by 10,000,000 of civilized inhabitants; and the remainder by 400,000 or 500,000 Indians, in a savage state.

Under the head of North America. (page 72) a particular description of the mountains, geological structure, surface and waters of the United States, has already been given. They extend from the Cold Regions on the north, to the Tropical on the south, and their productions include all the necessities, and most of the luxuries of these climates (See ¶ 745, 754—8, and 759.) The climate of the Cold Region is rendered milder in the Eastern States, by the vicinity of the sea on the one side, and the lakes on the other, and by the low latitude in which it is found on this continent.

The Government of the individual states is described, page 181, and that of the Union, page 181. A view of religious denominations will be found, page 187. The state of learning and education is particularly described, page 200—2; and Literary Institutions, page 209 to 211.

The state of Agriculture, and its variations in different districts, are given under that head, ¶ 1200 to 1207, of Roads, ¶ 1222—5, and of Cities, ¶ 1240. The state of Manufactures and Commerce are given in the articles on those subjects, and are more fully exhibited in the tables relating to these subjects. The tables of population derived from the late census, will show the proportion of the inhabitants of each state, engaged in Agriculture, Commerce, and Manufactures, respectively.*

A brief exhibition of the power and resources of the United States was given in the article on National Power. No nation on earth has advanced so rapidly in population and improvements during the same period. None is now so free from all obstacles to their progress in knowledge, arts, and national wealth. Since 1790, their shipping has increased from 400,000 to 1,400,000 tons; and the exports from 20, to 70 millions of dollars, with a corresponding increase of revenue from the customs. Manufactures have also been advancing rapidly. In the same period, their population has increased from 4,000,000 to 10,000,000, or generally at such a rate as to double in 25 years.

EASTERN STATES.

MAINE.

Maine is one of the most recently settled of the Atlantic States, and was until lately, a part of Massachusetts.

It has all the characteristics of a primitive country, before described, (¶ 158)—a rugged coast indented with numerous harbours—an uneven and hilly surface—a hard soil—and numerous lakes and streams, not well adapted for navigation.

Its climate is cold, but healthy, varying in moisture according to its distance from the sea. A large part of it is still covered with forests. Agriculture. [254] is little advanced. Manufactures are few. Its extensive seacoast and fine harbours are favourable to commerce, and it is now the fourth state in the Union in the quantity of its shipping. Its forests and grazing farms furnish the chief exports; but the enterprise of the people has even led them to carry cargoes of ice to the West Indies, which have proved a source of profit.

Portland, the capital, on Casco Bay, is a large town, with a fine harbour. It is among the first seven in the Union in the amount of its shipping.

Eastport is a commercial place, on the borders of New-Brunswick. *Castine* is important as a military post. *Machias* is a place of considerable trade.

* See the Atlas for Tables relating to these subjects.

Brunswick, on the Androscoggin, is the seat of Bowdoin College. *Bangor*, at the head of navigation on the Penobscot, has an institution combining literary and theological education. *Waterville* has a Baptist institution, of the same character.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The surface of New Hampshire is level on the coast. In the interior, it rises into hills and mountains, which give it a rugged character. The White Mountains tower above all the peaks of the Appalachian Chain, and serve as a landmark to vessels at a great distance at sea. As is usual in mountainous tracts, it abounds in lakes and streams, but it has little internal navigation. The extent of its sea-coast is small.

The primitive character of its formation renders its soil generally difficult of tillage, and best adapted to pasturage. It is interspersed with fertile and well cultivated tracts. A large part of the state is still covered with forests. The climate is cold, but equable and healthy.

The inhabitants have the usual industry and good morals of New-England. Education is well attended to.

Grazing is the chief employment of the people, and the products of the dairies, forests, and mines, are the chief articles of export. Manufactures are not much advanced; and its active commerce is not extensive.

Concord, the seat of government, is a flourishing town in the interior, connected with Boston by the Middlesex Canal. *Portsmouth*, on the Piscataqua River, is the only seaport. Its harbour is fine, and open at all seasons; and this is one of the naval stations of the United States. It is the eighth town in the United States in commerce.

At *Hanover*, is Dartmouth College, a respectable and flourishing institution. *Franconia* contains some of the best iron mines in the United States.

VERMONT.

Vermont is traversed through its whole extent by the Green Mountains, from which it derives its name. They render the whole surface uneven, and divide it into two principal declivities, one towards Connecticut River, and the other towards Lake Champlain. This directs the intercourse of one division to New-England, and of the other to New-York and Canada. The northern part declines towards the St. Lawrence, into which the waters of Lake Memphremagog flow. The Green Mountains form the highest part of the Appalachian chain, except the White Mountains. The streams of Vermont are not large. Most of the state (255) has a good soil, which is well watered. The air is serene and healthy, and the climate equable. The borders of Lake Champlain are subject to fivers.

Agriculture and grazing form the chief employments of the people. Manufactures, except those of a coarse kind made in families, are chiefly obtained from abroad, in exchange for the produce of their forests, mines, and quarries of marble, and for their cattle and horses.

Montpelier, the seat of government, is a small village, in a little circular valley, on the Onion River. *Burlington* is a flourishing commercial town, beautifully situated on Lake Champlain. It is the seat of the University of Vermont.

Middlebury, on the Otter River, has a college, having a medical school connected with it, at Castleton. It contains a fine quarry of marble. *Vergennes* is at the head of navigation on the Otter River, below Middlebury. *Bennington* is one of the oldest towns in the state, and celebrated for the defeat of a party of Hessians from Burgoyne's army in 1777.

Windsor and *Brattleborough* are flourishing towns on the Connecticut River.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The surface of Massachusetts is greatly diversified. The coast is indented with a number of bays. The eastern portions are uneven—the western, very hilly and mountainous. The vale of the Connecticut River is level. The soil is equally

diversified. On the coast it is generally sandy or stony, and in many other parts, fertile.

The climate is dry and healthy in the interior. On the coast, it is rendered damp and unpleasant, during the spring and much of the summer, by north-east winds.

Massachusetts was the first settled state in New-England, and now has a more dense population than any other in the Union.

Agriculture has been more attended to in this state than in most others. Manufactures are flourishing, and considerable quantities are exported. Its commerce and fisheries extend to every quarter of the globe. Although one of the smallest states, it is first except New-York in commerce, and among the first in manufactures and wealth. Its citizens are distinguished for their enterprise and public spirit. Its literary institutions rank among the first in the Union; and the general state of education is excellent.

Massachusetts abounds in flourishing towns and villages. *Boston* is the capital, and indeed the chief city of New-England in commerce, population, and wealth. No city of the United States is more distinguished for its literary and humane institutions, and it is second only to New-York in commerce. It has a fine harbour, accessible at all seasons, adorned with a number of islands, and surrounded by a beautiful and highly cultivated country. *Charlestown* is a flourishing town, opposite to Boston, forming in effect one of its suburbs. It contains the State Prison.

Cambridge, four miles distant, contains the university, already described, with which a medical institution in Boston is connected.

Salem is a flourishing and wealthy place, the second in New-England, and the fifth in the United States, in the extent of its commerce. It is distinguished for the extent of its trade with the East Indies. *Beverly*, opposite to Salem, on the same harbour, is extensively engaged in the fisheries; and this is the principal employment of the inhabitants of *Marblehead* and *Gloucester*, *New-Bedford* and *Nantucket*. *Newburyport* is the third commercial place in the state; and [256] has a good harbour, but difficult of approach. *Plymouth* has considerable trade, but is chiefly remarkable as the landing place of the first settlers of New-England. The "forefather's rock," as it is styled, on which they landed, has been removed from the shore to the centre of the town.

Worcester, *Northampton*, and *Springfield*, are flourishing places in the interior. *Lynn*, near Boston, is noted for its manufactures of shoes, and for its fine sea-beach. *Williamstown*, in the north-western corner of the state, is the seat of Williams' College. *Andover*, north of Boston, has an academy and theological school of celebrity; and *Amherst* a college.

CONNECTICUT.

The surface of Connecticut is various, but generally uneven, rising into mountains in the north-western parts. The soil of the Connecticut valley is very fine. That of the sea shore is in some parts sandy, or stony and barren. The state has generally the hard soil of a primitive region, but is rendered productive by careful cultivation.

The climate of the coast is variable and moist; that of the interior more equable.

The people are distinguished for ingenuity, and persevering industry. Tillage is conducted with a considerable degree of skill. Grazing is however the chief occupation. Manufactures are carried on extensively for exportation; especially those of cotton, wood, and metals. The coasting trade in provisions, cattle, &c. is considerable, particularly with New-York and the southern states. Its foreign commerce is carried on principally through New-York, and many of its vessels and seamen sail from that port, on foreign voyages. Although one of the three smallest states in the Union, it is superior to one half the larger ones in exports, manufactures and wealth. This state has been much distinguished for its men of genius and learning, and for the general regularity and good order of the people.

New-Haven and *Hartford* are alternately the seats of the legislature. *New-Haven* is a beautiful town, distinguished for its college. Its harbour is not good; but it is a place of considerable commerce. *Hartford* is a flourishing town, but

in trade and manufactures. It is the seat of Washington College; of the American Asylum, the first institution established in the country for the Deaf and Dumb; and of the Retreat for the Insane, designed for the whole state.

New-London has one of the finest harbours on the coast, and is engaged in the whale and seal fisheries. *Norwich* is at the head of navigation on the Thames River, which empties at New-London, and is the seat of considerable manufactures and trade. *Middletown* is a beautiful town 30 miles from the Sound, which has a large share of foreign commerce, and extensive manufactures. It contains an institution of celebrity, in which military exercises and discipline are combined with literary instruction.

Fairfield has a good harbour and some trade. *Litchfield*, the capital of the county of the same name, has a number of factories, and is distinguished for its law-school. *Stafford*, east of Hartford, is celebrated for its chalybeate mineral springs.

RHODE ISLAND.

Rhode Island is the smallest state in the Union. It consists chiefly of the shores and islands of Narraganset Bay, which opens the navigation to every part of it.

[257] The southern part is level, sandy, and sterile; the northern is hilly. The islands, and some portions of the coast, are remarkably beautiful and fertile.

Agriculture is not in a very flourishing state, except in the islands, which have been styled the garden of New-England. Grazing is an important occupation.

In proportion to its population, this state has more extensive manufactures than any other. Its commerce is also considerable, but chiefly with other parts of the United States.

Providence is the third town in New-England in population, and among the first in commerce. It is distinguished for its university, and the numerous factories at the village of *Pawtucket*, which lies within its bounds.

Newport has one of the finest harbours in the world; but has lost much of its former commerce. *Bristol* is a flourishing place of trade. These three towns comprise half the population of the state.

MIDDLE STATES.

NEW-YORK.

The northern parts of New-York have a rugged surface, sterile soil, and cold climate. The eastern partake of the character of the New-England States. The western, including the valley of the Mohawk, belong to the great secondary region, and have the usual level and fertile character of this formation. They abound in lakes, and have a milder, but less healthy climate, than the eastern parts.

The great canal from the Hudson River to Lake Erie, which distinguishes New-York, combined with the Hudson, the great lakes on the north, and Lake Champlain on the east, give this state such advantages for inland navigation as are enjoyed by no other in the Union.

The people of New-York are enterprising and industrious, and improvements in roads, canals, institutions for education and other public objects, are advancing with great rapidity.

Agriculture is skilfully conducted, and its products are abundant and excellent. In the west, they are chiefly those of tillage; and in the east, of grazing. Manufactures are extensive and flourishing. The commerce, both internal and foreign, is of great importance, and rapidly increasing. New-York is indeed the seat of commerce for New-Jersey, and a considerable part of New-England, and comprises a very large portion of the imports and exports of the United States. It is the richest and most populous state in the Union, and one of the largest and most commercial.

Albany, the seat of government, is a flourishing city. It is finely situated for trade, near the head of navigation on the Hudson, and at the point of union of the Erie and Champlain canals. *New-York* is the commercial capital of this state. It is the most populous city in the United States, and among the first commercial

cities in the world. Its harbour is excellent, and open at all seasons. The scenery around is very fine.

Hudson is 28 miles below Albany at the head of ship navigation. It is the seat of considerable manufactures and commerce. *Troy*, next to Albany, is the largest inland town in the state, and at the head of natural navigation on the river. *Waterford* and *Lansingburg*, villages above this, have now a sloop navigation by means of a canal. *Schenectady* is next to Troy in size, and is a place of considerable trade. It is distinguished as the seat of Union College. *Newburgh*, [258] *Poughkeepsie*, and *Cattskül*, are considerable trading towns on the Hudson.

In the western part of this state, new towns have sprung up and increased in population, commerce, and wealth, with a rapidity scarcely rivalled; and the style of building and mode of living are said to be superior to those of the older settlements. *Rochester* is one of the most flourishing near the lakes, in trade and manufactures. *Utica*, *Rome*, and *Canandaigua* are large and flourishing places. *Buffalo* is the centre of trade for a large tract of country. *Sacket's Harbour* was the naval station of Lake Ontario, during the late war. *Auburn* is the seat of a Presbyterian theological seminary—*Clinton*, of Hamilton College—*Geneva*, of a College recently established, and *Hamilton*, of a Baptist theological institution.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Pennsylvania is traversed from north to south by the Apalachian chain, which is here divided into several ridges, and gives a mountainous character to the middle section of the state. The south-eastern and north-western corners are level or undulating. The advantages for inland navigation are inferior to those of some other states, and most of the internal trade is by land carriage; but several important canals are commenced, which will greatly increase its commercial advantages.

The valleys between the ridges, and the level country, have a fertile soil, producing grain, vegetables, and fruits of every description, in abundance. This state is rich in iron ore; and beds of coal abound, both in the western and north-eastern portions. The climate varies, from the cold of New-England on the north, to the mildness of Maryland and Virginia on the south. It is generally temperate and salubrious, but liable to sudden changes.

The Agriculture of Pennsylvania is superior to that of any other part of the Union, and the land is chiefly devoted to tillage. It is next to Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, in the proportion of its population engaged in manufactures. The amount produced is greater than that of all the New-England states united, and is rapidly increasing. Its foreign commerce is not proportioned to the size of the state; but there is an extensive internal trade, with the neighbouring regions and the Western States.

Harrisburg, the seat of government, is a pleasant village on the Susquehannah. *Philadelphia* is the commercial capital, and the only seaport. It is the second city in the Union in population, and the first in manufactures. Its inland trade is extensive, and its market is said to be unrivalled. It is also distinguished for literary and scientific institutions, and has the first medical school in the United States.

Lancaster is a large inland town, with flourishing manufactures and trade. *Pittsburg*, at the junction of the Allegany and Monongahela Rivers, is the second city in population, and the metropolis of the western part of the state. It is distinguished for the coal beds in its vicinity, which have given rise to numerous branches of manufacture; and it carries on an extensive trade with the Western States.

Easton, on the Delaware, is the chief seat of trade in the north-eastern part of the state. *Wilkesbarre* is the largest town except Easton, in the northern part, and is admired for its beautiful situation. *Carlisle* is the seat of Dickinson College. *Bedford*, on the Juniata, and *York*, on the Susquehannah, are noted for mineral springs. *Erie* is a place of considerable trade, beautifully situated on Lake Erie. *Madenville* is the seat of a college.

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NEW-JERSEY.

The southern part of New-Jersey is a tract of barren, alluvial sand, thinly populated. The northern parts are rugged and mountainous, but productive in grain. The middle region is level or undulating, and extremely fertile. It is well cultivated; and abounds in villages and towns, which are the great thoroughfare between the northern and southern states.

The climate varies, like that of Pennsylvania, with the latitude and elevation; but is more moist, from the vicinity of the sea. There are important mines of bog-iron on the coast, and of iron stone in the northern parts.

Agriculture is well conducted, and the state produces large supplies of vegetables and other products of the farm, for the markets of Philadelphia and New-York, as well as considerable quantities of grain. The cider of New-Jersey is peculiarly fine. Great industry is also exhibited in manufactures; and although this state is among the six smallest in the Union, it is among the first six in the amount of its manufactures, and in wealth. From the flatness of its coast, it has no good seaport; and almost all its commerce is carried on through Philadelphia and New-York.

Trenton, the seat of government, is at the head of the tide navigation on the Delaware. Its manufactures and trade are considerable. *Newark* is the largest town in the state. It is extensively engaged in manufactures and internal trade; and is celebrated for the excellence of its cider. *Elizabethtown* is a flourishing place, 6 miles from it. *New-Brunswick* is the channel of trade from the inland counties to New-York.

Princeton has an elevated and healthy situation, and is distinguished for its college and theological seminary. *Morristown* is the principal place in the northern part of the state. *Schooley's Mountain* is noted for its mineral spring. *Patterson* is celebrated for the falls of the Passaic River, which are the seat of important manufacturing establishments. *Burlington* and *Salem*, on the Delaware River, were among the earliest settlements in the state.

DELAWARE.

Delaware is the smallest state, except Rhode-Island, in the Union. The surface is generally level and gently undulating, and is crossed by numerous streams. The soil is generally rich, except a sandy portion on the borders of Maryland. The climate is milder than that of Pennsylvania.

Agriculture employs a large proportion of the population, and wheat is the most important product. The southern part is chiefly devoted to grazing. There are a number of celebrated flour-mills, powder-mills, and other extensive manufacturing establishments in this state, most of which are on the Brandywine Creek. The foreign trade is chiefly through Philadelphia; but the coasting trade is of some importance.

Dover is the seat of government. *Wilmington* is a large town on the Delaware River, and a place of considerable trade and manufactures. *Newcastle* is also a flourishing town.

SOUTHERN STATES.

MARYLAND.

This state is penetrated by the Chesapeake Bay and its numerous branches. The eastern shore, and the tracts lying on the bay, are a flat alluvion. The western [260] parts enter the mountainous and primitive region. The Potomac furnishes an inland navigation to the most western portions of the state. A part of the alluvion is sandy, but the soil is generally rich, and produces the finest wheat and tobacco.

The climate is so mild, that cotton is raised for domestic use, and the southern counties are quite warm. In the low tracts, which occupy a large part of the state, the climate is moist and unhealthy.

Agriculture is conducted with much skill in the northern parts, and furnishes a

the products of temperate climates. Manufactures are not carried on extensively, except in a few portions of the state. The exports of productions, and the foreign commerce, are considerable.

Annapolis, the seat of government, is a small town on the bay, with some trade. *Baltimore*, the commercial capital, is on a bay running up from the Patapsco River. It is divided by a small stream, into two parts—the town and Fell's Point. The latter is the principal seat of commercial business, which is in a flourishing state.

Frederickstown is the largest town in the state, next to Baltimore. *Havre de Grace* is situated on the principal ferry, at the mouth of the Susquehannah River.

VIRGINIA.

Virginia is the largest, and one of the most populous states in the Union. The Appalachian Chain covers the whole middle section with its ridges, and gives it a rugged surface. The country east of the mountains descends gradually to the flat and sandy alluvion of the coast. The district west of the mountains is hilly.

The soil varies very much—sandy and sterile on the coast—extremely fertile on the banks of rivers—and productive in the valleys of the Alleghanies.

The climate is equally varied—hot, moist, and unhealthy in the lower alluvial country—and cool and salubrious among the mountains. This state has the most valuable productions of Temperate Regions; and the southern part has some belonging to the Warm Regions. Virginia is also rich in iron, coal, and other minerals of value.

Agriculture is not well conducted, except among the mountains. Wheat and tobacco are the principal products.

The manufactures are chiefly domestic, except those of metals. The exports are valuable; but commerce employs only a small part of the population.

Richmond is the largest town and the seat of government, at the head of ship navigation on the James River. Its favourable situation for trade in the centre of the state, and the valuable coal mines in its vicinity, render it a flourishing place.

Williamsburg was the former metropolis, and is the seat of William and Mary College. *Norfolk*, on Elizabeth River, is the principal seat of foreign commerce, and a flourishing city. There is a naval station at *Portsmouth*, on the opposite side of the River. *Petersburg* is a place of some trade, both internal and foreign. *Fredericksburg* is also flourishing. *Wheeling*, on the Ohio, is the channel of a great deal of business. *Yorktown* is celebrated for the surrender of Cornwallis, in the revolutionary war. *Charlottesville* is the seat of the University of Virginia recently established—*Prince Edward County* contains the flourishing college of Hamden Sidney.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

This is a small district, ten miles square, lying on both sides of the Potomac, which was ceded to the government of the United States, by the states Virginia and Maryland. It contains the city of Washington, with Georgetown and Alexandria. [261]

Washington is laid out on an extensive and regular plan, as the seat of government of the United States. It is not yet closely built, and the clusters of houses, with large vacant spots, appear like a number of villages. The public buildings are magnificent. It is at the head of ship navigation on the Potomac, and has an extensive navy-yard, at which the largest ships can lie.

Georgetown, two miles distant, is a considerable place of trade, and has a Catholic College. *Alexandria* is a large and flourishing commercial town.

NORTH CAROLINA.

North Carolina is divided into the low and sandy alluvion on the coast—the middle country on the declivity of the Alleghanies—and the high country among these mountains. Its coast is flat, and lined with sand-bars and islands. It is furnished with numerous sounds and inlets, but has no good harbours.

The soil varies with the geological character; but is generally unproductive, except in the valleys of the streams, and among the mountains. The climate is unhealthy in the low country; but very agreeable in the elevated tracts. It produces the crops both of the northern and the southern states.

The people are chiefly employed in the raising of grain, rice, and cotton. In the pine-barrens, large quantities of pitch, tar, and turpentine are made. The manufactures of this state are chiefly domestic. Its commerce is limited, for want of good harbours; and there is no considerable seaport.

Raleigh, the capital, is a handsome town on the borders of the high country. *Chapel Hill*, not far from it, contains the university of the state. *Newbern* is the largest town in the state, and has considerable trade. *Fayetteville*, at the head of boat navigation on Cape Fear River, is next in size; and is one of the most flourishing commercial places. *Wilmington*, 34 miles from the sea, is the chief port for shipping. *Edenton* is a village well situated for trade, but unhealthy.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

This state resembles North Carolina, in surface and soil. Its climate is warmer. Northern vegetables and fruits do not flourish, except in the elevated tracts. Its productions are chiefly cotton and rice; and the culture of these forms the principal source of wealth, and produces a large amount of valuable exports. Manufactures are chiefly domestic. Most of the trade is carried on by ships from other states; yet this state has a large share of commerce, wealth, and refinement.

Columbia is the seat of government, in a healthy, agreeable situation on the River Congaree. It contains the University of South Carolina. *Charleston* is the commercial capital, and the only city of considerable size in the state. It is situated on a low peninsula between Ashley and Cooper Rivers, which form a fine harbour at their junction. It is a place of importance for commerce and wealth; and the largest city except Baltimore, in the Southern States. *Georgetown* is a place of trade also, but its situation is unhealthy. *Camden* has an extensive inland trade. *Beaufort*, situated on an island, has one of the best harbours in the state. *Eutaw Springs* is a small stream falling into the Santee, north of Charleston, celebrated for an important battle, in the revolutionary war.

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GEORGIA.

Georgia resembles the Carolinas in its surface and soil. The high country is not so extensive or elevated, but the soil is strong and productive in grain. In the south, the climate is sufficiently warm to produce the sugar-cane. It is the most thinly settled of all the Atlantic States.

The cultivation of cotton is very profitable, and employs almost all the people, to the exclusion of other branches of agriculture. Indigo was formerly an important product of this state; but is now generally neglected. Domestic manufactures are considerable. The commerce is extensive, but chiefly carried on by northern ships.

Milledgeville, the seat of government, is a thriving village. *Savannah* is the commercial capital, and has extensive trade. *Augusta* is an important seat of inland trade, at the falls of the Savannah River. *Darien*, on the coast, is a place of some trade. *St. Mary's* has a good harbour, and some commerce also. *Athens* is the seat of the university of Georgia.

ALABAMA.

Alabama resembles Georgia in surface and climate, except that the southern portion extends farther into the Tropical Region.

The soil of this state is celebrated for its fertility, and is admirably adapted to cotton. The northern part lies in the fertile vale of the Tennessee River, and the northern and central regions derive a fine, healthy climate from their elevation. The southern part is frequently visited by malignant fevers.

This state is thinly settled. It is almost devoted to the culture of cotton. An

extensive commerce is carried on in this article, from the ports on the Gulf of Mexico.

Cahawba, the seat of government, is a new and small settlement. *Mobile* was the first settled town in Alabama, and is the principal seat of its commerce. *Blakely*, on the opposite side of Mobile Bay, is also a place of trade. *Huntsville* is a flourishing town, and the principal in the vale of the Tennessee. *Florence*, on the Tennessee, is also flourishing.

WESTERN STATES.

MISSISSIPPI.

The greater part of Mississippi belongs to the valley of the Mississippi River, and declines towards it. The southern portion is flat; the northern mountainous. The soil is very fertile, like that of Alabama, and the climate similar. The population is thinner than that of any state east of the Mississippi. Only half the state is owned by the whites; the rest belongs to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians. Cotton is here also the chief article of culture, and a source of wealth. Grain and provisions are brought from the states on the Ohio. Manufactures are few, and the only commerce is in cotton, provisions, and the necessaries of life.

Jackson, on Pearl River, was recently laid out for the seat of government. *Natchez* is the largest town in the state, and the only place of much trade. Its exports of cotton, and the passage of steam-boats to and from New-Orleans, render it a place of considerable business. *Washington* has a college incorporated. *Gibson Port*, on Bayou Piere, has a considerable trade.

LOUISIANA.

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Louisiana is a low, level tract, forming the delta of the Mississippi. It is crossed in every direction by the outlets and branches of the river, and has numerous swamps formed by its inundations. For 30 miles from the mouth, the land is a continued morass. The banks are above the level of the adjacent country; and levees, or dikes, are necessary to protect it from the floods. These sometimes give way, and great devastation is produced. One-fifth of the state is occupied by vast prairies, which feed and fatten large numbers of cattle.

The soil of Louisiana is proverbially fertile, like that of Egypt, from the effects of the annual inundations. Its climate is that of the Hot Regions, which permits vegetation throughout the year. Its productions include some of the most valuable tropical vegetables and fruits.

Sugar and cotton are the principal articles of culture. The state is chiefly dependent on the upper country for grain. Manufactures are principally obtained from abroad. The commerce is extensive, embracing the products and supplies of almost the whole basin of the Mississippi.

New-Orleans, the capital, from its situation at the mouth of the Mississippi, is the centre of this trade. Steam-boats are continually employed in transporting the produce of the upper states, and the imports of this city. Its situation is very low, and its climate very unhealthy for strangers, especially in the warm season; but, notwithstanding these disadvantages, it is likely to become one of the most important commercial cities of the United States. The inhabitants of New-Orleans, and indeed of Louisiana, are chiefly French; and the French language is most in use.

There are no other towns of importance. *Madisonville*, on Lake Ponchartrain, is the seat of a navy-yard. *Alexandria*, *Opelousas*, and *Baton-Rouge* are thriving places. *Natchitoches* is the most western settlement of the United States.

OHIO.

Ohio is generally a level state, and is nowhere mountainous. On the borders of the Ohio valley it is hilly and irregular. The soil is uncommonly fertile, and produces luxuriant crops of grain and maize. The climate in the south is so mild,

that cattle require little attention in the winter; and are frequently left without shelter. The northern parts have a colder climate.

Agriculture is pursued with great industry and success. Large numbers of cattle, horses, and swine are raised in the woods and prairies, and form a part of the exports. Orchards flourish here. Manufactures are more advanced than in any region west of the mountains; and some of the cloths are superior in beauty to any other of American manufacture. The trade of this state is important; and it is the channel of commerce between the western and the Atlantic States. It has increased in population and wealth with wonderful rapidity. In 1790, it contained 3000 inhabitants; in 1800, 45,000; and in 1820, 581,000.

Columbus, the seat of government, is a new settlement. *Cincinnati* is a handsome and flourishing city, the largest except New-Orleans, west of the mountains. It has a college and medical institution, and is a place of considerable trade, wealth, and refinement.

Steubenville is one of the largest places, next to this, and has important manufactures. *Chillicothe* is among the largest towns of the state. *Marietta* is one of the oldest settlements, remarkable for the remains of ancient forts in its neighbourhood. *Zanesville* is a flourishing town on the Muskingum River. *Cleveland* is the principal town on Lake Erie. *Athens* is the seat of the Ohio University, an institution yet in its infancy.

INDIANA.

Indiana resembles Ohio, in surface, soil, and climate. It has more extensive prairies however, and its air is not so pure and salubrious; in part, perhaps, because it is more recently and thinly settled.

Agriculture is well conducted, and its products are abundant. Wine is made at Vevey on the Ohio. Manufactures are of course few. The principal trade is in grain, provisions, and tobacco.

Corydon is the present seat of government. *Vincennes* is the largest town, and a considerable place of trade.

Vevey is a Swiss settlement, noted for its vineyards.

ILLINOIS.

Illinois is generally a level state, abounding in prairies. Its soil is excellent, but some parts are rendered unproductive by the want of water. It contains valuable mines of lead. The climate is various in different parts; but is moist and unhealthy in many districts. It is well adapted to cotton and vines in the south, and grain in the north.

This state is thinly settled. Agriculture is the chief employment of the people, and is very productive. Grazing is an important branch. Manufactures scarcely exist, except a few products of domestic industry. Provisions and grain are exported.

Vandalia, the seat of government, is a recent settlement. *Edwardsville* is a place of some importance. *Kaskaskia* and *Cahokia*, which are old French settlements, are in a flourishing state. *Albion*, in the eastern part of the state, is a settlement recently formed, by a company of emigrants from Great Britain.

KENTUCKY.

The surface of Kentucky is uneven, in some parts extending into prairies. The rocks on which it is based abound in chasms and caves, which absorb the waters of many districts in the summer. The soil is generally very rich. The climate is agreeable and healthful, except in some low tracts.

Hemp and tobacco are the chief articles of culture; but the raising of grain, and of cattle and swine, are also much attended to. The manufactures of Kentucky are considerable in amount. The trade is chiefly through New-Orleans.

Frankfort is the seat of government, and has little importance in other respects. *Lexington* is the largest town, and is advanced beyond most others in this region, in wealth and refinement. It is the seat of the Transylvania University.

Louisville, on the falls of the Ohio, is a flourishing place, both in commerce

and manufactures. Its climate is not healthy. *Newport* has a beautiful situation, opposite to Cincinnati.

TENNESSEE.

Tennessee is divided by the Cumberland mountains into East and West Tennessee; and these give an uneven surface to the greater part of the state. [265] West Tennessee is the most level. The soil is generally very fertile, especially on the banks of the streams.

The climate is mild and salubrious. Cattle rarely need shelter in winter. Cotton, tobacco, and hemp, are the principal articles of culture; but grain is also raised, and grazing is an important occupation in some districts. Iron, hemp, and flax, are manufactured to a considerable extent. The trade with adjoining states is important.

Murfreesborough, the seat of government, is a small place, but increasing in size.

Nashville, the former capital, is the largest town in the state. *Knoxville* is the chief town of East Tennessee. Both of these places are the seats of colleges. *Greenville* also has a college.

MISSOURI.

Missouri is generally a region of prairies and table-lands, much of which, as already described, (T 501-2,) is almost destitute of timber and water. It is crossed by the Ozark Mountains, which form a rugged tract of considerable extent. Earthquakes are not unfrequent in some parts of this state. The soil is not generally productive. The valleys of the streams are very fertile. The south-eastern portions are rich in minerals, and the lead mines are the most valuable in the United States.

The climate is temperate, dry, and very serene, exempted from extremes either of heat or cold. It produces fruits and vegetables of temperate regions, and the wine-grape might probably be cultivated to advantage. Agriculture is the chief occupation of the people. The only manufactures except domestic, are those of lead. This state carries on a considerable trade, chiefly with New-York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, in the produce of its mines, the cattle of its prairies, and the furs of the western regions.

Jefferson, (lately Cote Sans Dessein,) on the Missouri, is the seat of government. *St. Louis* is the principal seat of commerce; and the largest town west of the Mississippi. Its situation, near the junction of two great rivers, is remarkably fitted for commerce; and is said to be unrivalled in beauty and salubrity.

St. Charles is a thriving place. *St. Genevieve* is one of the chief markets of the lead mines. *Herculaneum* has an important trade in lead; and is the seat of several shot manufactories. *Potosi* and *Mine-au-Burton* form a single village, in the centre of the lead mine district.

TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

TERRITORY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan is level and fertile in the south-eastern parts, where the settlements are chiefly situated. Lake Michigan is bordered by a sandy country, almost destitute of vegetation. The territory is remarkably well watered with small streams.

The climate is temperate in the south, and cold in the north; the fruits of temperate climates are produced abundantly. The trade of this territory is considerable in proportion to its population. Its waters are the channel of an important fur-trade with the western regions.

Detroit is the seat of territorial government, and the largest town of Michigan. It is a healthy and flourishing place of trade. *Mithilimackinac*, (usually called

Mackinaw,) is an important military post, and village, on an island in the straits of the same name. It is the channel of considerable trade.

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NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

The North-West Territory has an uneven, but not a mountainous surface. The southern parts and the river vales are fertile. The northern parts are sterile, but abound in mineral treasures; especially in extensive deposits of iron, copper, and lead, which will probably be of great importance hereafter.

This territory is chiefly inhabited by Indians. Its shallow lakes produce a great quantity of the wild rice, a grain resembling oats, which they gather for food. The climate is very cold in the north, but temperate and serene in the south. *Prairie du Chien* is a settlement at the mouth of the Wisconsin River.

MISSOURI TERRITORY.

The extensive tract, lying west of the state of Missouri, has already been particularly described, (§ 503.) It is at present, and for a length of time must be, only a range for tribes of savages, and herds of buffaloes; and there is little probability that it can ever become the residence of an agricultural nation.

A few military posts are established in it. It has a source of wealth in the skins of the buffaloes, which abound in its plains. Only a small part of it has been explored.

WESTERN TERRITORY.

The territory west of the Rocky Mountains has scarcely been crossed by travellers, except in one or two routes, and is very little known. It is traversed by a ridge of mountains near the coast.

The soil is in some parts excellent; in others rugged and sterile. The climate on the coast is milder than on the Atlantic; but among the mountains, it is of course cold. (See § 506 and 758.)

Indians are almost the only residents. *Astoria* is a small settlement of fur-traders, at the mouth of the Columbia River.

TERRITORY OF ARKANSAW.

Arkansaw is level and marshy on the Mississippi, but is crossed at the distance of 80 miles by the Ozark Mountains, which terminate in elevated land on the west. In the eastern part, there are rich alluvial tracts; the western portions are dry and sterile. The streams are frequently dry in summer; and salt plains occur, which render the waters of many brackish.

The climate is various, not only from the difference of latitude, but of elevation. Agriculture is little advanced in this region of prairies and forests; and the only manufactures are the most necessary and coarse articles.

A country so recently settled can have no considerable towns. *Arkopolis*, or Little Rock, on the Arkansas River, is the seat of territorial government, and is increasing in size. There is a small settlement at *Arkansaw*.

FLORIDA.

Florida is a flat, sandy country, interspersed with swamps, some of which are of great extent. A ridge of limestone rocks runs through the middle of the peninsula. The soil is generally sandy and barren; but on the rivers, it is extremely fertile. The climate and produce are those of the Tropical Regions. The population is very thin, chiefly composed of Spaniards.

St. Augustine is in a pleasant situation, and has a good harbour. *Pensacola* (267) is on a low spot. Both places have some commerce. *Amelia Island*, near *St. Mary's*, was at one time a great resort for trade. It is now the seat of a military post, called *Fernandina*.

SPANISH NORTH AMERICA.

The Spanish colonies in North America were divided into Mexico and Guatemala. Both have now become independent republics.

MEXICO.

The surface of Mexico is irregular, as will be seen in the second physical section of North America, page 72. Its shores are low and flat; but the interior rises into a lofty table-land which extends north, spreading wider as it proceeds, to the boundary of the United States.

The north-western portions, forming Old and New California, have an uneven surface. The province of Texas, bordering on the United States, is level, like the delta of the Mississippi.

The soil is of course very various. The north-eastern portion forms a part of the great American desert, already described. The shores are very fertile. The table-land is dry, and some districts barren on this account, particularly north of the tropics; but there is a large proportion of productive land.

The climate varies chiefly with the elevation—hot and unhealthy on the coasts—temperate and delightful in most parts of the table-land—and cold in others. The vegetables of course comprise those of all the zones. The most valuable products of Mexico are derived from its mines of silver and gold, which have long been celebrated for their richness, and furnish more than half the silver in the known world.

The population of Mexico is generally very thin, except in the central regions around the capital. Large tracts have never been explored, and serve only as pastures for immense herds of cattle. The settlements have not extended east of the Rio del Norte, or north of Santa Fe. Extensive tracts are occupied by independent tribes of Indians. The Spanish inhabitants are more corrupt and less intelligent than the natives of the mother country. They keep the subdued Indians in a depressed and degraded state.

Agriculture is conducted with a considerable degree of skill, on the table-land. Manufactures are scarcely attended to, except that of plate. Commerce consists chiefly in the exchange of silver, gold, and tropical products, for manufactured articles.

This country was once the seat of a powerful native empire, in which some of the arts had arrived at a considerable degree of perfection, and many remains of ancient buildings and monuments are still found. The most remarkable is the brick Pyramid of Cholula, on the top of which was a temple of the Sun.

Mexico, the capital, is the most populous city of America, and one of the finest in the world, in its situation and appearance. It is the great mart of the country, and the seat of its government and universities.

Acapulco is the seaport of Mexico on the Pacific. It is the seat of the Spanish trade with the Philippine Isles, and the storehouse of immense wealth. Its port is a basin, cut from the solid rock, and capable of receiving the largest vessels. Its situation is unhealthy, and its population only 4,000, chiefly negroes. Vera Cruz, on the gulf of Mexico, is the chief commercial port of Mexico, and the centre of most of its trade with Europe and the West Indies. Tampico is a port also much frequented.

Guanajuato is a large and flourishing city, celebrated for its mines of gold [268] and silver. Zacatecas is also distinguished as one of the principal mining towns. Puebla is distinguished for manufactures of earthen ware, iron, and steel. Santa Fe is the most northern town of any importance in Mexico. Monterey, the capital of New-California, is a village of only 700 inhabitants.

GUATEMALA.

Guatemala occupies the southern portion of the Mexican peninsula. The whole country is mountainous. More than 20 volcanoes are in constant activity, which occasion frequent earthquakes.

The soil is very fertile, and produces the most valuable tropical vegetables. The farming districts furnish cattle and sheep in abundance. Guatemala contains few mines; and the state of cultivation is therefore much better than in the other Spanish colonies, and the country more populous.

Guatemala, the capital, has been twice destroyed by earthquakes, but has been rebuilt with great magnificence. *Chiapa de los Indos* is an Indian city, respectable for its size and wealth.

The British have a settlement on the Bay of Honduras.

NATIVE TRIBES OF NORTH AMERICA.

Only three centuries ago the whole of North America was a dreary wilderness, occupied by the native tribes of Indians. Extensive tracts are now inhabited by civilized nations. The numerous tribes once found on the eastern coast, have gradually diminished, as the white population increased, and many have become extinct. They have been destroyed in part by the new diseases which they took from the whites, and still more perhaps, by the habits of intoxication they learned. But a large part of this extensive division of the world is still occupied by savage tribes, although nominally included within civilized governments.

The northern and north-eastern coasts are inhabited entirely by the Esquimaux, who derive their subsistence chiefly from the sea. They resemble the Samoiedes of Asia in appearance, and like them, are dull in intellect, mild in their disposition, and filthy in their habits. They do not appear to be regularly organized in tribes. The Moravians have established several missionary stations among them, and find them very docile.

Most other Indians of North America are formed into distinct tribes. Several now remaining in the United States, are really independent communities, and are allowed to hold their lands, and continue under their own government and laws, so far as they do not interfere with the laws of the Union.

The interior of North America, from the borders of the Esquimaux to the St. Lawrence and the great lakes, is occupied chiefly by the various tribes of the Knisteneaux and Chippewayans. The Knisteneaux are the most intelligent, mild, and honest. These tribes inhabit the northern part of Missouri Territory, and extend as far east as Lake Michigan. There are two or three missionary stations among them; and a few small communities are partially civilized.

The principal tribes between the St. Lawrence and the Potomac, were the Mohekanneews, or Mohegans, and the Iroquois, or Six Nations.

A few of the Mohekanneews still remain scattered through New-England and its islands. About 5,000, chiefly Iroquois, reside in the western part of the State of [269] New-York. Some of these have become civilized and Christians, from the instructions of missionaries and the agents of government. Among these were several tribes on the island of Martha's Vineyard, of which there are still considerable numbers remaining, but almost destitute of religious instruction.

The most important tribes in the United States, are those living between the Tennessee River and the Gulf of Mexico; the Cherokees, Chickasaws, Choctaws, and Creeks, amounting to 60,000.

These nations have acquired most of the arts of civilized life; and many cannot be distinguished from the whites, with whom they have intermarried; but they still retain their former government and many of their customs. They are friendly to our government, which has united with missionary societies in sending teachers and mechanics, to give them instruction in Christianity and the arts of civilization. Even now, there are many among them who are well educated, and possess large estates, with numerous slaves.

The Seminoles formerly belonged to the Creeks, but are said not to have so good a character.

In Mexico, and the Arkansas Territory, several powerful tribes are found who use horses, taken from the immense herds which are found wild in that region.

The nations best known in the Missouri Territory, are the Sioux, the Pawnees, the Ricaree, and the Osages. They are remarkably tall, robust, and ferocious, and fond of war. Their country abounds in wild animals, furnishing excellent skins and furs, which they sell to the whites.

Several missionary stations are established among these tribes, with favourable prospects; and one among those Cherokees, who removed from their former residence to the Arkansaw Territory, a few years since.

Some Indian nations in Mexico have been partially civilized, and are now governed by Catholic priests. Others live in towns by themselves, with an Indian governor appointed by the Spaniards.

The Snake Indians are a mild inoffensive race, living among the Rocky Mountains, who are much oppressed by those around them.

The tribes west of the Rocky Mountains are very little known. Many of them are called Flathead Indians, from the flatness of their skulls, produced by pressing their heads in infancy.

It is supposed that there are 150,000 Indians between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains, and about the same number beyond these mountains; all of which are in a savage state, ignorant of Christianity, and sunk in vice. There are probably 100,000 east of the Mississippi, (making 400,000 in the whole,) most of whom are in the same condition.

The great resemblance of the American Indians to the Asiatics, in features and customs, renders it probable that they came from Asia.

WEST INDIES.

The West India Islands form an extensive curvilinear chain, from the south-eastern point of North America, to South America. The large islands are traversed by a range of mountains already described, [¶ 458] which renders the interior rugged. The Caribbee Islands are generally mere mountains rising from the sea, and present an abrupt, but beautiful appearance. They contain almost a continued range of volcanoes and volcanic summits, some of which are occasionally active.

The soil of the West Indies is usually very fertile on the plains, and luxuriant in most productions of the Torrid Zone. Sugar and coffee are the most important, and are exported in large quantities. Cocoa, and the common spices, ginger, pepper, pimento, &c. are also raised; and great quantities of oranges and other tropical fruits are among their exports. Maize, yams, and sweet potatoes are raised for food; but these islands are principally dependent on other countries for grain.

The climate is mild and delightful in winter; but is extremely hot, and dangerous to strangers, at other times. It is described particularly, ¶ 637. In some of the elevated tracts, we find the climate and productions of the Temperate Zone.

St. Domingo or Hayti contains an independent commonwealth of Africans—the Haytian Republic. The other islands are divided between the Spanish, English, French, Swedes, Danes, and Dutch, under the direction of governors from their respective countries.

The following table exhibits their division, their size, their population in 1823 according to Humboldt, and their exports to the United States in the same year.

ISLANDS.	Square miles.	Total Inhabts.	Slaves.	Ex. to U. S. Dolls.
Hayti	28,000	820,000		2,350,000
<i>Spanish Islands.</i>		943,000	281,000	
Cuba	56,000	700,000	256,000	6,950,000
Porto Rico	4,000	229,000	25,000	813,000
Marguerite		18,000		
<i>British Islands.</i>		726,000	626,800	
Jamaica	6,400	402,000	342,000	
Trinidad	1,700	41,500	25,000	
Tobago	140	16,000	14,000	
Grenada	110	29,000	25,000	
Barbadoes	166	100,000	79,000	
St. Vincent and Grenadines	130	28,000	24,000	
St. Lucia	225	17,000	13,000	
Dominica	29	20,000	16,000	
Montserrat	78	8,000	6,500	1,860,000
Antigua	93	40,000	31,000	
Nevis	20	11,000	9,000	
St. Christophers	70	23,000	19,500	
Virgin Isles	—	8,500	6,000	
Bahama Is.	—	15,500	11,000	
Bermudas Is.	—	14,500	5,000	
Anguilla and Barbuda	—	2,500	1,800	
<i>French Islands.</i>		219,000	178,000	
Martinique	370	99,000	78,000	930,000
Guadaloupe and dependencies	675	120,000	100,000	
<i>Swedish Island.</i>				
St. Bartholomew	60	8,000	4,000	185,000
<i>Danish Islands.</i>				
Santa Cruz	100	32,000	27,000	
St. Thomas	40	7,000	5,500	1,300,000
St. John's	40	2,500	2,300	
<i>Dutch Islands.</i>				
Curacoa	600	11,000	6,500	
St. Eustatius and Saba	22	18,000	12,000	950,000
St. Martin	90	6,000	4,000	

[271] INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC OF ST. DOMINGO, OR HAYTI.

St. Domingo is the second island in size in the American Archipelago. It was formerly divided between the Spaniards in the eastern portion, and the French in the western. The slaves of the French revolted, and after destroying the white inhabitants, established two independent states, which have since been united in the Republic of Hayti. The Spanish portion of the islands has recently become subject to the control of the Haytian government.

The West Indian range of mountains, already alluded to, ¶ 458, passes through this island, some peaks of which are said to be 6,000 feet high. The soil is generally fertile and well-watered; and nothing but the indolence of the inhabitants has prevented its being one of the most productive and wealthy of the West India Islands. Hides are an important article of export.

The Africans of the Haytian Republic exhibit a commendable degree of industry and enterprise, and are making considerable advances in arts and knowledge. Free schools and a college have been established; and foreign teachers have been employed at the expense of the government.

Cape Henry is the capital of the Haytian Republic, situated on a fertile plain. Its harbour is one of the best in the island. *Port au Prince*, on the western side of the island, has a good harbour also, but its situation is low, and its climate unhealthy. *St. Domingo*, the capital of the late Spanish possessions, was the

first city built by Europeans in the New World. It has now become a place of little importance.

SPANISH ISLANDS.

CUBA.

Cuba is the largest and most celebrated island of the West Indies. It is divided by a central ridge of mountains, which furnish numerous streams to the plains. The soil exhibits the highest degree of fertility. Sugar and coffee are raised to a large amount; the tobacco is more valued than that of any other country, and these are important articles of export, as well as spices and other tropical productions, and hides. This island also contains valuable mines of copper and iron.

The commerce of Cuba is extensive and valuable, and it is increasing in population and wealth. It is more deeply engaged in the importation of slaves than any other part of America.

Havannah is the capital, situated on a harbour remarkable for its size, safety, and the strength of its fortifications. It has been the principal seat of trade for the Spanish possessions in the neighbouring seas, and has become a populous and wealthy city. *Matanzas* is a large town not far from it, which has a flourishing trade, especially with the United States. *St. Jago de Cuba*, on the south-eastern part of the island, has a good harbour, but is not flourishing.

PORTO RICO.

Porto Rico is the fourth of the West India Islands in size, and resembles the rest in climate, fertility, and valuable productions. We are less acquainted with this than with most of the other islands. The exports in 1803 were stated at 9,000,000 of dollars.

St. Juan, the capital, is situated on a good harbour, on the northern coast.

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JAMAICA.

Jamaica is the third of the West India Islands in size, and has been rendered perhaps the most important by the industry and enterprise of the English.

The general aspect of the island, as in those before described, is very fine. The grand and lofty ridge of the Blue Mountains intersects it, and descends on each side into fertile plains, adorned with all the beauties of a tropical landscape. The variety of elevation permits the cultivation of European as well as tropical plants. The products of agriculture are very valuable, and are exported to the amount of 10,000,000 of dollars in a year.

Spanish Town, or *St. Jago de la Vega*, situated near the southern coast, is the capital of the island, and the residence of the governor. *Kingston*, the commercial capital, is a city of some importance, in a healthy situation, and well built. *Port Royal* was formerly one of the richest towns in the West Indies; but it was destroyed three times successively, by an earthquake, a fire, and a hurricane, and is now important only as a naval station.

BAHAMA ISLANDS.

The Bahama Isles are a numerous group, extending about 700 miles, from south-east to north-west. A large number are mere rocks or sand-banks, termed *keys*. Only a few are inhabited. The climate is fine, but the soil is scanty and barren. Many of them, particularly Turk's Island, abound in natural salt-ponds, in which large quantities of excellent salt are formed by the heat of the sun. Cotton and salt are the most important products. *New-Providance* is the seat of government, and contains half the population.

The navigation among these islands is so dangerous to vessels passing into the Gulf of Mexico, that a large class of the inhabitants are occupied entirely in looking out for wrecks, and bear the name of *wreckers*.

THE BERMUDAS, OR SOMERS ISLANDS.

These are usually classed among the West India Islands, although at some distance from the rest. The group is supposed to contain 400 islands. Many are very small, and they are generally mountainous and uncultivated, but abound with fine timber.

St. George is the largest, and contains the capital. The climate is salubrious and delightful, almost resembling a perpetual spring; and they are often resorted to for the recovery of health. The inhabitants are chiefly employed in ship-building and navigation.

CARIBBEE ISLES.

BRITISH ISLANDS.

TRINIDAD is the most southern of the West India Islands. Its soil is fertile, and its surface is not so much covered with mountains and rugged tracts as some of the neighbouring islands. Only a small part of it is cultivated. *Port Spain* is the capital.

BARBADOES is the most eastern of the West India Islands.

The surface is irregular and broken. The soil is fertile, although somewhat impaired by long cultivation. It is more generally cleared of forests than most of [273] the other islands; and therefore enjoys a peculiar salubrity and coolness of climate, from the direct influence of the trade winds. *Bridgetown*, the capital, is a well-built place.

ST. VINCENT, is a small, elevated island, remarkable for its volcano, the *Souffrier* Mountain. *ST. CHRISTOPHERS*, or *St. Kitts*, has been much frequented by American vessels. The soil of the plains is remarkably productive. The remaining British Islands have no peculiarities which require description.

FRENCH ISLANDS.

MARTINIQUE is one of the largest of the Caribbee Islands, and superior in cultivation and produce to most others. It is also well adapted for trade, by the number and safety of its harbours. *St. Pierre*, the capital, is built in the style of old European cities, and resembles them in its conveniences and luxuries.

GUADALOUPE is also among the most important of the Caribbee Isles. It is divided into two parts by a shallow arm of the sea. The soil is rich and well watered. *Basse Terre*, the capital, is a well-built town.

MARIE GALLANTE is a beautiful but unhealthy island, only a small part of which is cultivated.

SWEDISH, DANISH, AND DUTCH ISLANDS.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW's is the only possession of Sweden in the West Indies. Its shores are rocky, and difficult of approach. Its soil is fertile; but it has no water except that of rains, which is preserved for drinking.

SANTA CRUZ, or *St. Croix*, is the principal Danish Island. It is fertile and well cultivated. *Christianstadt*, the capital, is one of the handsomest towns in the West Indies. The other Danish islands, *ST. THOMAS* and *ST. JOHN*'s, are of little importance.

The Dutch possess three of the smallest of the Caribbee Isles. *ST. EUSTATIUS* has but one landing place, and is strongly fortified. *CURACOA* is destitute of springs. *ST. MARTIN*'s is chiefly valuable for its salt pits. The industry and enterprise of the Dutch has rendered these islands (in themselves almost worthless) a valuable source of wealth, as places of deposit and sale for European goods.

SOUTH AMERICA.

South America has been already mentioned as possessing unusual grandeur in its natural features; and an account has been given of its physical divisions, surface and waters, which renders farther description unnecessary. (See page 68)

to 72) It is unrivalled for its richness in mineral treasures. (See page 155 to 158.) Its climates have all the diversity which elevation can give, in a region extending from the equator almost to the polar circles. (See ¶ 730, 733—5, 747.) Its vegetable productions are distinguished for their number, value, and beauty; and among them are some of the most important medicinal articles, such as the Peruvian bark.

The population of South America consists chiefly of independent tribes of Indians in the interior, and of Europeans and their descendants on the coast, mingled with the Indians whom they have subdued, and negro slaves. The greater part of the territory was nominally divided between Spain and Portugal, and was settled from those countries. All these colonies have now established their independence. Brazil was settled by the Portuguese, and is now governed as an empire by one of the royal family of Portugal. The remainder of South America, except Guiana, is occupied by the Spanish colonies—La Plata, Chili, Peru, and Colombia, which includes New-Granada and Venezuela. Guiana is still a dependent country, divided between Great Britain, France, and the Netherlands.

The state of Learning, Education, and Literary Institutions, will be found, ¶ 934, 1005, 1022—of Agriculture, 1207—of Roads, 1218—of Cities, 1239—of Manufactures, 1242—1247—and of National Power, 1288.

COLOMBIA.

Colombia is a republic recently organized, comprising the former provinces of New-Granada and Caraccas, or Venezuela. Its government resembles that of the United States. The country will be most easily described under its late divisions, which differ much in their character.

NEW-GRANADA.

New Granada is divided into the provinces of Quito on the south, and Cundinamarca on the north. Panama, a province on the isthmus of Darien, has declared itself independent, and proposed to join the confederacy.

New-Granada contains the loftiest peaks of the Andes. The greater part of it is traversed by the three ridges of these mountains, which produce a variety of grand and beautiful scenery, not surpassed in any country. A large part of it consists in elevated, fertile plains, on which most of the inhabitants reside. The eastern part spreads out into the extensive llanos of the Orinoco.

The climate varies according to the elevation, and hence the vegetable productions are remarkably various and valuable. The lower tracts are excessively hot and unhealthy. The isthmus is peculiarly pestilential. New-Granada is also rich in mines of silver and gold.

Manufactures are in a low state. The commerce is chiefly in the produce of mines, and tropical plants.

Santa Fe de Bogota, the metropolis, is situated on a plain, 8,000 feet above the sea, and thus enjoys perpetual spring. It is a well-built town, containing a university.

Popayan is an old and respectable city, in the vicinity of the mining region, elevated 5,000 feet above the sea. *Quito* is situated only a few miles south of the equator; but from an elevation of 9,500 feet, it has a temperate and delightful climate. It is on the declivity of the volcano Pichinca, which is so steep that carriages cannot be used in its streets. It is traversed in some parts by deep chasms or crevices, and is peculiarly subject to earthquakes.

Carthagena is one of the principal seaports of New-Granada, and has an extensive trade. *Panama* and *Porto Bello* are the seats of an important trade across the isthmus. Panama is noted for its pearl fishery. *Guayaquil* is also a commercial place, and a very handsome town. All these seaports have a low situation, and a very unhealthy climate.

VENEZUELA, OR CARACCAS.

The northern part of Venezuela is traversed by a branch of the Andes, which extends along the coast to the island of Trinidad, and gives it a great inequality

[275] of surface. The southern portions, which form the basin of the Orinoco, spread into the vast plains or llanos, which have been already described.

The soil of this country is generally rich, especially in the basin of the Orinoco. Its temperature, like that of New-Granada, varies with the elevation, from extreme heat to extreme cold; but the greater part has a fine and temperate climate. The productions are equally various and rich.

There are no mines of consequence to divert the inhabitants from agriculture, which is therefore in a better state than in other parts of South America. Still there is a great want of industry and enterprise, in improving the natural advantages of this fine country. Most attention is paid to the raising of cattle and the cultivation of cacao. These, and the usual productions of the Torrid Zone, furnish articles of export. One-fifth of the inhabitants only are whites.

Caraccas, the metropolis of this country, is situated in a valley, 2,900 feet above the sea. It is extremely subject to earthquakes, by one of which it was nearly destroyed in 1812. *La Guira*, its seaport, is on the coast, seven miles from the city. It has not a good harbour; but its commerce is extensive and important.

Porto Cavello, on the west of *La Guira*, is a port of considerable trade. *Cumana* is one of the principal towns of Venezuela, with a healthy climate, but subject to earthquakes. Its inhabitants are chiefly engaged in commerce or fisheries. *Barcelona* is chiefly a place of trade. *Angostura*, on the Orinoco, is also a place of some commerce.

GUIANA.

This name is applied to the whole tract lying between the Orinoco, the Cassiquari, and the Amazon, which is in fact a vast island, enclosed by these rivers and the ocean. It is divided into the Spanish territories on the north; the Brazilian on the south; and the French, Dutch, and English, on the coast. A range of mountains separates the Portuguese or Brazilian possessions from the rest.

This country has been but partially explored, and most of the settlements are on the coasts, or the banks of the rivers. The greater part is occupied by the Indians, some of whom feed on human flesh. The coast is low and flat. The interior rises sometimes into mountains, and sometimes spreads into vast plains. It is generally level and fertile. The climate is hot, moist, and unhealthy. The vegetable productions are peculiarly delicious and luxuriant.

The Spanish and Portuguese territories are chiefly unsettled. The British and Dutch colonies, on the Essequibo, Demarara, Berbice, and Surinam Rivers, form an extensive plain, covered with flourishing plantations, between the sea and the forests. They are divided by numerous canals and dikes, and well cultivated. Surinam is the only division which now belongs to the Dutch. French Guiana is less improved in its condition.

Cayenne, the capital of French Guiana, has a large convenient port, and is noted for the pepper which bears its name. *Paramaribo* was the capital of the Dutch colonies on the Surinam River, about twenty miles from the sea. It is well built, and has a fine road for ships.

New-Amsterdam is the chief town in Berbice, intersected, like the Dutch towns in Europe, by canals. *Stabroek* is the principal town of Demarara, and the centre of commerce for this part of Guiana.

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BRAZIL.

Brazil is equal in extent to the whole territory of the United States, and occupies about one-third of South America. The coast is settled by Europeans; but the interior is a vast forest, of which they have explored only a small part.

The soil is generally well watered and fertile, and the aspect of the country is beautiful. The climate varies from the Equatorial to the Temperate. The interior enjoys the peculiar advantages of an elevated tract in a warm climate. The productions, both of the Torrid and Temperate Zones, flourish in the latitudes and elevation adapted to them. Brazil is rich in mineral treasures, supplying a large part of the diamonds of commerce, besides other precious stones, and the precious metals, to a great amount. There is not probably any country in the world which enjoys greater natural advantages, in the excellence of its soil and

climate, the luxuriance and variety of its vegetable productions, and the value of its minerals. Yet in consequence of the character of its inhabitants, it is far behind most civilized countries in improvements, wealth, and power.

The people are excessively indolent, and the state of education is very low. The passion for mining, and for the rapid acquisition of wealth, leads to the neglect of every species of industry. Almost all the labour is performed by negroes. Agriculture is wretched, and manufactures scarcely exist. Commerce is carried on under every disadvantage, from the want of enterprise, and the oppressive restrictions of the late government, which monopolized some of the most important branches. The roads, the cities, the houses, the food, and the manner of living in Brazil, are all marked with the effects of indolence and carelessness, which deprive the people of many of the comforts enjoyed in less favoured countries.

Rio Janeiro is the most important, populous, and commercial city. It is situated on a narrow strip of land, between the sea and the mountains. Its harbour is one of the finest in the world. It has extensive foreign commerce, and is also the great mart of the interior. It is said to be centuries behind the European capitals in the comforts of civilized life. *Bahia*, or *St. Salvador*, is the second city of Brazil in size and commercial importance. It is divided, like Quebec, into a lower and upper town; and the streets have so steep an ascent, as to prevent the use of carriages.

Pernambuco is a populous and commercial town, sometimes considered as including the town of *Olinda*, not far distant. It is divided into three portions by the river on which it stands. One of these divisions, called *Recife*, is the seat of trade. The harbour is protected by a singular reef of rocks, resembling a work of art, with a narrow passage, which admits only one vessel at a time. *Porto Seguro* is a considerable town on the coast.

St. Paul's is one of the most noted towns of the interior, and a place of some refinement. *Villa Rica* is the capital of Minas Geraes, and the centre of a mining district formerly very important. *Tejuco* is the capital of the diamond district. *Villa Boa*, near the centre of Brazil, is a populous and flourishing mining town.

PERU.

Peru is a long, narrow tract, lying on both sides of the Andes. It is divided into High and Low Peru. Low Peru is an inclined plane, from ten to twenty leagues broad, extending from the ocean to the first chain of the Andes, or the Cordilleras of the coast. It is excessively hot and sterile, in consequence of the entire want of rain; and deserts of thirty to forty leagues in length, are frequent on the coast. High Peru lies between the two principal ridges of the [277] Andes, considerably elevated above the sea. Its climate is therefore excellent. The surface is various, but the soil is generally fertile. On the eastern declivity of the Andes, the country gradually descends into the extensive, grassy plains of Brazil and Venezuela.

The vegetable products of Peru comprise those of tropical and temperate climates. The Peruvian bark is peculiar and highly valuable. The mountainous districts, which are too sterile for cultivation, abound in mines of gold, silver, and mercury; but some of the most valuable formerly included in Peru, are transferred to the government of La Plata.

Peru is thinly populated, and there is a total want of good roads, bridges, and canals, to facilitate transportation. Industry is discouraged for want of an opportunity of carrying its products to a market, as well as by causes common to other parts of South America. Agriculture is much neglected; and this fertile country is entirely dependent on others for its supplies of bread. Manufactures are in no better state. So many valuable articles of export are produced, that commerce is still very important. It is chiefly with La Plata, and is carried on over the Andes.

Lima is the metropolis of Peru, and is one of the most wealthy and commercial cities in South America. It is distinguished for the magnificence of its public buildings, the luxury and ostentation of its people, and the rich ornaments of silver, gold, and precious stones, with which its churches are filled. It has a uni-

versity, and there is a taste for literature among many of the inhabitants. *Callao*, about six miles distant, is its port, and one of the best in South America.

Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Peruvian empire, is situated in the interior, in a province of this name. It has many fine buildings, and retains something of its former magnificence. *Arequipa* is one of the largest and best built cities of Peru, situated on an elevated plain. *Aralta*, its port, has a good harbour, but difficult of access. *Guamanga* is well built, and has a university. *Tarma* and *Truxillo* are small towns, the capitals of the two provinces of the same name, north of Lima. *Guanca-Velica* is the most elevated city on the globe, nearly three miles above the level of the sea. It is celebrated for its mines of mercury, gold, and silver.

CHILI.

Chili is a narrow tract lying chiefly on the declivity of the Andes, and extending about 1,200 miles in length, between the sea and the mountains. Only eight or nine narrow passes exist through this barrier, which divides it from the rest of South America; and the passage over the Desert of Atacama on the north is almost equally difficult. It is watered by 120 rivers, all of which have a short course and rapid current; but several are navigable half their length by ships of the line. It is commonly divided into two portions, the maritime and the midland country. The maritime country is intersected by three chains of mountains, parallel to the Andes. The midland country is an elevated plain.

The climate is remarkably fine and salubrious. In the northern provinces it rarely rains, and thunder is scarcely known in any part of the country. The dew is abundant. Volcanoes are numerous among the Andes, and earthquakes occur several times a year.

The soil is very fertile, particularly in the valleys of the Andes, and produces the vegetables of Europe, as well as many peculiar to this country, in profusion. It furnishes the finest grain, vines, and olives, and abounds with oranges and lemons. Whole forests of apple, peach, and pear trees are found in the southern provinces. [278] The portion of Chili, south of Concepcion, is possessed by independent tribes of Indians, with the exception of the fortress of Valdivia.

The Chilese are intelligent, hospitable, and humane. They appear to be superior in industry to other inhabitants of South America. There is little education, and before the revolution there was no printing press in the country. Agriculture is conducted with all the skill necessary in this productive region, and its fruits are very abundant. The chief labour required is in irrigation. Manufactures and mechanic arts are in a low state. The products of agriculture and mines are exported to a considerable amount; and Chili chiefly supplies Peru with wheat. *Santiago*, or St. Jago, the capital, is finely situated near the mining region, and is the emporium of the commerce of Chili. *Valparaiso* is the port of Santiago. It has an excellent harbour and a considerable amount of commerce.

Concepcion is the third city of Chili, and is considered the metropolis of the southern part. *Talcahuano*, its port, is six miles distant, and has a fine harbour. *Coquimbo* and *Copiapo* have good harbours. *Valdivia* has one of the finest on the coast; but it has no cultivated country around it to give it importance. The city is five miles from the sea, on a river of the same name.

Chilo, and the adjacent isles, are inhabited by the Chilotes, a very ingenious race of Indians subdued by the Spaniards.

The island of *Juan Fernandez*, off this coast, was the residence of Alexander Selkirk, whose story gave rise to the romance "Robinson Crusoe."

THE UNITED PROVINCES OF LA PLATA, OR BUENOS AYRES.

This country, formerly a viceroyalty of Spain, is now independent, and is composed of a number of States, whose boundaries are not well defined or settled. It was divided into eight intendancies. That of Buenos Ayres is on the south, and Paraguay lies north of it on the River Paraguay. Salta and Cordova (formerly Tucuman) lie between these provinces and the Andes. Potosi, Charcas, Cochabamba and La Paz, in the mountainous mining districts on the north-west, which

were formerly a part of Peru, now constitute the independent republic of Bolivia or Upper Peru, embracing also the provinces of Chiquitos and Moxos. The two latter are chiefly occupied by Indians, partially civilized by the Jesuits.

The southern part of La Plata lies in the basin of the Paraguay, and spreads out into an immense plain, between that river and the Andes of Chili. The uninhabited pampas, already described, extend into Patagonia on the south to an unknown distance, presenting a vast expanse of waving grass, and affording pasture to innumerable herds of cattle. The hills which occasionally occur, seldom rise more than 500 feet. Lakes are numerous. The northern districts are rough, mountainous, and barren, but rich in mineral treasures.

The climate of this extensive region is varied by the latitude, but still more by the situation of the ground. The plains are excessively hot in summer. The coast has a temperate climate, and water freezes but slightly in the winter. The elevated tracts have the customary varieties of temperature. The productions vary with the climate, including those of the Temperate and Torrid Zones.

The people of La Plata, like those of other parts of South America, are little cultivated in any respect. Agriculture is scarcely attended to. Manufactures are in a low state. The cattle of the pampas, and the mines of the upper provinces, furnish the chief articles of export; and commerce is now free from the restrictions formerly imposed.

The government of these provinces does not appear to be fully settled, nor the union completed. Great efforts are now made in Buenos Ayres for the introduction of knowledge and arts. Such was the state of the country formerly, that a person educated at one of their colleges never saw a printing press, until he visited Buenos Ayres after the revolution. With the greatest exertion, it must be long in arriving at the state of improvement of European countries.

Buenos Ayres is the chief city, and centre of trade, of the southern part of South America. It is well built and fortified, and is increasing in wealth and population. The River La Plata is here thirty miles wide, but it does not form a safe harbour, on account of the storms which frequently occur. *Monte Vide* on the north shore of the La Plata, is 120 miles east of Buenos Ayres, on a peninsula. Its harbour is deep, and the best on the river. *Cordova* is a mart for the trade of the interior.

PARAGUAY.

Paraguay was a province of the viceroyalty of La Plata, but is now connected with the new republic. It is an independent community, composed chiefly of civilized Indians, under the direction of a European chief, who appears to exercise absolute authority. Strangers are not allowed to visit it, and our knowledge of its present state is very imperfect.

It is a level region, extremely well watered, and fertilized to a great extent by annual inundations. Its climate is generally moist and temperate. Its vegetable productions are varied and valuable, and it is remarkable for the *matte*, a plant which is used like tea among the Chinese, and which is exported in large quantities to all the surrounding countries. Its trade in this and other productions is important.

Assumption is the capital of Paraguay.

UPPER PERU, OR BOLIVIA.

The new republic of Bolivia embraces the provinces which were formerly called Upper Peru. It is an elevated region, surrounded by the Andes and their branches and the Brazilian mountains, giving rise to numerous and large streams. It is extremely rugged and mountainous, and in some parts desert. Its climate is generally cold on account of the elevation, and its vegetable productions few and scanty. Still there are some districts which are level and fertile; and some which are even so hot as to produce cotton.

The chief wealth of this country consists in its mines of silver and gold, which have long been celebrated as the richest in the world. Its commerce in the precious metals is immensely valuable; and supplies the inhabitants with all the

luxuries of other countries. It is also the centre of trade between La Plata and the western coast.

Potosi is situated in a cold and sterile region, but its mines give it immense wealth and importance. It is divided into the city, and the *Luguenios*, or laboratories of the mines. It is the centre of all the commerce between Buenos Ayres and the interior provinces, and is immensely rich in gold and silver. Its luxury and dissipation are proportioned to its wealth. *Charcas*, or *La Plata*, is a neat city in a fine climate. It has a university, two colleges, and a law school. *La Paz* is a well-built city, in a fertile but cold region. It is remarkable for an almshouse, the only institution of the kind in South America.

INDEPENDENT TRIBES OF SOUTH AMERICA.

The Native Tribes of South America are accustomed to gain their subsistence by cultivation; and the luxuriance of vegetation in the Torrid Zone, renders a small spot of ground sufficient to supply the wants of a tribe. Hence they were always more numerous than the Indians of the United States territory; and they have not been diminished or driven away, as the North American Indians have been by the cultivation and settlement of their hunting grounds.

The independent tribes occupy the southern projection of South America, usually called Patagonia; and the central regions, termed Amazonia.

PATAGONIA.

Patagonia extends from the pampas of La Plata, to Cape Horn. It has never been fully explored or described. Its surface is varied by the Andes, which pass through it, and descends gradually to the level of the pampas on the north. It has the climate and productions of Buenos Ayres in the northern parts; but the southern appear to have all the inclemency and sterility of the Frozen Regions.

Patagonia is inhabited by two principal nations of Indians, each divided into several tribes. The *Puelches* occupy the Atlantic coast, and extend for some distance into the interior. The *Moluches* are in the western section, extending across the Andes to the Pacific Ocean. Some of the tribes, especially those on the Straits of Magellan, are remarkable for their stature, and generally measure [280] six feet and a half in height. None of these Indians have been civilized. They have learned the use of horses from the Spaniards, and sometimes rob the caravans on the pampas. They exhibit a warlike and ferocious spirit.

The *Araucunians* of Chili are the most powerful and warlike of all the Indian nations in the southern part of the continent, resembling the North American Indians in their character, and particularly in their fondness for eloquence. They are more intelligent and cultivated than any existing tribe of natives.

They have maintained their independence, by a series of bloody wars for two centuries, although surrounded by the Spaniards of Chili; and their ambassadors are now received as residents at the Spanish capital. They have acquired many of the arts necessary to subsistence, and exhibit a degree of literary taste which is scarcely found in any other natives. They are divided into several tribes governed by hereditary chiefs, who are all subject to a general elected for the purpose, in time of war. Their government seems to be administered as regularly as in civilized nations.

The *Abipones* are an independent nation residing on the banks of the River La Plata. They have a bold and warlike disposition; but they are much less cultivated and interesting than the Araucunians.

AMAZONIA.

Amazonia, although not a political, or even a natural division of South America, is a convenient term to designate the vast wilderness which forms the interior of Brazil, Peru, Guiana, and Colombia, lying on the Amazon and Orinoco Rivers. It is nominally included in these governments, but is really controlled by numberless tribes of Indians, whose character is scarcely known, and whose territory is almost unexplored. The climate and aspect of the country, so far as examined, resembles that of the surrounding regions.

Some of the natives are very ferocious; and there are tribes bordering on the European settlements, who watch and hunt for the whites and negroes, in order to feast upon their flesh. Others exhibit a mild, inoffensive character. The *Otomacs*, and some other tribes on the Orinoco, are in the habit of swallowing balls of clay to appease their hunger, when other food is scarce; and they always lay up a store of these for the season of floods, when they cannot procure fish.* The *Guarones* are a social, hospitable tribe who inhabit the islands in the delta of the Orinoco, and act as pilots. During the floods, they lodge in dwellings suspended from the trees.

Guiana is chiefly occupied by the powerful and hostile nations of the *Caribbees*, and *Arouacs*, or *Arowauks*. The Caribbees are distinguished for pride, independence, and ferocity of spirit, and are superior to most tribes around them, in arts and war. The Caribbee Islands were probably peopled by this nation, and the other West India Islands, by the Arowauks. The Arowauks are mild and gentle in their disposition, and have been continually subject to attack and oppression from the Caribbees.

A large number of Indians in South America are in a state resembling slavery, in the European colonies; and have all the degradation and vice belonging to slavery. A considerable number are also collected in distinct communities, termed *Missions*, subject to the government of the whites. The latter bear the name of *civilized Indians*; and they possess more skill in agriculture and arts, and more attachment to a settled life than the independent tribes. But Humboldt observes, that they should more properly be termed *subdued Indians*; that they are often as destitute of Christian knowledge and morality as the free tribes, and only substitute the stupid indolence and other vices of slaves, for those of [281] savages. The Indians in the province of *Paraguay*, lying east of the River *Paraguay*, were instructed and civilized by the Jesuits with great care; and were long governed by them. They now hold a respectable rank as an independent community, both in wealth and power.

ISLANDS OF SOUTH AMERICA.

Terra del Fuego is a dreary island, crossed by a chain of rocky mountains, covered with snow. Its climate is intensely cold. Its inhabitants at the south are ferocious; at the north, mild.

The *Falkland Islands* are equally sterile and cold.

South Georgia, *Sandwich Land*, and the newly discovered *South Shetland Isles* are barren rocks, covered with perpetual snow. These islands are inhabited only by sea-fowls and seals, and are resorted to for the purpose of killing seals, and procuring their skins. (See ¶ 542.)

EUROPE.

EUROPE is the smallest of the great divisions of the world, and least distinguished for the grandeur of its natural features; but in science, arts, and improvements it surpasses all the rest. In modern times it has been the central point from which civilization and knowledge have extended to other nations, and its emigrants have peopled all the civilized countries of the globe.

A full account of its natural divisions, surface, and waters will be found, page 93 to 104. It extends from the Frozen to the Tropical Regions, and has a corresponding diversity of climates and productions. (See page 137, 140, 142, 143-4, and articles on *vegetables* and *animals*.) It comprises numerous and valuable mines, and furnishes almost every useful mineral. The Government and Religion of its respective portions, will be found under those heads, and on the Chart of the Inhabited World. The state of Learning is described page 198-200—of Educa-

* Humboldt.

tion, page 203-5; and of Literary Institutions, page 207-9. An account of Agriculture is given page 226-232—of Roads, page 237-8—of Cities, page 240—and of the comparative power of its nations, page 253.

RUSSIAN EMPIRE.

The Russian Empire embraces Russia in Europe, the kingdom of Poland, Siberia, and The Caucasus. It also stretches across to the Continent of America, reaching more than half round the globe, and covering nearly half of Europe and Asia.

RUSSIA IN EUROPE.

Russia occupies the eastern half of Europe, from the northern to the southern extremity. It is generally a level country, and its distinguishing features are vast plains and majestic rivers. The Valdai hills, south of Petersburg, only 1200 feet above the level of the ocean, are the highest ground between Finland and the Black Sea. Forests, morasses, and salt plains cover vast tracts of this empire. Other portions are fertile, and abound with excellent pastures. The forests are more extensive than in any other part of Europe.

It is composed of two great declivities—one descending towards the Frozen [282] Ocean—and the other towards the Black and Caspian Seas. The northern declivity belongs to the Frozen Regions; the southern extends to the Cold, Temperate, and Warm Regions. The cold of winter is greater than in the west of Europe, and the heat of summer also more intense.

This country contains inhabitants of many different nations and languages, of all religions, and in every stage of civilization. There were formerly but two classes in Russia—luxurious and ignorant nobles—and their enslaved peasants. The Russian peasants, or '*boors*,' are rude in their manners, filthy in their habits, and almost barbarians in the state of their knowledge. They have great skill in imitation, but little invention. Of late years, a middle class of mechanics and manufacturers has arisen in the large towns, consisting of foreigners and emancipated boors. Manufactures are in a low state, and chiefly carried on in families; but duck, and other cloths of hemp, are manufactured to a considerable amount. Agriculture is impracticable in the northern parts of Russia on account of the climate, and every where imperfect. The raising of cattle is the principal employment of the people, and hides and tallow are the chief exports.

Moscow was the ancient capital, and the seat of immense trade from all parts of the empire, as well as from the various nations of Tartary and Turkey. It was burned in 1812, but has been in a great measure rebuilt.

Petersburg is the modern capital, built by Peter the Great, on a spot at that time a marsh. *Cronstadt*, on an island at no great distance from it, is its port, and the station of the royal navy. It is the chief place of foreign commerce for the empire, and the seat of its principal scientific and literary institutions, arsenals, and other public establishments.

Riga is next to Petersburg in commerce. Its harbour admits ships of large burden to the walls of the town. *Archangel* is the most northern port of any consequence in Europe, and was the principal one in Russia, before the foundation of Petersburg. It still carries on a considerable trade during the summer; but its harbour is frozen during a large part of the year.

Nicholæf is the chief town in the southern part of Russia, almost surrounded by the River Bog. It is the naval station for the Black Sea, and has extensive arsenals, and other naval establishments. It is inferior to no city in the empire, except Petersburg and Moscow. *Odessa* is one of the best harbours and most frequented ports in the Black Sea. *Cherson* has declined in prosperity.

Abo is the capital of Finland, and the seat of a university. *Novgorod* is only remarkable as one of the ancient capitals of the sovereigns of Russia. Some remains of former grandeur are still visible. *Kiev* was the cradle of the Russian sovereignty. It is remarkable for its catacombs, which are visited by pilgrims from all parts of the empire. *Tula* is the capital of a province of the same name, and the seat of extensive iron works. *Tver* is the centre of the extensive inland navigation, carried on by means of the Volga, and its branches and canals.

Smolensko was a large town, nearly destroyed by the French in their invasion of Russia.

Tcherchaskoy, on the River Don, is the capital of the Don-Cossacks. It is built like Venice in the midst of the water, and traversed by canals.

POLAND.

A small remnant of the former kingdom of Poland now forms a distinct state subject to the Emperor of Russia. Its surface is generally level, and extensive marshes are numerous. Its soil is fertile, but much of it is best adapted to [283] grazing. Its climate is cold and moist.

The people are ignorant, and rude in their manners. The peasants are in a state of wretched poverty and vassalage. The nobles are haughty and oppressive. Agriculture is miserably conducted: yet considerable quantities of grain are produced for exportation, and cattle are also reared for this purpose. Manufactures are in a low state. Commerce is carried on chiefly by foreigners.

Poland has few towns of importance. *Warsaw* is the capital, but is destitute of every other distinction among the cities of Europe. *Cracow*, the ancient capital, is now a free town, endowed with commercial privileges. Not far from it, in the Austrian territory, are the salt mines of *Wielitzka*. *Lublin* is one of the largest commercial towns in the south-east of Poland, and is noted for three annual fairs, each continuing a month, to which Europeans, Turks, and Arabs resort.

RUSSIA IN ASIA, OR SIBERIA.

The climate and general character of Northern Russia, extends into its Asiatic dominions. Siberia is proverbial for its intense cold, and sterile soil. It is enclosed by chains of mountains on three sides—the Ural on the west, the Altaian on the south, and the branch called the Daourian, Yablonoy, and Stanovoy on the east. Its surface is chiefly composed of vast plains, or steppes, which were described ¶ 611. The peninsula of Kamtschatka is traversed by a chain of mountains through its whole length, whose summits are covered with perpetual snow. Many of them are the seats of volcanic fires.

The general climate is that of the Frozen Regions—long winters of intense cold and short summers of great heat are the only divisions of the seasons. The northern regions admit of no cultivation; the middle of very little; but some districts in the south are capable of producing grain.

Wild animals are numerous, and the rivers abound with fish. From these the inhabitants derive their chief support. The furs form an important article of export. The rich mines of the Altaian Mountains furnish large quantities of various metals to European Russia, and form an important part of the resources of the empire.

Siberia is inhabited by barbarous and savage tribes, who make no effort for improvement. The most advanced in civilization are only employed in feeding reindeer or cattle. The Russian government has made this country a place of banishment for state criminals. In this way, and by the emigration of a few colonists, some towns have been settled, and have made considerable advances in agricultural and mechanical improvements. The actual power of Russia in many of the tribes is small; but some of them furnish large numbers to the army in war.

The *Cossacks*, so celebrated for conduct and prowess in the late wars of Europe, were originally Poles, who settled in Russia, and now have an independent, military government. They have some education among them. They reside chiefly in the steppes of the Don and the Volga. The *Calmuks*, who live between the Volga and the Caspian, are also considerably advanced beyond other barbarous nations of Siberia in arts, and possess large flocks and herds. The *Yakuts* and *Tunguses* are less improved. The *Tschukis* and *Samoiedes* are in the lowest state of society, and have much resemblance to the Esquimaux of North America and Greenland.

Astrachan is the port of Russia for the Caspian Sea, and a place of considerable manufactures. It has immediate communication with Petersburg by the Volga and its canals. It is also the great emporium of trade for the produce of Asia, and has an assemblage of merchants from most countries between the Mediterranean and the Ganges.

Yobolsk is the metropolis of western Siberia. One-fourth of its inhabitants are Tartars. It is a great thoroughfare for caravans engaged in the trade to the east, and to China, but is not a place of much commerce. *Irkutsk* is the principal town in Eastern Siberia, and indeed the capital of the whole. It is a splendid, prosperous city, possessing an extensive trade, and many of the luxuries and amusements of Europe. It is the general place of deposit of furs, from America and Eastern Asia, and for the merchandise of the Chinese and American trade. *Kiachla*, or *Kiakta*, on the River Selenga, is the seat of the trade between China and Russia, and is inhabited by numerous mercantile agents. The great fair is held in December. *Okotsk* is the chief port of Eastern Siberia, and the channel of intercourse with Kamschatka and America. *Yakutsk* is the most northern town of Eastern Siberia. In the south-western part of Siberia—*Orenburg* on the River Ural, is the place of trade with Central Asia; *Uralsk* is the capital of the Ural Cossacks; *Derbend* is a fortified port on the Caspian Sea, with a limited trade.

The Russian settlements have been extended from Asia across Beering's Straits; and the emperor lays claim to the North-Western Coast of America, as low as the 52d degree of latitude. On examining the whole of the Russian dominions, we find an empire stretching through 200 degrees of longitude, over three of the quarters of the globe, covering a territory twice as large as the whole of Europe, and embracing 80 different nations. But its population is not dense, and its wealth is perhaps less than that of some other countries. Its military force is larger than that of any other power in Europe. Its navy, both in the Baltic and Black Seas, is respectable, and it ranks among the first of European states in power and influence.

THE CAUCASUS.

CIRCASSIA—GEORGIA—MINGRELIA.

The district of country lying between the Black and Caspian Seas, along the borders of the Caucasus, is inhabited by a number of distinct nations, most of whom are tributary, or allied, to the Russians. It consists of vast ranges of mountains, with rough, steep ridges, and narrow, fertile valleys, and is no where level.

The **CIRCASSIANS** inhabit the northern side of the Caucasus. They are a barbarous people, divided into a number of tribes, under petty princes; and are little more than lawless hordes of robbers.

The **GEORGIANS** are a more interesting people, on the southern side of the Caucasus. They are civil and friendly in their manners, but fickle and turbulent.

These nations are remarkable for the beauty of their females, numbers of whom are sold as slaves to the Turks and Persians. They are in the feudal state as to government. Their religion is a mixture of the Mahometan and Christian; but there is scarcely a vestige of pure Christianity.

Tiflis is the principal town of Georgia, remarkable for its warm baths. It is poor and mean in its appearance.

MINGRELIA is a plain on the borders of the Black Sea, which is well watered and fertile. Its people resemble those of Georgia.

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SWEDEN.

Sweden is remarkably diversified with extensive lakes, large rivers, stupendous rocks and verdant valleys. The greater part of it is covered with forests, interspersed with small, well-cultivated farms, and resembling many parts of the United States in the aspect of its scenery. It is rugged and mountainous in the western part, but level on the shores of the Baltic. Hardly one-thirtieth part of the soil is capable of cultivation.

The cold of winter is severe; but the climate is less variable, and the air more clear and healthful, than in many warmer countries. The government is free from oppression; the means of instruction are abundant; and the people, generally intelligent and well educated. The higher classes of Swedes are ostentatious and luxurious, but brave, hospitable, and very sprightly. The peasants, especially in the interior, are simple and kind in their manners, and strictly honest in their habits.

The agriculture of Sweden is well conducted, but does not supply its wants. Manufactures are insufficient for domestic consumption. It has 2,400 miles of seacoast, and commands one shore of the entrance to the Baltic. Its commerce and fisheries are extensive and important. Its chief wealth is derived from its mines, which produce iron and copper of a superior quality. Norway is under the government of the king of Sweden, who also possesses several islands in the Baltic, and the island of St. Bartholomew in the West Indies.

Stockholm, the capital, is situated on several small islands and peninsulas, near the entrance of the Lake Mälar into the Baltic. It has a safe and commodious harbour, and extensive trade. *Gottenburg* is the second town in Sweden in commerce and population. It will soon be connected by a canal with Stockholm and the Gulf of Bothnia.

Carlskrona is a seaport of considerable trade, and the principal station of the Swedish navy. *Fahlun* is celebrated for its copper mines, and *Dannemora* for the principal iron mine of Sweden. *Upsal* and *Lund* contain the two Swedish universities, of which Upsal is the most celebrated. *Norwiking* and *Gefle* are places of considerable trade.

NORWAY.

The surface of Norway is very uneven, presenting a succession of mountains and valleys. A rugged chain of mountains separates it from Sweden, and a range of rocky islands lines the seacoast. The scenery is more diversified than that of Sweden, with rocks, precipices, and cataracts. The rivers are of little use for navigation on account of their numerous falls. In the interior, the climate is intensely cold, but the air is serene and healthful; and the people live to an advanced age. On the seacoast, the climate is moist, and milder than in the interior of Germany.

The Norwegians are simple, hospitable, and industrious; and remarkable for an independent spirit. They are well instructed in the common branches of education. Most of the peasants manufacture their own clothing, tools, and furniture.

Not more than one hundredth part of this country is capable of cultivation, and most of the grain is imported. The valleys afford excellent pasturage, and feed numbers of cattle for exportation. The principal resources of Norway are the produce of its fisheries, the timber of its forests, and the silver, iron, and copper of its mines, which are exported in considerable quantities.

Bergen is the most populous and commercial town, and has been generally considered the capital. *Christiania* is superior in its character and influence, [286] and is the residence of the public authorities. *Drontheim*, the ancient capital, is the most northern city in Europe, except Tornea, and a place of considerable trade. *Kongsberg* is a small city, entirely supported by the silver mines in its vicinity. *Fredericshall*, a small town on the borders of Sweden, is celebrated for many sieges, in one of which Charles XII. was killed.

LAPLAND.

Lapland occupies the northern extremity of Europe. Although divided among different governments, it is considered as one country on account of the uniform and peculiar character of the people. North Lapland belongs to Norway; South Lapland to Sweden; and East Lapland to Russia.

The country along the Gulf of Bothnia is an immense plain, covered with forests of spruce and fir, gradually rising into a central ridge of high mountains, and thence declining towards the North Cape. The winters are long, and intensely cold; and the sun does not appear for several weeks. The climate of the seacoast is more temperate. The summers are short, but the perpetual day produces intense heat.

Vegetation is scanty, and grain cultivated with great difficulty. Herds of reindeer form the chief support of the people, supplying them with food and clothing, and serving also as beasts of burden.

The Laplanders are a dwarfish and barbarous people, with little knowledge, and few arts. They profess Christianity; but are very ignorant of the scriptures, and retain many Pagan superstitions. The mountaineers lead a wandering life; and those on the seacoast change their habitations twice in a year.

During the winter, the Laplanders carry on some traffic with the Swedes, at Tornea and other towns on the Gulf of Bothnia, and exchange the produce of their herds and fisheries for other necessities of life.

DENMARK.

The kingdom of Denmark comprises the peninsula of Jutland, and the Duchies of Holstein and Lauenburg, extending from the Eyder to the Elbe, together with Zealand, Funen, and the other islands lying in the Categate Sound. The free cities of Hamburg and Lubec, lie within its limits, but are not subject to its power.

Continental Denmark forms a long, continued plain, interrupted by few hills or rising grounds. The small River Eyder is the only one of importance, but lakes, rivulets, and brooks are numerous. The soil of this kingdom is generally fertile, and peculiarly adapted to pasturage. The southern parts are well cultivated, producing grain, fruits, and all the necessities of life, in abundance. The atmosphere during the greater part of the year is thick and cloudy. The climate is more temperate than is usual in this latitude; and although moist, is generally healthy.

The Danes are an honest, industrious people, well educated, but not remarkable for enterprise or improvements. Manufactures are so little advanced among them, that many articles are imported, and for want of forests, they obtain their timber from other countries. Denmark is favourably situated for commerce. Its trade extends to the Mediterranean and the East and West Indies. Some ships are sent to the Indian and Pacific Oceans to engage in the whale fishery, and many small vessels are employed in the herring fishery, on the north-west coast of Europe. [287] The principal exports are the produce of these fisheries, and great numbers of horses and cattle.

Denmark is a feeble state, and the principal source of its power lies in the command of the entrance into the Baltic. It levies a toll upon all ships that pass the Sound, which is generally paid at Elsinore.

Copenhagen, the capital and residence of the king, is situated on a fine harbour, on the eastern coast of the island of Zealand. *Altona*, on the Elbe, is the next city in population and commerce.

Elsinore has an excellent road, generally crowded with vessels from all nations. *Kiel*, the capital of Holstein, is celebrated for its university. It is situated near the canal which unites the River Eyder with the Baltic.

In addition to the territories above mentioned, Denmark possesses Iceland, the Faroe Isles, and West Greenland.

ICELAND.

The aspect of Iceland is extremely rugged and dreary. It is traversed by ranges of mountains, abounding in volcanoes; its surface is covered with immense tracts of lava; and torrents of mud and boiling water are thrown out from its spouting springs.

Grain is not cultivated; trees are unknown; and vegetables are few. The support of the people is derived in part from the cattle, sheep, and reindeer, fed on the scanty herbage of the valleys, but chiefly from the fisheries. The down of the eider-duck is an important article of export from this island, and the Faroe Isles. Their fuel is turf.

Their manufactures are few and coarse, and insufficient for domestic consumption. Their commerce is small, confined chiefly to the importation of grain, timber, and other necessities. The people are simple and hospitable in their manners; honest, industrious, and temperate in their habits; and better educated than the common people in almost any other country of Europe.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The United kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland embraces England, Scotland, and Ireland, usually termed the British Isles. The British Empire includes numerous foreign possessions in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australia, containing 60 millions of inhabitants. In commerce, wealth, and power, it is not exceeded by any empire in the world.

Counties of England.



Questions.—What are the six northern counties of England? Four, bordering on Wales? Three south-western? Three south-eastern? Four Southern (intermediate)? Eight eastern—four larger, being maritime; and four smaller, inland? Twelve midland counties—five northern, three central, and four southern? Six counties of South Wales? Six of North Wales?

Mon'th abbr. for Monmouth.—*West'mld.* for Westmoreland.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

England has a great variety of surface. Some parts present the rugged features of a mountainous tract, and others the gloom of barren moors or heaths ; but the general aspect of its landscape has more of softness and beauty. It is usually level or gently undulating, watered by copious streams, which produce a beautiful verdure. The number and neatness of the farms, and the country seats of the wealthy, add to the natural beauties of the scenery.

A range of mountains, not exceeding 3,800 feet in the highest part, traverse the western side of England, from Cornwall to Cumberland, and give a mountainous character to Wales. There are numerous streams and canals, with extend the advantages of inland navigation to every part of the kingdom ; and the roads, bridges, and travelling conveyances have reached a high state of perfection.

The coast is indented with numerous bays and harbours, which are rarely [288] frozen in winter, and present every facility for foreign commerce.

The peasantry are better educated than in the middle countries of Europe, and are generally industrious, honest, and frugal in their habits. The sailors and soldiers of England are distinguished for their bravery and discipline ; the merchants for their integrity and wealth ; and the mechanics for their skill and industry. In the higher classes, there is, an unhappy prevalence of luxury and corruption, as in most of the continental nations ; and foreigners charge them with a haughty reserve of manners.

The agriculture of England is more improved than that of any other part of Europe. Its population is dense, and it is dependent in some degree on importation for a supply of grain. In the variety and amount of manufactures, England is unrivalled. Its fisheries are of great value, and its commerce of vast extent. From these sources, wealth is continually flowing in, with a rapidity scarcely known in any country, except those which furnish the precious metals.

London is the capital of the British Empire. It is admirably situated for commerce, and is probably the richest, most populous, and most commercial city of the civilized world.

Five miles below London is *Greenwich*, the seat of the Royal Observatory, from which longitude is reckoned. It is also distinguished by the Royal Hospital for disabled seamen. *York* is the metropolis of the north of England, and the second city in dignity. It is celebrated for its magnificent *minster*, or ancient cathedral. *Liverpool* is next to London in commerce. It is the principal seat of the trade with America, and has been rapidly increasing in population and wealth. *Bristol* holds the next rank in commerce, and carries on extensive trade with other parts of the empire, and with Europe and America. *Hull*, the chief port on the eastern coast north of London, is the principal channel of trade to the north-eastern and midland districts of England. It is also extensively engaged in the Greenland fishery. *Newcastle* on the Tyne, is particularly celebrated for its coal-trade. It is also employed in foreign commerce, and in the Greenland fishery. *Exeter* is a commercial town, situated on the southern coast. It is the metropolis and chief emporium of the west of England. *Yarmouth*, at the mouth of the Yare, on the eastern coast of Norfolk, is important as a seaport, and has the largest fishery on the English coast.

Naval Stations.—*Portsmouth* is the chief naval station of Great Britain ; and has a fine harbour, capable of receiving the whole navy at once. The road of Spithead, between the harbour and the Isle of Wight, is the chief rendezvous of the navy. *Gosport*, on the entrance to the harbour, contains various naval establishments, connected with Portsmouth. *Plymouth*, at the mouth of the Plym, is second only to Portsmouth as a naval station. *Chatham* is also a naval port of consequence.

Only a few of the *manufacturing towns* can be enumerated. *Manchester* is the second place in the kingdom for population, and first in manufactures, especially those of cotton. *Birmingham* is particularly remarkable for its metallic articles, and has been styled “ the toystore of Europe.” *Leeds* is distinguished for its cloths—*Sheffield* for its cutlery—*Norwich* for its worsted stuffs—*Leicester* and *Nottingham* for stockings and hosiery—*Worcester* for its woollens, and especially for its porcelain—and *Kidderminster* for its carpets.

Of the *places of fashionable resort*; *Brighton* is the most celebrated place for sea-bathing; *Ramsgate*, *Margate*, and *Scarborough* are also much frequented. [289] Among the mineral springs which collect visitors, *Bath* is the most distinguished, and has gradually become one of the most elegant and dissipated cities in England. *Cheltenham*, *Clifton*, *Tunbridge-Wells*, *Buxton*, *Matlock*, and *Harrogate*, have thousands of visitants annually.

Oxford and *Cambridge* are celebrated for their universities, and owe their population and importance to these. *Oxford* appears like a city of palaces. *Cambridge* is much inferior in elegance. *Windsor* is distinguished for its magnificent castle, which has long been a favourite residence of the English monarchs. *Canterbury* was the first seat of Christianity in England; and is now the residence of the archbishop of the kingdom. *Caernarvon* and *Caermarthen* are the principal towns of Wales.

Of the islands on the coast, the *Isle of Wight* is remarkable for its fertility and the beauty of its scenery. *Anglesea*, on the coast of Wales, is distinguished for its copper mines. The *Isle of Man* contains a singular people, tenacious of their ancient customs, and still governed in part by their own laws. The *Scilly Islands* are a numerous rocky group, off the Land's End, only a few of which are inhabited.

SCOTLAND.

Scotland is a rough and mountainous country in the north, with only a few fertile valleys. The middle division is intersected by the Grampian Hills, 40 to 60 miles wide, which furnish good pasturage. The southern and south-eastern parts spread into fertile plains, resembling those of England. The rivers are numerous, but short and rapid, and unfit for navigation. This country is peculiarly celebrated for the grandeur and wildness of its scenery. The climate is severe, and storms are often dreadful. Neither climate nor soil is favourable to tillage, and the greater part of Scotland is devoted to pasturage. The grains chiefly cultivated are oats, rye, and barley.

The people are divided into two great classes. The Highland Scotch appear to be descended from the old Britons, and retain some traits of former rudeness. They dislike tillage, and devote themselves to the keeping of flocks and cattle. They are remarkable for a bold, and even lawless spirit, as well as for simplicity and hospitality of manners.

The Lowland Scotch are intelligent, enterprising, and industrious, probably superior to almost any nation in Europe in education, and integrity of character. They hold a high rank in literature. Agriculture has been much improved of late years in Scotland. Manufactures are in a flourishing state, especially those of cotton. The commerce and fisheries are important.

Edinburgh is the metropolis of Scotland, and has long been distinguished as the seat of science and literature. It has few manufactures; but it carries on an important trade through *Leith*, its seaport, which is about two miles distant.

Glasgow, on the Clyde, is the first city of Scotland in population and in commercial importance. It is regularly built, and flourishing in manufactures as well as in trade. It has much intercourse with the West Indies and America. *Port Glasgow* is 20 miles farther down the river, at the mouth of the Clyde. *Greenock* is the chief seaport of Scotland. Its commerce is extensive, and its population has increased with great rapidity. *Paisley* is noted for its cotton and muslin manufactures, which give employ to more than 30,000 persons in the city and vicinity. *Dundee* is a commodious port, and is flourishing in manufactures and trade.

Aberdeen is the chief town in the north of Scotland. It consists of two parts [290]—the new town, a large and populous seaport—and the old town, about a mile from the sea, distinguished for the university of King's College. *Perth* is one of the best built towns of Scotland, except Edinburgh. *St. Andrews* has a university. *Berwick* is a border-town, upon the Tweed. *Sterling* is built on the steep acclivity of a rock, about 80 miles north of Edinburgh, and has been distinguished in history.

The coast of Scotland is lined with numerous islands, most of them rocky and rough.

The *Hebrides, or Western Isles*, are 300 in number, extending 180 miles along the western coast of Scotland. They are estimated to contain 70,000 inhabitants.

The *Orkneys* on the north, comprise 26 islands, inhabited by an industrious people. *Kirkwall*, the chief town, is distinguished for an ancient stately cathedral, dedicated to St. Magnus.

The *Shetland, or Zetland Isles*, are the most northern Scottish isles, 86 in number, of which 40 are inhabited by 21,000 people. 70 or 80,000 sheep are fed here, and wool and fish are exported. The aspect of these islands is peculiarly rugged and bleak; and the precipitous rocks on the coast present some of the most sublime scenery.

IRELAND.

Ireland is destitute of any extensive or considerable ranges of mountains, but many are distributed in small groups. Its surface is uneven, with hills of some height, but easy of ascent and cultivation. It is generally well watered and fertile. Its bogs and morasses, which cover one-tenth of the surface, partake of the general irregularity, but are unfit for cultivation.

Ireland abounds in lakes; and the loughs, or salt-water lakes, are so numerous, that every part of the country has easy access to the sea. Its coast has many fine harbours, and is well adapted to commerce. The climate is very mild and moist, and produces a beautiful and continued verdure, which has led to its poetical appellation of "Green Erin."

The Irish peasantry are in the most wretched ignorance and poverty, and one seventh of the houses are inhabited by *paupers*. They are degraded by the oppression of landlords, and their stewards, or "middle men." Their cabins and mode of living are scarcely superior to those of the American Indians. Two thirds or three-fourths of the inhabitants are Catholics, and were, until recently excluded, on this account, from many of the privileges of Englishmen.

Tillage is not understood. The implements of husbandry are very rude and ill constructed. Potatoes and oats are the principal crops raised for food by the poor. The soil is best adapted to pasturage. The Irish are most successful in grazing and dairy husbandry, and produce the finest beef and butter which is found in commerce. The manufacture of linen and muslin is carried on to a great extent, and these are important articles of export.

Dublin is the second city of the British Isles in extent and population: and is generally reckoned the seventh in Europe. It is the emporium of Irish commerce and the seat of government. Its university is celebrated.

Cork is the second city in Ireland, and possesses a more extensive foreign trade than any other port. Its harbour is safe and spacious. *Limerick*, on the Shannon is next in rank; and is one of the most flourishing towns in the island. Its manufactures are prosperous, and it has a large share of the internal and foreign trade of the country. *Waterford* is a populous and commercial city. *Belfast* is also important for its commerce, and is the chief seat of the linen trade.

Kilkenny is a neat town, remarkable for its quarries of white and black [29] marble, of great beauty. *Galway, Londonderry, and Drogheda*, are flourishing places of trade.

FOREIGN BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

In addition to her Indian, American, and Continental territories, Great Britain has a number of insulated foreign possessions; which may most properly be described in this place.

Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, and Sark, are small islands lying on the coast of France. The inhabitants generally speak the old Norman French; and have more resemblance to the French than to the English. Their internal government is regulated by their own laws.

Heligoland is a barren rock, opposite to the mouth of the Elbe, inhabited by 20 Danish fishermen, and occupied by a British garrison, as a place of trade in war.

Malta is a celebrated island of the Mediterranean, formerly possessed by the Knights of Malta. It is a mass of rocks, covered with a light soil; but it contains a population of 6,000 to the square mile. It is a very important place of rendezvous and deposit, for the commerce and navy of Great Britain.

Gibraltar, the celebrated fortress at the entrance of the Mediterranean Sea, is also possessed by the British. It is a mere rock, but from its peculiar structure, it has been made an almost impregnable fortress. Its situation renders it the key of the Mediterranean, and a most valuable possession to the British Empire.

The rock is surrounded by fortifications at every accessible spot, and is even penetrated by galleries, furnished with cannon, which form a battery of such elevation and strength, that it cannot be injured by assailants from below. The town is situated on the declivity, near the foot of the rock. It is governed entirely as a military post; but it is a free port, and a place of great trade. It is the resort of merchants from almost every part of the Mediterranean and of Europe, and ten languages are spoken in its streets.

St. Helena is an elevated rock in the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Africa, which has been formed by the British into an impregnable fortress. It is important as a place of refreshment and rendezvous for the East India ships; and has lately been distinguished as the prison of the Emperor Napoleon.

NETHERLANDS.

The present kingdom of the Netherlands is composed of the Dutch Provinces in the North, formerly called Holland, and the Belgic Provinces in the south, formerly called Flanders, or the Netherlands.

The Dutch provinces are entirely destitute of mountains and hills, and present the appearance of a large marsh, intersected by numberless canals. Many parts are below the level of the sea, and protected by dykes, or banks, from the inroads of the water. The climate is cold, and extremely moist.

The Belgic provinces are more varied with hills and vales; and the air is pure and healthful. The lands are very fertile, and highly cultivated. In the north they are chiefly devoted to pasturage; and cattle, beef, butter, and cheese, are important articles of export. In the south, grain and other valuable productions flourish.

[292] The Dutch are patient, ingenious, and persevering, but wanting in sprightliness, and unusually devoted to the pursuit of gain. The Belgians are chiefly Catholics, and are distinguished by a fondness for religious ceremonies. Both are remarkable for their industry and neatness.

The people of this kingdom have surpassed most other nations in the extent and variety of their manufactures. They have been equally enterprising in their commerce and fisheries, which form their principal resource. No European nation, except Great Britain, has a greater quantity of shipping.

Amsterdam is the great emporium of commerce in this kingdom, and the seat of numerous manufactures. *Rotterdam* is next to Amsterdam in commerce. *Antwerp* is also a city of great commercial importance. *Brussels* is celebrated for its beauty, and for its manufactures of lace. *Brussels* and *the Hague* are alternately the residence of the king and legislature. Nine miles south of Brussels is the village of *Waterloo*, celebrated for the great battle which terminated the European war in 1815.

Ghent is a declining place, remarkable for the treaty of peace concluded between the United States and Great Britain, in 1815. *Leyden* is celebrated for its university, and has an annual fair which is much frequented.

GERMANY.

Germany is divided into two great portions, northern and southern. The line of separation is the Sudetic Chain, extending from Westphalia to the Carpathian Mountains. Almost all the country north of this long range is flat, and the rivers run towards the north. Southern Germany is much more diversified, consisting in part of extensive plains—traversed by vast ranges of mountains—and bounded on the south by the Alps.

The climate is generally temperate, and the air is almost every where salubrious, except in marshy districts. The soil is various. Sandy plains and barren heaths abound on the north-west, and swamps and marshes on the north-east. Grain is raised in the north. Agriculture is imperfect. Good wine is made in particular districts, and the Rhenish is celebrated. Manufactures have made great progress in Germany, particularly linen, of which much is exported.

The Germans are, generally speaking, sincere and faithful, remarkable for industry and perseverance, but not so much for enterprise and activity. They have distinguished themselves by their extensive researches in literature, science, and the arts; and no part of Europe probably can boast so many learned men and celebrated authors.

Germany is divided into 39 small states and free cities, and has been long styled the labyrinth of Geography. Austria and Prussia are the principal powers of the confederation. Of the remaining states, the portion south of the River Maine is occupied by the Kingdoms of Bavaria and Wurtemberg, and the Grand Duchy of Baden, which are less distinguished for learning than other portions. The northern part contains the Kingdom of Hanover, the Duchies of Mecklenburg, Holstein, Brunswick, and Oldenburg. The middle portion includes the Kingdom of Saxony, and most of the small states, with the dominions of Prussia.

AUSTRIA.

The Austrian Empire comprises a number of distinct kingdoms and states, subject to a single monarch, whose power varies in different parts of the empire. It is intermediate in its character between a confederation and a single state. A part of its territories belongs to the German confederation, and it takes the first rank [293] in the diet of Germany. It is one third larger than France, and twice as large as Great Britain and Ireland.

This empire contains several ranges of mountains, enclosing the basins of several rivers, and the steppes and plains of Hungary. No general account can therefore be given of its surface. Its soil has every variety, from the most fertile to the most barren. About one third is waste land; and less than half of the rest is cultivated. Most of the empire lies in the basin of the Danube, and is well supplied with navigable streams.

The climate is like that of France, but subject to greater extremes of heat and cold. It varies from that of the warm regions on the south to that of the cold regions, connected with the mountains, on the north. Its productions are equally varied.

There is no less diversity in the language, religion, and manners of the inhabitants, than in the surface of the empire. The ardent and refined Italians of Lombardy—the cold and industrious Germans of other districts—the simple Bohemians—and the half savage inhabitants of the southern provinces, are all subjects of this empire, united by few common ties, and having little intercourse. We must therefore expect a great variety in the character of the people, and the nature and products of their employments. They generally resemble the Germans in industry and faithfulness, but are in a low state as to education.

The country is chiefly devoted to agriculture, and mines. It is richer in minerals than any other state in Europe. Tillage is not well conducted. Manufactures are imperfect, and insufficient for home consumption. Bohemia and Moravia are the principal manufacturing districts. Austria has but a small extent of seacoast, and a limited commerce. The army is large, the territory extensive and populous, and this empire is one of the most powerful states of Europe. It has no foreign colonies; but the Duchies of Tuscany, Parma, Modena, and Massa are dependent states.

Vienna is the capital of the empire, and holds a high rank among the cities of Europe for science, arts, commerce, and refinement.

Prague is the capital of Bohemia and the second city of Austria. It has been the scene of numerous battles and sieges, and has only the remnants of its former magnificence and prosperity. *Buda* is the metropolis of Hungary. *Lemberg* is the capital of Galicia, in Austrian Poland. It has much commercial importance, especially as the great thoroughfare from the Black Sea to Vienna. *Brunn* is the capital of Moravia and the centre of its commerce. Its manufactures are extensive and flourishing. *Pest* and *Buda* are merely separated by the Danube, and in fact form one city. *Pest* has a university and several literary institutions.

Debrelzin is the principal commercial place in the eastern part of Hungary, and the seat of extensive commercial transactions. *Kremnitz* and *Schemnitz* are distinguished as the principal towns in the mining districts of Austria. *Teplitz* is celebrated for its warm springs, and has become a fashionable resort.

Trieste was for a long period the only port belonging to the Austrian Empire. Its harbour is spacious, and its trade extensive.

Venice, the capital of the ancient republic, was long the chief maritime power in the south of Europe; but its commercial greatness has declined; its manufactures have been rivalled by those of other states; and its population is greatly reduced. *Milan* is an extensive and magnificent city, with numerous manufactures, and considerable trade. *Mantua* is one of the oldest cities in the world, remarkable as the birth place of *Virgil*. *Verona* is a large city, celebrated for a magnificent amphitheatre, built by the Romans. *Padua* and *Pavia* are ancient cities, and noted for their universities. *Trent* is celebrated for the ecclesiastical council convened in it, one of the most important ever holden.

PRUSSIA.

Prussia is generally a level barren country. Some parts are productive, abounding in pasturage and furnishing grain for exportation. It is traversed by a number of navigable streams, connected by canals, which give it greater advantages for inland navigation than are enjoyed by most other countries of Europe. The western parts have a mild climate; the eastern are cold, from the influence of the winds blowing from Russia.

The people of Prussia Proper are brave and industrious, and particularly fond of military show and parade. The kingdom now embraces Poles and Germans of several classes, who possess great varieties of character and customs. The peasants are in a degraded state—many in slavery, and most of them extremely ignorant and miserably poor.

From the alluvial character of Prussia, it has no mineral treasures of value except amber. Its manufactures are respectable. Silesia is especially celebrated for its linens. Its exports, (chiefly of grain and other raw productions,) are about one seventh of those of England.

The importance of this kingdom has been chiefly derived from the number and discipline of its armies, and the energy of its government. It was formerly an electorate of Germany; but has gained a large accession of territory, and now ranks among the first powers of Europe.

Berlin is the capital of Prussia, distinguished for its splendour and for the extent of its manufactures. A few miles from *Berlin* is *Potsdam*, the occasional residence of the king, noted for the royal palace it contains.

Dantzic is a city of extensive commerce, situated on the *Vistula*, only five miles from its mouth. *Königsberg* is a place of considerable inland and foreign trade, in the eastern part of the kingdom. *Breslaw* is the capital and centre of trade for Silesia. It has considerable manufactures, and is the seat of a university.

Posen is a place of some importance, and the seat of a University. *Magdeburg* is one of the strongest fortresses in Germany. *Halle* is celebrated for its university. *Frankfort* on the *Oder* has valuable manufactures and commerce.

In the western portion of the Prussian dominions, *Cologne* is the principal seat of commerce on the Rhine, and manufactures the famous *Cologne* water. *Aix la Chapelle*, 30 miles west of *Cologne*, is celebrated for two treaties of peace concluded here, and for its warm baths. *Coblenz* is situated at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle, and is thus enabled to carry on trade with France, Switzerland, and Germany.

Anhalt Dessau, Anhalt Bernburg, and Anhalt Cothen are small Duchies surrounded by the Prussian dominions. They are not distinguished from that country, except in their political character.

GERMAN STATES.

The remainder of Germany is occupied by a number of small states. *Luxemburg* belongs to the Netherlands, and *Holstein* and *Lauenburg*, to Denmark. The remainder are independent states, whose situation may be learned from the following map. The greater number are small and unimportant, resembling a county of the United States in extent and resources. *Bavaria* and *Baden* and the little state of *Sigmaringen* are Catholic states. *Nassau* is equally divided between Catholics and Protestants. The remainder have a majority of Protestants, and most of them very few Catholics.



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 H.S. Hohenzollern
 — Sigmaringen
 H.H. H. Hechingen
 D. Hesse Darmstadt
 C. H. Cassel
 H. H. Hamburg
 9. Frankfort

S. W. Saxe Weimar
 G. S. Gotha
 M. S. Meiningen.
 C. S. Coburg
 h. S. Hildburghausen
 S. R. Rudolstadt
 S. S. Sonderhausen
 R. G. Reuss Greitz
 R. L. Reuss Lobenstein

An. Duchies of Anhalt.
 — Bernburg Cothen—Dessau
 Lp. Princip's of Lippe
 7. Detmold—Schauenburg.
 L. Lauenburg
 6. Hamburg
 11. Lubeck
 Sew M. Schwerin
 Str. M. Strelitz

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SOUTHERN GERMAN STATES.

BAVARIA.

The surface and soil of Bavaria are various. The principal natural features are two masses of mountains, called the Black Forest, and the Alp (or Alb), both of them cold and bleak regions, with little wood or verdure. Other parts are covered with hills, intersected by fruitful valleys. The climate is mild and steady.

This country is among the most fertile in Germany, especially in grain, which might be produced for exportation. The inhabitants however are thinly settled, and were until lately very ignorant. Agriculture is backward, and the grain is often insufficient for the inhabitants. Vines are not cultivated, and fruit is rare, although they abound in all the neighbouring countries which are not superior in natural advantages. Manufactures are neglected in a similar manner. The present king is doing much to improve the state of knowledge and arts.

Munich, the capital, is one of the most pleasant cities of Germany, and rapidly increasing in population. It is the centre of the most valuable manufactures in the kingdom, and a place of much literary distinction.

Augsburg holds the second rank in population. It has extensive commercial transactions, and is celebrated as the scene of some important events of the reformation. *Ratisbon* is an ancient and wealthy city, the seat of a considerable trade.

WURTEMBERG.

Wurtemberg resembles the rest of Germany in the variety of its surface. It is watered by the River Neckar and its numerous branches. The soil is generally good and the climate mild. Its vegetable productions are abundant, and its mountains are rich in minerals.

Agriculture and manufactures are so far advanced, as not only to supply the demand for home consumption, but to furnish articles of export. Education and general improvement have been promoted by the late sovereigns.

Stutgard is the capital, a city not remarkable for its situation or appearance. *Ulm*, on the Danube, is the second city of the kingdom, and was formerly one of the imperial cities of Germany. Its manufactures and trade are of some importance. *Tubingen*, south of Stutgard, is one of the oldest towns in Germany, long noted for its university.

The *Principalities of Hohenzollern Hechingen and Hohenzollern Sigmaringen* lie within the limits of Wurtemberg. *Lichtenstein* is on its borders, on the south-eastern shore of Lake Constance. They are small and unimportant states.

BADEN.

The surface of Baden is diversified. Much of it is fertile. The climate is agreeable and salubrious. Its vegetable productions are abundant, and it yields many valuable minerals. Agriculture has lately been improved. Its manufactures are neither numerous nor extensive; but are still of some importance. It exports wine, grain, timber, and iron to some extent.

The people are generally Lutheran. Education has been well attended to of late; and knowledge is more general than in many of the other German states.

Carlsruhe (or Charles's rest) is the capital, a small city of no distinction. *Freyburg* contains a university. *Manheim* is one of the finest towns in Germany, and a flourishing place.

[297] *Heidelberg* is an ancient city, celebrated for a university, recently revived by the grand duke. This town has been noted for its large tun, which holds 600 hogsheads.

MIDDLE GERMAN STATES.

SAXONY.

Saxony is separated from Bohemia by a lofty chain of mountains. The climate is mild. The mountains on the south are rich in mines. The forests are preserved with care, to furnish fuel for them, and the valleys only are cultivated. The level districts of the north are fertile in grain.

Saxony has made greater progress in manufactures than any other part of Germany. It also carries on extensive commercial intercourse with the neighbouring states. The German character is most strongly marked among the Saxons. They have done much in the cultivation of literature and the elegant arts. The common schools are numerous and well conducted, and the lower classes well educated.

Dresden is the capital, and the seat of the arts in the north of Germany. It has extensive and elegant manufactures, especially of porcelain.

Leipsic is one of the most celebrated cities, for its university and for its great fairs, holden twice a year, in which books are a special object of attention. It was the scene of a sanguinary battle between the French and allied armies in 1813. *Freyburg*, near the mountains, is celebrated for its school of mineralogy, lately conducted by the distinguished Werner.

SAXON STATES.

SAXE WEIMAR—COBURG—MEINUNGEN—HILDBURGHAUSEN.

These states are crossed by a branch of the Erzgebürg Mountains, which cover a part of their surface, and render the rest uneven and hilly; but they are diversified with valleys and plains.

The mountains are rich in mineral treasures. The soil varies with the situation, from entire barrenness to great fertility.

The government of these states is more free than that of the Hessian States, and education is more attended to. Agriculture and mining, which form the chief employments of the people, are conducted with much skill, and manufactures are somewhat advanced. The Prince of Saxe Weimar is distinguished as a patron of learning; and that state is superior to almost every other in Germany, in arts, sciences, and literature.

Each state has a capital of the same name. The late Duchy of Gotha is now divided among the three remaining Saxon States.

Weimar is a large town containing one of the most valuable libraries in Germany. It is much resorted to by strangers.

Jena was the scene of a great battle in 1806; but is most distinguished for its university, which is possessed in common by the four principal Saxon States, and holds a high rank among the literary institutions of Germany.

Gotha is a beautiful town situated on a hill. *Coburg* is a large town, and has an extensive trade. *Meinungen* and *Hildburghausen* are small towns of little consequence.

REUSS GREITZ, REUSS LOBENSTEIN, SCHWARTZBURG RUDOLSTADT. SCHWARTZBURG SONDERHAUSEN.

The three first of these states are included within the limits of the Saxon States, and resemble them in all important particulars. *Sonderhausen* lies in the Prussian territories on the north. Its inhabitants are among the most rude and ignorant in Germany.

NASSAU.

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Nassau lies at the confluence of the Rhine and the Mayne. The surface is almost a continued series of hills and valleys, presenting no tract which deserves the name of a plain.

The climate varies with the elevation. Grazing and vineyards occupy the chief attention of the people, and grain is not raised in sufficient quantities for home consumption. The mountains abound in minerals, and this duchy is particularly noted for mineral springs. The chief of these are at Selters, or Seltzer, Ems, and Wisbaden.

Nassau, the capital, is a small town.

HESSIAN STATES.

HESE DARMSTADT—CASSEL—HOMBURG.

The Hessian States lie on both sides of the River Mayne. Darmstadt is on the south bank, and Homburg and Cassel on the north—surrounded by Baden and Bavaria, the Saxon States, and Hanover and Nassau. Hesse Cassel lies chiefly on the River Fulda.

Most parts of these states are mountainous or hilly. The mountainous regions abound in timber and minerals; but are ill adapted to cultivation. The climate also is cold, and unfavourable to vegetation. Many of the valleys are very fertile, and have a milder climate.

These states have nominally a limited government, but it is administered in an arbitrary manner. Not only is the liberty of the press restricted, but even the introduction of books from abroad; and the people are much less improved than in some other parts of Germany. In Hesse Cassel, only the oldest sons of clergymen and the sons of nobles, counsellors, and public officers are allowed to receive a liberal education. More attention is paid to education in Hesse Darmstadt. Agriculture and manufactures are in a low state. Hesse Cassel exports linen.

Cassel, on the River Fulda, is the capital of that duchy. Its public buildings are numerous; its trade and manufactures are small. Hanau is one of the most commercial towns of Hesse Cassel. It is connected with the River Mayne by a canal.

Marburg is a considerable town, with a well endowed university, in which the celebrated Leander Van Ess, the friend of Bible Societies, is a Professor. Fulda is the capital of one division of Hesse Cassel.

Darmstadt is a neat, well built town, increasing in size. Mentz, or Mayence, is an ancient city, the largest and finest in Hesse Darmstadt.

Worms is renowned for the Diet, before which Luther was summoned to answer for heresy, in 1521.

Homburg is situated in a beautiful country, below lofty mountains; and is the capital of the principality.

FRANKFORT ON THE MAYNE, is a free city lying within the Hessian States. It is one of the principal cities of Germany for the extent and amount of commerce, and is the permanent seat of the Diet. It is situated on both sides of the river; and its territory extends for some distance on the right bank. It has two annual fairs, frequented by merchants from all parts of Europe.

COUNTY OF WALDECK.

The County of Waldeck is bounded by the Hessian States on the south and east, and resembles them in character. It is among the smallest states in Germany.

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NORTHERN STATES OF GERMANY.

The northern states of Germany are the Kingdom of Hanover, the states of Brunswick, Lippe, Oldenburgh, Mecklenburg, Holstein, and Lauenburg, and the free cities of Bremen, Hamburg, and Lubeck, all of which border upon Hanover, or are included in it.

HANOVER.

The Kingdom of Hanover is an inheritance of the King of Great Britain, and governed by him, through a viceroy.

It consists generally of an extensive plain, with gentle rising grounds, but destitute of mountains. In the south the valleys are fertile. In the north there are barren heaths, which extend into Luneburg, and have been styled the Arabia of Germany; but many of these tracts are well adapted to pasturage. The climate is not good, and the temperature is very variable. The Hartz Mountains are rich in mines, which are extensively wrought.

The people have preserved much of the simplicity and hospitality of the ancient Germans. Education has been very backward; but it is now extending

by the influence of the king, and schools are established in every village. Agriculture is in a low state, and the grain is insufficient for home consumption. The manufactures are neither numerous nor important, but the state of the kingdom is improving in all respects, by the aid of Great Britain. Cattle and horses are exported.

Hanover is the capital of the kingdom, and derives its chief importance from this circumstance. *Gottingen* is the second town in consequence, principally celebrated for its university, which holds a high rank. *Emden*, at the mouth of the Ems, is the chief seaport of Hanover. It has a fine harbour, and considerable trade. *Luncburg* and *Osnaburg*, are capitals of the provinces of the same name.

BRUNSWICK.

Brunswick lies chiefly on the waters of the Ems and the Weser, and is divided into two parts, separated by the territory of Hanover. The northern part is flat and fertile. The southern is mountainous, lying in the midst of the celebrated Hartz Mountains, which are covered with forests, and abound in mines.

One third of the surface of this duchy is under cultivation, and one third is occupied for grazing. The remainder is covered by mountains, forests, and water.

Brunswick, the capital, has several institutions for education, and is noted for its annual fairs, which are next to those of Leipzig and Frankfort in importance. *Wolfenbittel* is a large and fortified town. The castle was formerly the residence of the dukes, and contains a noble library.

LIPPE DETMOLD—LIPPE SCHAUBURG.

These principalities lie on the southern border of Hanover, on the River Weser. They resemble the surrounding region in all important respects.

Detmold is a well built town.

DUCHY OF OLDENBURG.

This duchy is surrounded by Hanover. It is entirely a flat country, greatly resembling Holland, and some districts require dikes to protect them from inundation. In some parts the soil is rich; in others it is either marshy or sandy, [300] and produces little. The grain is insufficient for the inhabitants. They are chiefly employed in attending to cattle, and in the fisheries.

Oldenburg, the capital, is a fortified town. The Ducal house of Oldenburg is one of the most distinguished in Europe. The royal families of Denmark and Russia are descended from it.

BREMEN is a free city on the borders of Oldenburg, and included also in Hanover. It is generally well built and has extensive commerce.

HOLSTEIN AND LAUBENBURG, belonging to Denmark, lie north of Hanover on the opposite side of the Elbe, and include the free cities of Hamburg and Lubeck.

HAMBURG is one of the most celebrated commercial cities of Europe. It covers a large space of ground, but is not remarkable for beauty. Its manufactures are important. By means of the Elbe, it has an extensive trade with the interior of Germany; and is the great emporium of its commerce with foreign countries.

LUBECK, north-east of Hamburg, is situated on a stream, between Holstein and Mecklenburg, about eight miles from the Baltic. Its trade is checked by its vicinity to Hamburg, but yet is considerable.

DUCHIES OF MECKLENBURG.

MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN AND STRELITZ.

Schwerin lies on the Baltic Sea, and *Strelitz* on the south-east of it. Both duchies are generally level, or moderately uneven in their surface, and contain numerous lakes, marshes, and barren tracts of sand. A considerable part of them is also covered with forests. The climate is cold and damp, but is improving by cultivation and draining. The people are principally employed in agriculture;

and grain, cattle, and sheep are their chief exports. Manufactures are not flourishing.

Schwerin, the capital of the duchy, is pleasantly situated on a lake. This town, and *Strelitz*, are of little consequence, except as the capitals of the duchies.

SWITZERLAND.

Switzerland is a land of mountains, valleys, and streams. It is bordered and traversed by the Alps, the loftiest mountains in Europe, abounding with rugged and sublime scenery, and watered by numberless torrents descending from their sides.

The summits of the Alps are composed of inaccessible, craggy rocks, destitute of vegetation, and capped with ice and snow. The glaciers are estimated to cover 1000 square miles. The declivities are rough and cold, and admit only of pasturage. The valleys are often fertile. The northern part is somewhat level, but much of this country is uninhabitable.

The heat is often excessive in the valleys, while the sides and tops of the mountains present the climates and plants of all countries of Europe, from Italy to Lapland. On one side of the hills, summer is frequently far advanced, while spring has scarcely begun on the other. Storms are often violent; and where different climates are so near, there are, of course, frequent and sudden changes.

The Swiss are simple and hospitable in their manners, brave, independent, and faithful in their disposition, and strongly attached to their native soil. Education [301] is general; good order prevails among them; and crimes are rare. They are skilled in agriculture; but their crops are uncertain. They are obliged to import some of their grain, and depend chiefly on the breeding of cattle for subsistence. In some districts, they are almost strangers to bread.

Their manufactures are various and of considerable amount, and are exported to Germany, France, and the Netherlands, by means of their rivers.

The towns are neither numerous nor large. The people live chiefly in villages and hamlets on the sides of the mountains. *Berne* is usually considered as the capital of Switzerland. *Berne*, *Lucerne*, and *Zurich*, are alternately the seats of the diet.

Basle, (or *Bale*), and *Zurich* are two of the most commercial towns. *Zurich* is celebrated for its university, and *Basle* for its college. *Geneva* is beautifully situated on the lake of the same name, and is celebrated for its literary institutions.

Lausanne, the capital of the *Pays de Vaud*, is an interesting town on the side of the Alps, about 1000 feet above the level of the sea. *Schaffhausen* is near the celebrated fall of the Rhine, and the trade on this river passes through it.

FRANCE.

France is surpassed by no country in Europe for climate and soil. Its surface is generally level or gently undulating. Its climate is temperate, dry, and salubrious. It yields in different parts the fruits of the Warm and Temperate Regions, and is especially productive in grain.

The French are a brave, ingenious, active people, polished and gay in their manners, but generally charged with looseness of morals. A large part of the community are uneducated, although there are many distinguished men of science.

Agriculture is more improved than in most countries of Europe, but much inferior to that of England. The vineyards furnish a large proportion of the exports. Manufactures are numerous and excellent, but not so extensive as those of Great Britain. The commerce of France is considerable, and extended to every part of the globe. The resources of this nation are great. Its army is powerful and its navy respectable.

Paris, the capital, is the second city in Europe in size, and probably the first in splendour. It is the metropolis of France for literature, science, and taste, as well as the seat of government. *Versailles*, in the neighbourhood of *Paris*, is a considerable city, containing a splendid palace, which is the favourite residence of the kings. *Havre de Grace*, or *Havre*, is the seaport of *Paris*, at the mouth of the *Seine*, and is the channel of its foreign commerce.

Marseilles is the richest and most flourishing city in the south of France, and the best and most frequented port on the Mediterranean Sea. It is the only channel of communication between France and the Levant, as well as the northern coasts of Africa; and is the great outlet for the produce and manufactures of the southern provinces. *Bordeaux* is another of the principal seaports, and the chief place for the export of wines. It has manufactures of importance. Its commerce with the interior is very considerable, and its maritime trade extends to most parts of the globe. *Rochelle* is a place of considerable trade with the French colonies. *Nantes* is a large city, extensively engaged in manufactures, and also in trade with the interior and with foreign countries. *Brest* is the chief naval station on the Atlantic, and the principal resort of the channel fleet. Its harbour is almost impregnable, and its naval arsenals are extensive. *Cherbourg* has been [302] fortified, and furnished with an artificial harbour, at an expense of 25 millions of dollars, for the same purpose. *L'Orient* and *Rocheport* are also naval stations. *Toulon* is the naval station for the Mediterranean, and the second port in this respect, in the kingdom.

Lyons was formerly the second city in the kingdom. It has long been celebrated for its silk manufactures, and still furnishes more articles of silk, than all the rest of France. *Rouen*, on the Seine, is an important city, with numerous manufactures and extensive commerce. The tide brings up vessels of 200 tons to this place. *Lisle* (or *l'Isle*, so called from its being surrounded formerly with marshes,) was the capital of Flanders. It is celebrated as a strong fortress and is a place of extensive commerce. *Strasbourg*, near the Rhine, is an important seat of inland trade. *Rheims* is a large city, celebrated as the place of coronation of the kings of France. *Amiens* was remarkable for an important treaty between England and France, in 1802.

Orleans is an ancient and celebrated place, and an important deposit of articles from the interior, designed for foreign trade. *Toulouse* is a place of considerable trade, on account of its situation at the entrance of the Canal Royal into the Garonne. *Montpelier* is much resorted to on account of the salubrity of its climate, and has an excellent school of medicine.

THE ISLAND OF CORSICA is a possession of France. It is covered with lofty mountains, and its soil is stony and ill cultivated. The principal source of wealth is in the timber of its forests. It has valuable mines, and there are important fisheries on the coast; but the people have too little intelligence and industry to improve their natural advantages.

Bastia is the principal town. *Ajaccio* is distinguished as the native place of Napoleon Buonaparte.

SOUTHERN EUROPE.

SPAIN.

Spain has some resemblance to Switzerland in the mountainous character of its surface. It is traversed by several rugged chains from east to west, separated by fertile valleys watered with numerous streams. The two Castiles form a table-land in the centre of the kingdom, 1,800 feet above the level of the sea. The face of the country is of course greatly diversified, and adorned with fine scenery.

The soil is generally fertile, and rich in the most valuable productions; but the state of cultivation is poor. The climate is one of the hottest in Europe; but the air is dry, serene, and healthy. The interior is very cool on account of its height. The coasts are refreshed during a part of the day by the sea-breeze, and sometimes scorched by the hot winds from Africa.

The people are indolent and haughty, but are praised for their noble and generous spirit, and high sense of honour. The peasants are ignorant, and the nation superstitious. Bull-fights are a favourite amusement. Agriculture is much neglected, and the raising of sheep is the most considerable branch. Manufactures are in a low state. Silk is the most important. The commerce of Spain is chiefly carried on by other nations. Her wealth has been principally derived from the silver and

gold mines of her colonies in America, most of which are now independent, and this kingdom is now in a state of poverty and decay.

Madrid has neither commerce nor manufactures, but derives its importance only from being the capital of the Spanish monarchy. It is situated in a sterile region, and the means of subsistence are procured from remote provinces, or from foreign countries.

[303] *Seville* was formerly the capital of Spain, and the seat of American commerce; and it is still a large, handsome city, respectable for its manufactures. *Cadiz* is considered one of the most ancient towns in Europe. It is the great emporium of commerce, (especially with America,) in the south of Spain, and the chief station of the Spanish navy.

Barcelona is the second city of Spain in population, and one of the first in manufactures, commerce, and wealth. *Valencia* is celebrated for its manufactures; but its trade, although considerable, is inferior to that of Barcelona. It has no harbour, and the vessels unload at a distance from the town. Its university is the first in modern celebrity in Spain. *Carthagera* is another flourishing port, said to have been built by Asdrubal, the Carthaginian general. *Malaga* is a large city, at the bottom of a capacious harbour, on the southern coast. Its commerce is considerable.

In the northern part of Spain, *Corunna* is noted for its safe and spacious harbour, and is the principal channel of communication by packets, from Spain to the American colonies and England. The harbour of *Ferrol* is unrivalled in Europe for extent, depth, and safety; and is an important naval station. *St. Sebastian* is a port of some importance on the northern coast. *Saragossa* is an ancient city, chiefly distinguished for the destructive sieges it has sustained. *Granada* was the capital of the ancient Moorish Empire in Spain. *Murcia*, *Cordova*, *Badajos*, and *Toledo*, are among the most distinguished ancient cities. *Salamanca* has long been the chief seat of learning.

Majorca, *Minorca*, and *Ivica*, are fruitful islands, inhabited by a peaceful and simple people. In Minorca is the fine harbour of *Port Mahon*, lately the chief resort of the American naval force in the Mediterranean.

PORTUGAL.

The surface of Portugal is varied, but a large part of it is traversed by the mountain chains which cross the whole peninsula. Many portions are rugged and stony. The valleys are very fertile. The cold is often severe upon the mountains; and the heat excessive in the narrow valleys. Its climate is generally remarkable for a mild and agreeable temperature, produced by its situation between the mountains and the ocean; and it was formerly much resorted to from England for the recovery of health.

The Portuguese are friendly and hospitable, but generally superstitious, haughty, and indolent. The peasants are in a state of vassalage—temperate and lively, but generally ignorant, and very backward in all improvements. Their agriculture is wretched. Manufactures are generally neglected. The commerce of Portugal is considerable, especially in the productions of her colonies. The principal productions of the country for exportation are wines, salt, and wool. The wealth and power of Portugal are small. There are few towns of importance.

Lisbon is the capital and grand emporium of the kingdom.

Oporto is the second commercial town, and exports great quantities of the Port (or Oporto) wine. *Setuval*, or *St. Ubes*, has a considerable trade in salt. *Braga* is the principal town of the interior. *C Coimbra* is celebrated for its university.

ITALY.

Italy has been long and deservedly celebrated for the fertility of its soil, the serenity of its air, and the beauties of its landscape. It is a narrow peninsula, lying between the Gulf of Venice and the Gulf of Genoa. It is bounded by water on [304] all sides except the north, where it is sheltered from the cold winds by the Alps. It is divided through its whole length by the Apennines, into the eastern and western declivities. They render the surface irregular and waving, and produce a great variety of picturesque scenery. Between the Apennines and the

Alps is the basin of the Po, which is not exceeded in fertility by any part of Europe. It partakes somewhat of the cold of Switzerland, from the vicinity of the mountains, and the elevation of the ground.

Most parts of Italy are remarkable for their salubrity. The Maremma is a tract on the shores of the Mediterranean, extending from the borders of Naples to Leghorn, which is chiefly devoted to pasturage. Part of it is occupied by the Pontine Marshes—the whole has so pestilential an air, that it is scarcely inhabited—and even those who go to gather the harvests often perish with disease. The influence of this pestilence is said to be extending, and the lower parts of the city of Rome partake of it at certain seasons.

The Kingdom of the two Sicilies occupies the southern portion of the peninsula, and includes the island of Sicily. The Roman States occupy the middle regions. The basin of the Po, or Lombardy, forms Austrian Italy, or the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom. The north-western portion, formerly Savoy and Piedmont, is included in the kingdom of Sardinia, which embraces the island of the same name. The Duchies of Tuscany, Parma, Lucca, and Modena, lie on the Gulf of Genoa, between Sardinia and the Roman States.

NAPLES,

OR THE KINGDOM OF THE TWO SICILIES.

The continental portion of this kingdom, which comprises the southern half of the peninsula, has an irregular and mountainous surface, but a fertile soil and warm climate, capable of producing the most luxuriant vegetation.

The common people are ignorant and indolent. The festivals of the church occupy a large portion of the year. Licentiousness and vice are dreadfully prevalent. These circumstances, and the oppressive character of the government, lead to the gross neglect of agriculture already described. There is little manufacturing industry, and little, if any, activity in commerce. The same remarks are applicable to the island of Sicily. Hence this fair portion of Europe does not supply its own inhabitants with food; and poverty and beggary are no where more extensive or distressing.

Naples, the capital of the kingdom, surpasses every city of Europe in the beauty of its situation and appearance. It is populous and flourishing, but not remarkable for extensive manufactures or commerce.

Bari is a large commercial town on the Adriatic, where the kings of Naples were anciently crowned. *Reggio*, the ancient Rhegium, is a place of some size on the Gulf of Messina. *Capua* is a small city, but ancient and celebrated. *Lecce* is a trading city, near the south-eastern extremity of Italy.

Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean, and has long been celebrated as the scene of the most tremendous volcanic eruptions. The volcanic character of the whole kingdom subjects it to frequent earthquakes.

Palermo is the capital of Sicily, and was formerly the residence of the royal family. It is not flourishing, either in commerce or manufactures. *Messina* is a large city, with a fine harbour, and extensive trade. *Catania* is situated at the foot of Mount Etna, and has been destroyed several times by its eruptions and earthquakes; but it is now handsomely rebuilt. *Marsala*, on the western coast, exports most of the wine called Sicily-Madeira.

The *Lipari Isles*, which belong to this kingdom, are twelve in number; but four only are inhabited. On one of these is the great light-house of the Mediterranean—the Volcano of Stromboli.

ROMAN STATES.

The Roman States have the same variety in their soil which has been described in Naples, and the people, agriculture, and manufactures are in the same wretched state. The modern Romans are spiritless and ignorant, and a large part of the territory is occupied by the pestilential Maremma, and Pontine Marshes, or by desolate, uncultivated lands. Pictures, statuary, mosaic-work, and jewelry, are almost the only articles sought by other nations from these states; in these their artists are still unrivalled.

The power and revenues of the Pope were formerly immense, because he was acknowledged as the ruler of kings. But his influence is now very small, and this country is almost without weight in the political scale.

Rome is the capital of these states, and was for a long period the ecclesiastical capital of the whole Catholic Church. Its ancient magnificence appears only in its ruins. Its wealth is wasted, its population reduced, and its power and influence are annihilated. Its commerce is trifling, and its manufactures are almost confined to the productions of the fine arts. It is chiefly supported by the resort of foreign travellers and artists.

Bologna is the second city of these states, the seat of a renowned university, and a celebrated academy of science. Ferrara is also the seat of a university. Ancona is a place of considerable trade, on the Gulf of Venice. Ravenna was anciently a seaport, but is now removed three miles from the sea, by the extension of the land.

The little Republic of St. Marino occupies a mountain and a surrounding district of 40 square miles, in the Roman territory. There are seven thousand inhabitants, of a simple, industrious character, who have maintained an independent government for 1000 years.

SARDINIA.

The continental portion of this kingdom is encircled on three sides by the Alps and the Apennines, which give it an irregular surface, and render the scenery more sublime, and the climate colder, than in Southern Italy. On the east, it descends gradually into the beautiful plains which form the basin of the Po. In Piedmont, the soil is very fertile, and well cultivated. The plains produce rice, maize, and other grains, and the hills are covered with vineyards and olive-yards. The pastures are very rich, and grazing is an important branch of their husbandry.

Savoy is a rugged province, resembling Switzerland in its character, and lying among the loftiest of the Alps, near Mount Blanc and Mount Cenis. The irregularity of the surface renders cultivation very difficult, and it is naturally the poorest country in Europe. The Savoyards are uneducated; but their industry, frugality, and sobriety, enable them to gain a comfortable subsistence.

The mountains of Sardinia are very rich in minerals. Agriculture, as already mentioned, is well conducted. There are some manufactures of value, and the commerce of Genoa is important. Industry is a more common quality than in the south of Italy; and efforts are now made to promote education among the people. With these advantages, this kingdom holds a higher rank than the states in the south of Italy; and unlike them, is improving in its condition.

Turin, the capital of the Sardinian monarchy, is a handsome city, in a fine situation. It is distinguished for its manufactures of silk.

Genoa has long been a flourishing maritime city, and probably surpasses any other port of Italy in the amount of its commerce. Nice is on the shore of the Mediterranean, in the south-western corner of the kingdom. It is so sheltered by the Alps that its climate is remarkably salubrious, and it is often resorted to by invalids. Alexandria is a large and well-fortified town of the interior.

[305] THE ISLAND OF SARDINIA is generally fertile, and capable of producing in abundance all the vegetables of the Warm Regions. Even cotton, sugar, and coffee might be cultivated in the valleys. But agriculture is in a wretched state, from the ignorance of the people, and the oppression of the wealthy. Extensive tracts in the interior are entirely waste; and others more extensive are covered with forests, and abound in wild animals.

The inhabitants of the towns and seacoast resemble other Italians. Those of the interior are shepherds, in a half-barbarous state, clothed in leather and goat skins. They acknowledge no law, and are accustomed to go armed, to protect themselves from the banditti of the mountains.

Cagliari and Sassari are the principal towns. The former is the residence of the viceroy, and a place of considerable commerce.

LOMBARDY.

This portion of Italy, now belonging to Austria, and styled the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom, has long been celebrated for its rich, well watered, and highly

cultivated plains, and is deservedly called the garden of Europe. Its climate is severe in winter, but so hot in summer as to produce rice.

The people are among the most industrious in Italy. Agriculture is conducted in the most skilful manner. Manufactures are in a thriving state, and the commerce with the surrounding countries is extensive and profitable. This country is also distinguished for the state of literature and arts, and is one of the most flourishing portions of Italy. Its towns have been described under the head of Austria.

DUCHIES OF TUSCANY, MODENA, PARMA, AND LUCCA.

All these duchies, except Lucca, are dependent on Austria.

TUSCANY is probably the most prosperous among the states of Italy. Its government is absolute, but mildly administered; and free from much of the gross corruption prevalent in the other states. Its territory is small, but fertile, well cultivated, and thickly inhabited. Olive-yards and vineyards are numerous.

The people are generally industrious and enterprising, and commerce and manufactures are in a flourishing state. The celebrated Leghorn hats are made in this duchy, and employ large numbers of women and children. There is an air of comfort and neatness among the peasantry, which is not seen in the south of Italy; and the same wretched poverty is not visible here, which is so conspicuous in Naples.

Florence, the capital, is one of the principal cities of Italy, and one of the handsomest in Europe. It is distinguished as a seat of science and arts. Its manufactures and trade are considerable.

Leghorn is one of the most flourishing seaports of Italy, and has extensive commerce, especially with the ports of the Levant and of Africa. *Pisa* is an ancient and decayed city, thinly peopled. *Sienna* is also an ancient city, and the seat of a university.

The little island of *Elba*, which belongs to this duchy, is fertile and salubrious, now best known as the temporary residence of the late Emperor Napoleon.

MODENA, PARMA, and LUCCA, are very small states, resembling Tuscany in their general aspect, character, and state of improvement.

MODENA is governed by the Arch-duke Francis, an Austrian Prince, who [307] is also heir to the duchy of Massa Carara, after the death of the present Duchess. *Modena*, the capital, has a university with a fine library.

PARMA is possessed by the Empress Maria Louisa, the widow of Napoleon. The duchy gives name to the celebrated Parmesan cheese. *Parma*, its capital, has a university, but not of much celebrity.

LUCCA belongs to the Infanta of Spain, and her heirs. The capital city, *Lucca*, has a university, and is celebrated for its baths.

IONIAN ISLES.

The islands on the western coast of Greece form a republic under the protection of Great Britain, styled the United States of the Ionian Isles.

Cephalonia is the largest of these islands. *Corfu* is the seat of government. *Zante* is remarkable for its fertility and its beautiful scenery. The small, rocky, but celebrated island of *Ithaca*, is among these.

The inhabitants are a mixture of Greeks and Italians, ingenious and active in their character. They export considerable quantities of wine, oil, oranges, lemons, and dried fruits. The government resembles that of England, with a commissioner deputed by the king at its head.

TURKISH EMPIRE.

The Turkish Empire comprises Turkey in Europe and Turkey in Asia, divided from each other by the Archipelago and the Sea of Marmora, but very similar in climate, productions, and the character of the people.

TURKEY IN EUROPE.

Turkey in Europe was the ancient Greece, and still abounds in the ruins of temples and other remains of classical antiquity. Its surface is mountainous, in-

tterspersed with beautiful and fertile valleys. The soil yields wheat, cotton, rice, tobacco, vines, &c. in profusion, and almost without cultivation. The climate is various in different parts according to their elevation, but it is generally delightful, as described under the head of the Warm Regions.

The Turks are grave, honest, and hospitable in their intercourse with strangers; yet haughty, superstitious, revengeful, and vicious in their habits. Indolence is their most striking trait. They despise and neglect agriculture; and some of the most fertile regions of the globe are hence left comparatively desert. Manufactures also are generally at a low ebb.

One third of the inhabitants of Turkey in Europe are Greeks; who have hitherto been in a degraded state of slavery, but have now risen against their oppressors. They are intelligent and enterprising, but still very deficient in knowledge and virtue. The commerce of Turkey is considerable, and is chiefly carried on by the Greeks.

Constantinople was the ancient capital of the Roman Empire. It is now the capital of the whole Turkish Empire, and the third city in Europe in population. It has a fine harbour, and is frequented by the ships of many nations.

Adrianople is the second city in importance, and was formerly the metropolis of the Turkish Empire in Europe. *Sophia* holds the next rank. *Belgrade* is noted for its fortifications, and forms the frontier post, and military deposit for the northern portion of the empire. *Bucharest* is a flourishing town. *Jassy* is the capital of Moldavia and the residence of its prince, or hospodar. *Salonica* is the next town to Constantinople in commercial importance. The celebrated *Athens* presents the appearance of three or four mean villages, surmounted by the [303] ruins of the Acropolis. *Larissa* is the only town of much importance in this portion of Turkey. Greece presents numerous points of interest in its topography, with reference to ancient history, which will be noticed in the Ancient Geography accompanying this work.

The sea which divides Greece from Asia Minor, is studded with numerous islands.

The largest is *Candia*, the ancient Crete, which lies across the opening of this sea. Much of it is covered with rocky mountains, but it has a large portion of fertile soil and a fine salubrious climate. Candia, the capital, is a commercial place.

Negropont is next in size and importance, separated from the main land by a channel, in some parts only 300 feet wide. The central regions are mountainous, but the rest is fertile.

The islands on the European side of the sea are called the *Cyclades*. Among these are *Andros*, one of the largest; *Naxos*, which still enjoys its ancient laws; *Paros*, celebrated for the beautiful Parian marble. *Antiparos*, remarkable for its grotto; and *Santorini*, which bears the marks of volcanic origin.

On the Asiatic side, the most northern island is *Mitylene*, the ancient Lesbos. Its principal produce is oil. *Tenedos* is a small island, chiefly remarkable for its ancient fame.

Scio, or *Chios*, is about 100 miles in circumference. It has a rocky, mountainous surface, but a fine climate, and is celebrated for its wine and fruits. It was very populous, and was the seat of a flourishing university, established by the Greeks a few years since; but it was recently desolated by the Turks, and most of the inhabitants cruelly massacred. *Samos* contains some of the finest remains of antiquity. *Patmos* is a sterile rock, distinguished as the place where the apostle John wrote the Apocalypse.

Rhodes is celebrated for its ancient commerce and naval power. Its climate is delightful; and the soil might be made very productive, if a better government encouraged industry.

Cyprus, on the south coast of Asia Minor, may properly be mentioned in this connection. It is the most important island of the Levant. It was once distinguished for its fertility and population, and its wine is still celebrated. A modern traveller observes that a few words will express its present state. "Its Agriculture neglected—its inhabitants oppressed—its population destroyed—a pestiferous air—contagion—poverty—indolence—desolation."*

* Dr. Clarke.

ASIA.

THIS largest and most populous division of the world, has been the scene of the most important events in its history—the creation of mankind—the renewal of the race after the deluge—and the death of the Saviour. It is one of the richest portions of the globe, and has long supplied other countries with the most valuable productions of the vegetable and mineral kingdoms.

The physical geography of Asia is described, page 104 to 111. The southern portions belong to the Equatorial Regions—the northern to the Cold and Frozen Regions as described under these heads, and the middle to the Tropical and Warm Regions, with the exception of the lofty, cold table-land of Tartary and [309] the northern parts of China, mentioned ¶755. The Physical Chart will exhibit the lines of division more accurately than a description.

The Government, Religion, and state of Civilization of different portions are very various, and will be found in the Chart of the Inhabited World, and the corresponding articles. The state of Learning is described, page 196—of Education, ¶ 1007—12—of Literary Institutions, ¶ 1036 to 40—of Agriculture, page 24, 25—of Roads, ¶ 1212—of Cities, ¶ 1235—of Manufactures and Commerce, in various parts of those articles—and of National Power, ¶ 1235—7.

TURKEY IN ASIA.

Turkey in Asia comprises the ancient Asia Minor, Syria, and the Holy Land, the scene of most of the transactions recorded in the scriptures. It presents numerous remnants and memorials of antiquity, of deep interest.

The surface of Turkey in Asia is much diversified. Lofty chains of mountains are divided by deep and extensive valleys. Some portions are covered with forests, and others on the south are desolate wastes and sandy deserts. The climate is like that of European Turkey, varied in some parts by the elevation of the ground.

The general character of the Turks is similar to that already described. There are numerous, wandering tribes of Turcomans among the mountains, in a state of barbarism, who claim the right of plundering all that pass through their territory, and invade and rob the inhabitants of the plains.

The state of agriculture is more wretched, if possible, than that of European Turkey. Manufactures are in a low state, and the celebrated Turkish carpets, and Damascus sword blades, are almost the only articles of export. Trade is carried on almost entirely by Armenian and Greek merchants.

Aleppo, the capital of Syria, was lately a large and flourishing city, but in 1822 it was entirely destroyed by an earthquake.

Damascus is beautifully situated on the River *Pharpar*. It is the resort of caravans from Persia and India, and the seat of considerable trade.

Smirna is the chief port for foreign commerce. Its harbour is filled with vessels of all nations. *Bursa* is celebrated for its warm baths. *Acre* and *Jaffa* were noted for the attacks of the French, under Buonaparte.

Bagdad, the ancient seat of the Caliphs, is the emporium of the Indian, Persian, and Arabian commerce. Its appearance is mean, and its heat in summer is scorching.

Jerusalem is associated with all that is venerable and dear to Christians. Many memorials of the great events transacted here still remain; and the city possesses something of its former magnificence. It is the resort of numerous Christian pilgrims, who suffer every species of exaction and oppression, from the Turkish government.

PERSIA.

This ancient and celebrated country has scarcely the shadow of its former greatness.

It consists chiefly of barren or desert plains, crossed by ridges of mountains, interspersed with salt lakes, and traversed by a few streams, some of which are lost in the sand. The only fertile portions are in the vales of the Euphrates, [310]

and other rivers. The provinces on the Caspian are more productive than the rest, but have a very unhealthy air. The climate is generally warm and dry; but varies, as already described, from extreme heat to extreme cold. The productions are also various. The rich valleys furnish almost all that are valuable. The orchards abound in fine fruit, and the moist regions with delicate flowers.

The Persians are chiefly resident in the valleys. They are gay, polished, and hospitable; but destitute of industry and enterprise. The mountains and deserts are occupied by the *Iliahs*, or wandering shepherds, who have plundered and desolated many tracts that were formerly cultivated and fertile.

Agriculture is discouraged by the incursions of these robbers. Manufactures are carried on to some extent. Commerce is scarcely attended to. Persia has no army of any consequence, except the cavalry of the mountain tribes, who engage in war for the sake of plunder. It has been protected from conquest by the wide deserts on its borders, more than by its own strength.

Ispahan was the ancient capital of Persia, and is still the first commercial city of the empire. It was formerly of immense size, and the principal mosques and palaces are now very grand; but its walls are levelled with the ground; its suburbs deserted, and a traveller may ride through it for miles, and see nothing but ruins.

Teheran, the modern capital, is a new city, inhabited by the king and his court and army during the winter, but having only a small permanent population.

Shiraz is considered the second city in the kingdom. It has extensive commerce, and is celebrated for its delightful climate, and beautiful environs, as well as for its colleges and learned men. *Bushire* is the principal seaport of Persia; but it is a small place, of a mean appearance. The site of the ancient *Babylon* is marked by a few vast, but shapeless masses of brick.

EAST PERSIA.

East Persia comprises the country of Beloochistan on the coast, and the kingdom of Afghanistan in the interior, divided into the provinces of Cabul, Candahar, Balk, Herat, and Segistan. Cashmere, which formerly belonged to Afghanistan, is now possessed by the Lukhs.

The surface, soil, and climate of East Persia are much varied. The greater part of it is overspread with barren, parched wastes, like those of Persia. No river more than two feet deep is found in a course of 1800 miles, from the Indus to Persia. Some parts are crossed by mountains and table-lands, and the country generally ascends towards the Himmaleh Mountains. Here, in the midst of scorching heats, we find tracts in which the winters are severe, and the plants of Europe flourish.

The soil is generally barren, but in some parts it is well watered and productive. The valley of Cashmere is celebrated for its beauty and fertility.

The Afghans and the Beloochees resemble the Arabs in their bold, warlike character, and roving habits. The Brahoos, a part of the inhabitants of Beloochistan, are a mild, industrious and peaceful race. Agriculture and manufactures are little attended to. The shawls of Cashmere, however, are celebrated for their unrivalled beauty. The principal trade of Afghanistan is in horses. The whole country is thinly settled. The union of the different parts of this kingdom is [311] very feeble; and the Afghans are only powerful from their superior courage and activity, and the weakness and indolence of their neighbours.

Cabul is an ancient city, but mean in its appearance. It has extensive trade with Tartary, Persia, and India. *Peshawer* is one of the residences of the king of Cabul. It is a large city, and the resort of people from all parts of the East. *Herat* is one of the most important cities of East Persia, and has a very extensive trade. *Candahar* has long been celebrated for its commerce. *Kelat*, the capital of Beloochistan, is a populous city.

INDEPENDENT TARTARY.

Independent Tartary is occupied by a number of tribes, who are subject to no foreign power, and have no common head. It is bounded on three sides by mountains and deserts, and on the fourth by the Caspian Sea. Its surface is in some

parts level and barren; and in others diversified and fertile. Its climate is that of the warm and dry regions already described.

The inhabitants are of the European race. They are divided into barbarous and half-civilized; and some seem to be in an intermediate state of society. Agriculture is little practised. There are some manufactures, and a few of very fine articles. The care of flocks, horses, and camels, occupies the people, and a settled life is the abhorrence of most of them.

This country presents the memorials of former civilization, in the ruins of cities and ancient buildings. It has still some towns of consequence.

Bukaria, or *Bokhara*, is a large city, and a considerable place of trade. It contains many colleges for instruction in the Mahometan law. *Samarcand* was formerly a celebrated seat of science; but retains little of its ancient splendour. *Khojund* is larger than *Samarcand*. *Koukan*, the residence of a sovereign, is superior to either.

CHINESE EMPIRE.

The Chinese or Tartar Empire comprises China, Chinese Tartary, Tibet, and a few dependent territories. Its extent is great, and its population far greater than that of any other empire in the world.

CHINA.

The surface of China is generally flat and fertile, traversed by the branches of the Altaian Mountains in the western parts, and bounded on the west by the great table-land of Tartary. On the north, it is divided from Tartary by the celebrated Chinese wall, erected in vain to defend the empire against the Tartars. This is so broad as to admit several persons to ride abreast, and extends 1500 miles in length, over lofty mountains and considerable rivers.

The inland navigation of China is extensive and important. The soil of so extensive a country must be very various. It reaches from the Hot, to the borders of the Cold Regions, and has every corresponding variety of climate and productions; which renders it in some degree independent of other nations. Its population is very dense, and was formerly estimated at 330 millions; but was doubtless exaggerated.

The Chinese are deficient in invention, but remarkable for their skill in imitation, and their patient industry. Great attention is paid to agriculture, and no ground is left waste. Manufactures are numerous, and many of them excellent. Commerce is carried on to a limited extent with the eastern coast and islands [312] of Asia; but the principal trade is with the ships of foreign nations, in tea, silks, cotton, and porcelain. Tea is a peculiar product, which is exported to a large amount to civilized countries. China abounds in large cities, but we know only the names of most of them. The number of walled towns is said to be 4,000. *Pekin*, (or the *northern court*) is probably the most extensive and populous city in the world. It is the residence of the emperor, whose palace forms an important section of it. It is divided into two portions; the Tartar and the Chinese city.

Nankin, the former residence of the emperor, is the second city of China. It is distinguished for its manufactures, especially of the cotton cloth called nankeen. It is also remarkable for a tower covered with porcelain, 200 feet high. *Canton* is the principal port of China, and the only one at which Europeans and Americans are allowed to trade. Foreigners are not permitted to enter the walls, but remain in the suburbs. All these cities probably exceed London in population. *Macao* is a Portuguese town on an island, in the Bay of Canton. It is the only settlement allowed to Europeans.

FORMOSA is a large island on the coast, with a fine climate and fertile soil; a part of which is possessed by the Chinese.

HAINAN is an island of considerable extent, enriched with mines of gold. A part of it is subject to China; and the rest is possessed by an independent people.

The LOOCHOO ISLANDS are a cluster of 36 islands, imperfectly known; only one of which, the Great Lochoo, is of large size. The coast is surrounded with

coral reefs, but has some excellent harbours. The soil, climate, and scenery, are remarkably fine. The people are a different race from the Chinese, and distinguished for honesty and hospitality. Agriculture is conducted with neatness.

CHINESE TARTARY.

The greater part of Chinese Tartary is situated on the central table-land of Asia, enclosed between the Himmaleh and the Altaian Mountains, and the Belur Tag. Much of it is a sandy desert; and the whole tract is so cold and dry from its elevation, as to be ill adapted to agriculture.

It has been little explored by Europeans. It seems to be inhabited almost entirely by wandering tribes, who live in tents of felt, and subsist by grazing. They have the usual characteristics and habits of barbarous nations. The eastern portion contains a number of cities, whose names only are known, and seems to be a more hospitable region.

Chenyang is the capital of the Mandshur Tartars on the east, and contains a palace for the Emperor of China. *Yokand* is the chief emporium of trade in the western part. *Cashgar* is the residence of the Chinese viceroy.

TIBET.

Tibet lies between the Himmaleh Mountains and the table-land of Tartary. It is one of the most elevated countries on the globe, and the centre of the Asiatic ranges. The general aspect is that of an assemblage of mountains and deserts. Its limits are not well ascertained. Its government is tributary to China.

The cold of winter is so intense, and the air so dry, that the people preserve [313] their meat through the winter without salt. The climate is uniform and healthy. Its extreme dryness renders vegetation scanty, except in the period of the rains. In some parts, however, large herds of cattle are fed in the pastures, and the wild animals and wild fowls are remarkably numerous. Wheat is raised with difficulty.

Like many other barren countries, Tibet is rich in minerals. It is distinguished as the seat of the Grand Lama, the object of idolatrous worship throughout a large part of Asia.

Lassa is the capital, and the residence of the Lama. Its appearance is that of a great collection of temples, some richly ornamented; and it is crowded with worshippers from all parts of Asia. It is also the residence of the Chinese viceroy.

JAPAN.

The Empire of Japan includes the islands of Nippon, Jesso, Kiusiu, and others smaller, which are adjacent. The general aspect of these islands is rugged and irregular. The narrow valleys are the principal regions of fertility. Some of the mountains are so lofty as to be covered with perpetual snow. The coast is rocky and precipitous, surrounded with shallows and whirlpools, and subject to storms, which renders the navigation dangerous. The climate is liable to extremes of heat and cold. The nature of the country renders earthquakes frequent. The chief natural riches of Japan are its minerals, particularly gold, copper, and sulphur.

The Japanese are remarkable for their ingenuity and industry; and education is very general among them. They are more advanced in civilization than any other nation of Eastern Asia. Agriculture is attended to with peculiar care; and every spot which admits it is tilled. There are few quadrupeds, either domestic or wild. The manufactures of the Japanese are numerous. Their work in metals is excellent; and their varnished ware, called Japan, has not been rivalled.

The Japanese refuse to trade with any other nation than the Dutch and Chinese, and will receive ambassadors from no other. They do not allow foreigners to examine the country, and our information is therefore defective in many respects. The wealth of Japan appears very great.

Jeddo is the capital of the empire, inhabited by the king, and by a great num-

ber of princes from the provinces, who are compelled to reside here half the year. It is the seat of flourishing manufactures, and extensive trade.

Meaco was the ancient capital. It is still the residence of the Dairo, or spiritual emperor, and the ecclesiastical and literary capital of the empire. It is also distinguished for its manufactures and commerce. *Nangasaki* is a large and commercial seaport on the island of Kiusiu. It is the only place at which the Dutch are permitted to trade, and even here, they are subjected to the most humiliating and vexatious restraints.

ARABIA.

Arabia is a region of deserts, traversed by ridges of mountains, and scarcely watered by a single stream. It was here that the Israelites wandered forty years, and were fed with manna. The whole coast of the Red Sea is a desert plain, called the Tehama, extending to the mountains. The valleys are the only well-watered and fertile regions. The province of Yemen, in the south-west, is highly cultivated and productive. The climate of Arabia is intensely hot on the plains, and cold on the mountains. It produces the fruits of the Torrid Zone in abundance.

The Bedouins, or wandering tribes of Arabs, inhabit the interior, and are distinguished for their hospitality towards those who visit them, and their lawless [314] habit of plundering all others. They have little communication with those around them, and derive subsistence from their herds of camels, horses, and asses.

The inhabitants of the coast are more advanced in civilization. Agriculture is very rude. Manufactures are few and imperfect. The Babrein Isles of the Persian Gulf have a pearl fishery of considerable value. A constant trade is carried on by means of caravans of camels across the desert; but of course very limited, from the mode of conveyance. The horses of Arabia are so noted for swiftness and fire, that great numbers are exported. The coffee and gums of this country are also much esteemed.

Mecca, the birth-place of Mahomet, is regarded as the capital, and is a well built city. It occupies a narrow valley, in the midst of a rocky and barren country. It contains the famous Caaba, and derives great wealth from the concourse of pilgrims who visit it, from every part of the Mahometan world. *Jedda*, or *Jidda*, is its seaport. *Medina* is a neatly built town, only celebrated for the tomb of Mahomet. The mosque which contains it is magnificent, supported by 400 columns of black marble, and lighted by 300 lamps, continually burning. *Sana* is considered the largest and most populous city of Arabia. *Mocha* is the chief seaport of Arabia, and the seat of its trade with Europe. Its coffee is particularly celebrated.

INDIA.

India comprehends the two peninsulas of Southern Asia, which are east of Arabia, divided by the Ganges, into India within the Ganges, or Hindoostan, and India beyond the Ganges, or Farther India.

Both the peninsulas of India are remarkable for the number and size of their rivers, whose waters and inundations, united with the heat of the climate, make them the most fertile countries on earth.

The term East Indies, is also used very commonly for the whole of south-eastern Asia, including China and the Asiatic Isles.

HINDOOSTAN.

Hindoostan is an extensive and beautiful country, "the pride of Asia and the garden of the world." Most of it is an immense plain, furnished with numerous streams from the snows of the Himmaleh on the north. Some parts however, between the Ganges and Indus, are desert. Extensive tracts of marsh, called *jungles*, are also numerous, which are so hot and moist, as to produce only canes and thick under-wood, the residence of wild beasts. Yet it probably contains a larger proportion of fertile land, than any other part of the globe of equal extent.

It has a tropical climate, which on the table-land of the Gauts, and the sides of the Himmaleh, is rendered temperate by elevation. It is thickly populated, by

an indolent, spiritless, degraded race. The Hindoos are excessively superstitious; mild and servile to superiors, cruel to women and inferiors, and described by the best informed travellers, as destitute of moral honesty. They are divided into several castes—the Bramins or priests, soldiers, merchants, and sudras or labourers. The different castes never intermarry, or even eat and drink together, and are devoted to particular employments. Those who by any neglect of superstitious observances lose their caste, are treated like beasts.

Their agriculture is imperfect, both in its instruments and operations. Rice is [315] the chief article of cultivation, and is raised without any care but to cover it with water at the proper seasons. The cotton manufactures of Hindoostan have been long celebrated, for their fineness and beauty, although carried on with very rude instruments. In some articles they have never been rivalled. The inland commerce is very extensive; and conducted by the natives. The foreign commerce, chiefly in cotton goods, is carried on entirely by foreigners.

Hindoostan has no political character as a nation, but is occupied by a number of independent powers. Major Rennel divides the region between the mouths of the Ganges and Indus, into four portions. 1. Gangetic Hindoostan, or the north-eastern part watered by the Ganges. 2. Sindetic Hindoostan, or that portion watered by the Sinde or Indus in the west. 3. Southern Hindoostan, south of the River Kistna; and 4. Central Hindoostan, including the region intermediate.

Gangetic Hindoostan is possessed almost entirely by the British. They also occupy most of the coast of Coromandel, and part of that of Malabar, and the whole of *Southern Hindoostan* belongs to them and their allies. They have 55 millions of subjects in these territories, and 17 millions more belong to allied nations. All this population is governed by 30,000 Europeans, under the direction of the British East India Company.

Sindetic Hindoostan belongs chiefly to the Afghans of Cabul; and *Central Hindoostan*, extending from the western branches of the Ganges, to Southern Hindoostan, and from the Arabian Sea nearly to the Bay of Bengal, is occupied by the native tribes. The Mahrattas are the most numerous and powerful.

Hindoostan abounds in large cities. *Delhi*, the ancient capital, is situated on the banks of the Jumna. It was once very large and magnificent, but is greatly reduced. *Calcutta*, the capital of British India, is now the chief city of Hindoostan. It is a mixture of European palaces and Asiatic huts. It is admirably situated for commerce, on the Hooghly, an outlet of the Ganges, and has a very extensive trade with the interior, and with foreign countries. It is inhabited by merchants from every part of the world.

Madras is the capital of the British possessions in the south of India. It has a low, sandy shore, without a harbour, and the anchorage is unsafe. *Bombay* is the capital of the British possessions in western India. It is situated on a small island near the coast, and has extensive commerce, particularly with Persia and Arabia.

Surat is among the most populous and commercial cities of British India. *Goa* is a populous city and territory belonging to the Portuguese. It is divided into the old city, the noted seat of the inquisition; and the new city, near the sea, in which the trade is carried on. *Pondicherry*, on the opposite coast, 85 miles south of Madras, is a French possession. It was once the most splendid European settlement in India, and is much better situated than Madras. It is now greatly reduced. Of the cities of the interior—*Poonah* is the modern capital of the Mahrattas; *Hydrabad* is the capital of the dominion of Nizam, and chief market for diamonds; *Nagpore* is the capital of the kingdom of this name, and the metropolis of the Mahratta States on the east; *Lucknow*, on a branch of the Ganges, is the capital of Oude; *Seringapatam*, is the capital of Mysore, celebrated for its fortress, and its siege by the British.

Benares is one of the most populous cities of India, and celebrated as a seat of learning and a sacred city. It is crowded with persons who come here to end their days, regarding it as the sure path to heaven. *Serampore*, at a short distance from [316] Calcutta, is distinguished as the seat of the Baptist Mission, which employs a number of persons in translating and printing the scriptures in the languages of India.

NEPAUL AND BOOTAN.

NEPAUL is a kingdom of Hindoostan on the declivity of the Himmaleh Mountains, consisting of a series of mountain chains, separated by deep valleys, and forming the steps from those lofty peaks to the plains.

The region on the southern borders of the kingdom, is level and fertile, but hot and pestilential. The greater part of the country is 4,000 feet above the level of the sea, and enjoys the climate of the south of Europe. It is abundantly watered; and under careful cultivation, yields large crops of grain. The sides of the hills are terraced. The country is populous. *Katmandoo* is the capital, situated in the valley of Nepaul proper.

BOOTAN is a small state, resembling Nepaul, which is tributary to Tibet.

CEYLON.

The Island of Ceylon is celebrated for cinnamon, a production almost peculiar to it. Its coasts are occupied by the British. The interior is the native kingdom of Candy, and was long saved from conquest by the pestilential nature of its climate, but it is now subdued, and the whole island is subject to Great Britain.

Ceylon is a mountainous island, traversed by ranges which rise gradually towards the interior. It is well watered and fertile, and produces the finest fruits, as well as spices. It is rich in minerals, and furnishes large quantities of the precious stones. The most extensive pearl fishery in the world is carried on upon its coast. The rent of it for one season amounted to five millions of dollars.

Candy, the native capital, is near the centre of the island, a place of no beauty, and of little importance. *Columbo* is the British capital, and the chief town on the coast. It has no harbour. The climate is rendered pleasant by the sea-breezes.

Trincomaly is one of the most important harbours of India, and is the naval station for this part of the British possessions. It has little trade. *Point de Galle*, on the south-western extremity of the island, is more populous and commercial. *Jaffna*, on the northern extremity, has a salubrious climate, and is a favourite residence of Europeans.

FARTHER INDIA.

Farther India is divided into Assam, Burmah, and Malacca on the west; Siam in the middle; and on the east, the Empire of Anam or Tonkin, which occupies the whole of Eastern or Chinese India, including Tonkin, Cochin China, Siampa and Cambodia on the coast, and Laos in the interior. Farther India is distinguished by the number of its streams and the fertility of its soil. It is also remarkable for the size, beauty, and docility of its elephants.

BURMAH, OR THE BURMAN EMPIRE.

This empire includes Ava, Pegu, Arracan, and some smaller states, subdued by the Burmans. It extends on the north to China and Assam; but on the south and east, its boundaries are not well known.

Its soil is remarkably fertile, and well watered. It has a more temperate [317] and healthful climate than Hindoostan; and in the north, the country is so elevated as to produce wheat.

The people are lively, intelligent, and brave, and far advanced in civilization. In many of their customs and laws, however, they are excessively barbarous and cruel. Their agriculture consists chiefly in irrigation. Their minerals are valuable, especially the precious stones. Their manufactures are respectable, and their commerce important. The Burman Empire is the most powerful of Farther India, and its government appears to be one of the most energetic in Asia.

The residence of the emperor was removed to *Ummerapoora*, in 1768; but in 1822, it was again transferred to *Ava*, four miles distant, and this city is now rebuilt as the capital.

Pegu was formerly a city of considerable size and consequence; but is now reduced. *Arracan* is the capital of the province of the same name. *Rangoon*

is the principal seaport of the empire, and the only place where Europeans are permitted to trade. *Prome* is a more populous city.

ASSAM.

Assam is an independent country, lying between Tibet and Bengal, containing about 60,000 square miles. It is a fertile region watered by the Burampooter, or Brahmapootra, and its branches. Its climate is very unhealthy. Its mineral treasures are considerable. It carries on commerce with Bengal. The people are unwilling to admit strangers into their country, and our information is therefore limited. *Ghergang* is the capital.

SIAM.

The Kingdom of Siam lies in an extensive vale, watered by the River Meinam, and enriched by its inundations. It is bounded by two ranges of mountains, which divide it from Burmah on the west, and Laos, and the Empire of Anam, on the east. Little is known of the interior. The land on the river is very fertile, and vegetation of every kind luxuriant; but the back country is mountainous and unproductive.

Siam is not very thickly populated. The people are mild and courteous, but cunning and avaricious. They have been praised however for honesty, and for their affection and kindness to relatives. They are more advanced in the arts, than most of the nations around them. They have been robbed of some of their possessions by the Burmans.

Siam, called by the natives *Juthia*, is the capital, situated on an island in the Meinam. Its walls are extensive.

MALACCA.

The peninsula of Malacca, or Malaya, is traversed by a chain of lofty mountains, and covered with extensive forests and marshes, so that it is difficult to penetrate into the interior. Its rivers are numerous, but short. Fruits are excellent; but grain is not raised in sufficient quantities for home consumption, and is imported from Bengal and Siam. Northern Malacca is in part dependent on Siam. The southern portion is occupied by independent tribes.

The principal inhabitants are the Malays, who are marked for the ferocity of their character, and the softness of their language. Piracy is their chief occupation. In the mountains there is a different race of savages, resembling the negroes of New-Guinea.

Malacca, the principal place, is a large town, possessed by the British. It is the seat of an Anglo-Chinese College. *Pulo Penang* is an island on the western coast, now occupied by the British as a place of trade.

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EMPIRE OF ANAM.

From the accounts of recent travellers, it appears that the whole of Farther India, east of Siam, which was conquered by the Tonkinese, has been again subdued by the king of Cochin China, and united into one empire, called the Empire of Anam. The accounts are contradictory in some respects, and the state of things uncertain. But it is at least convenient to consider this empire as a geographical division, embracing Tonkin, Cochin China, Siam, Cambodia and Laos.

COCHIN CHINA.

Cochin China is a long plain, included between the sea, and a chain of mountains not far distant from it. It is extremely fertile in all the tropical productions. The sea-coast abounds with gelatinous animals, regarded as delicacies, and furnishes the edible bird's nests, which are much valued in China. It is also rich in minerals. The people are lively, active, and intelligent. Both agriculture and trade are chiefly in the hands of the females. The commerce is principally with

China, to which it sends great quantities of sugar, and especially of candied sugar. The French are the principal European nation who trade here. The reigning prince is brave and intelligent, and pursues an enlightened policy. He has formed a respectable navy, has a large army, disciplined in the European manner, and has thus been able to subdue surrounding states.

Faifo, about 10 miles from the bay of Turon, is the capital. This bay affords a very fine harbour, and is the seat of trade for Cochin China.

TONKIN.

Tonkin is a kingdom surrounding the Gulf of Tonkin, formerly a part of the Chinese Empire.

It consists of a vast alluvial plain, traversed by numerous rivers, chiefly tributaries to the great river Saigong, on which all the principal towns are situated. Its soil is fertile in all the tropical productions; and even tea is raised, but of a quality inferior to that of China. It is surrounded on the north and west by mountains, and the breezes from them, and from the sea, moderate the heat of the climate.

The people have a more rude and vigorous character than the Chinese. Commerce cannot be carried on to much advantage with them, and is chiefly conducted by merchants from China and Siam. Silks and lacquered ware are their chief articles of trade, and are of a fine quality.

Cuchao, or *Kesho*, is the capital, situated on the river, about 80 miles from the sea. *Hean* is a considerable town, 20 miles below, where the Chinese merchants reside; and near the sea is *Domea*, where the Dutch and English usually stop.

CAMBODIA.

Cambodia occupies the eastern shore of the Gulf of Siam, and extends about 400 miles north. It is watered by a river of the same name, and has several fine harbours. The coast is in general flat, and overgrown with wood. The vale is bordered by mountainous districts on the east and west. The soil is extremely fertile. It produces many medicinal plants, among which is the peculiar colouring gum, called the Cambodia or Gamlege. Wild animals are numerous, and cattle abundant.

The country is inhabited by a mixture of Cochin Chinese, Malays, Japanese, and Portuguese. They carry on very little traffic, except by land, with neighbouring countries.

Cambodia, or *Levek*, is the capital, situated on the river of the same [319] name.

SIAMPA.

Siampa occupies the coast of Farther India, between Cambodia and Cochin China. It is barren, intensely hot, and very unhealthy during a large part of the year.

The inhabitants appear to be of a peculiar race, allied to those of Laos and other kingdoms of the interior.

LAOS.

Laos is a distinct kingdom, north of Cambodia, extending from 12° to 18° of latitude, between Cochin China and Siam. The accounts given of this country are contradictory. All agree in describing it as poorly cultivated, and thinly inhabited. The villages are generally small, and most of the people live a wandering life. It is traversed by the River Mecon, or Cambodia. It is nominally tributary to the Empire of Anam; but it is so difficult of approach, and has so pestilential a climate, that its subjection is imperfect.

AFRICA.

AFRICA was once celebrated as the seat of science and art, but it is now most noted for its burning deserts—its fierce and noxious animals—and the ignorance and barbarism of its inhabitants.

Its physical aspect has been described, page 111 to 115. It lies chiefly in the Equatorial and Tropical Regions, and its climate and vegetable productions will be found under those heads, in the appropriate articles. Gold is the principal mineral of value in commerce. (See ¶826.)

The Religion, Government, and State of Society, are exhibited on the Chart, and illustrated in the appropriate articles. The state of Learning and Education is described, page 196—¶971-2-3, and ¶1012—of Agriculture, page 224—of Cities, ¶1237—of Manufactures, ¶1242-3, 1246, 1252—of Commerce, ¶1271, 1275—and of National Power, ¶1287.

NORTHERN AFRICA.

BARBARY STATES.

BARBARY occupies the northern projection of Africa, including Morocco, Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli. It is traversed by the chain of Mount Atlas, and its prominent features have been described. ¶625.

The northern declivity is watered and fertilized by numerous streams, which are generally too short to be useful for navigation. The climate and productions are like those of Southern Europe. The southern declivity is called by the natives, "the dry country." It has a fertile soil, but partakes of the heat and dryness of the Sahara.

Barbary is strikingly distinguished from the opposite shores of Europe by the number of its noxious animals. It is the residence of the scorpion and many serpents of peculiar venom, of the hyena and the fierce Numidian lion; and the harvests are often destroyed by the myriads of locusts.

The predominant race in this country are the Moors, or Mahometan inhabitants (320) of the towns, who resemble the Turks in character. The interior is occupied by the Brebers and Bedouins. The Brebers speak a distinct language, and appear to have been the original inhabitants of the country. They generally subsist by husbandry, and some of them are settled in villages. They are but partially converted to Mahometanism, and not entirely subject to the Moors. The Arabs or Bedouins resemble the inhabitants of Arabia, from whom they are probably descended, in their wandering, pastoral life, and lawless independence.

The character of the inhabitants produces a diversity in different parts of the country. The interior, occupied by the wandering tribes, is almost destitute of cultivation. Some of the tribes reside in subterranean habitations, excavated in the mountains, and so concealed as not to be discovered by a traveller. The state of agriculture is universally poor, as in Turkey. Wheat and barley are the principal crops. Manufactures are few and imperfect. The situation of the Barbary States has led the people to more enterprise and commerce, than is usual in Mahometan nations. They supply Europeans with wax, wool, and other raw productions, in exchange for manufactured goods; and trade with these to Central Africa, for gold, gums, and slaves.

Piracy was formerly the chief resource of the Barbary powers, and great numbers of captive Europeans and Americans were enslaved. So much were they once dreaded, that the United States, and most commercial nations of Europe, paid them an annual tribute under the name of a present, to secure their friendship; but their power is now reduced, and declining; and their depredations are chiefly confined to shipwrecked vessels. Their governments are described, ¶946, 948.

MOROCCO.

Morocco, or Marocco, (the ancient Mauritania,) is the most western of the Barbary States, formed by the union of the kingdoms of Morocco, Fez, and Taná-

bet. The soil, though sandy, is generally fertile. Pasture is excellent; grain might be raised in sufficient quantity for exportation; and fruits are very abundant and fine.

The government is a despotism of the most absolute kind; the emperor practises such oppression as to discourage every species of industry. Agriculture is wretchedly conducted. The only manufacture of importance is that of Morocco leather. Commerce is limited by unwise restrictions, and is diminishing in value. The population of this empire has been stated at fourteen millions, but it is probably much less. Many of the tribes of Brebers and Arabs in the interior are not subject to the control of the emperor.

Morocco is an extensive city, situated on a fertile plain, about twelve miles from the foot of Mount Atlas. It has lost much of its former importance. *Mogadore*, or *Souara*, is its seaport, and is the principal seat of foreign commerce for the empire. It is situated on a flat, barren plain of sand.

Fez, the capital of the kingdom of Fez, is a large city, the principal resort of the Brebers and Arabs for trade. Both this city and Morocco are great marts for the trade to Soudan. *Mequinez* is the largest city of the empire, distinguished for the superior politeness and hospitality of its people. *Tangier* is the place of trade with Spain and the south of Europe. *Ceuta* is a fortress possessed by the Spaniards, nearly opposite to Gibraltar.

ALGIERS.

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Algiers occupies the site of the ancient Numidia. Its territory is thinly peopled, and in some parts desert. The soil is generally fertile, and the climate fine. It is governed by a despotic chief, usually chosen by the soldiery, and deposed or executed at their pleasure.

The oppressive and precarious character of the government is a check to industry and prosperity; yet the Algerines have exhibited much enterprise. They formerly maintained a naval force for piracy, which rendered their name a terror to Europe; but their power and consequence have been greatly impaired, by the repeated and successful attacks of the English and Americans, provoked by their outrages. The English recently compelled the Dey to stipulate, that he would no longer enslave any captive of Christian nations.

The coral fishery on the coast of Algiers is valuable, and has been chiefly in the hands of the French. The resources of the Algerine government have been principally derived from oppressive exactions at home, and robberies abroad.

Algiers, the capital, is one of the most celebrated seats of piracy. Its harbour is artificial, and is strongly fortified. Its commerce is considerable.

Bona is a seaport, with a good harbour, and some trade. It is one of the principal resorts of the coral fishers. *Constantina* is a large city of the interior, abounding in the remains of ancient art.

TUNIS.

Tunis (the ancient Africa Propria,) is one of the most powerful of the Barbary States. It consists chiefly of a large peninsula, stretching into the Mediterranean, within 100 miles of the coast of Sicily. Few countries are more highly favoured as to natural beauty and fertility, than the cultivated tract extending 200 miles from the coast. It is watered by the River *Aljerdah*, whose banks are the most populous and best cultivated parts of the regency. The western part of Tunis is thinly inhabited. The interior is an arid and less fertile region, and is constantly occupied by tributary Arabs, who are otherwise independent.

The government of this country is administered more liberally, and commerce is more encouraged and more extensive, than in any other state of Barbary. The inhabitants are more attached to industry and trade than to piracy, and their situation is favourable for commerce with Europe. The exports are grain, and the fruits and products of the Warm Regions, together with the gold, gums, &c. obtained from Soudan.

Tunis, the capital, is a large city, and about ten miles from the site of the ancient Carthage. It is situated on an extensive bay, which furnishes excellent anchorage.

TRIPOLI.

TRIPOLI, (the ancient Tripolis, so called from its three chief cities,) is an arid, thinly peopled country, abounding in the remains of antiquity.

On the coast it is fertile; in some parts it is entirely desert; and generally affords but a scanty subsistence to its inhabitants. Its climate is salubrious, and its productions resemble those of Southern Europe. The date is extensively cultivated for food; and domestic animals are raised in considerable numbers for exportation.

[322] It is said to be the most civilized of the Barbary States. Its piracies have been checked in the same manner as in Algiers. Its commerce is of some importance.

Tripoli, the capital, is a regular, well built city, more cleanly than others in Barbary.

BARCA, the ancient Lybia, is a country on the east of Tripoli, subject to its government. The coast is productive and well peopled. *Derna*, its capital, is noted for an expedition under the American General Eaton, in 1805, against the Tripolitan government.

THE KINGDOM OF FEZZAN is a large oasis in the northern part of the Sahara, tributary to Tripoli. It is a tract of sand, producing no crops without artificial watering. Dates are the principal article of food. Few domestic animals but the camel can be sustained.

The people possess little energy of character, and are imperfectly acquainted with the arts. This kingdom is principally important as the centre of trade, for the caravans which cross the deserts. *Mourzouk*, the capital, is a small mud-walled town.

EGYPT.

EGYPT was long celebrated as a seat of science, and its pyramids, obelisks, and temples, present some of the most wonderful monuments of human art. It is now reduced in all respects.

The greater part of Egypt consists of a narrow fertile vale, traversed by the Nile, and bounded on each side by barren rocks and mountains. The soil in general is so rich as to require no manure. The agriculture is of the simplest kind, the chief articles of produce being wheat and barley. In the Delta, rice is the chief grain, and with maize and lentils, forms the food of the inhabitants.

The climate is excessively hot in summer; but the air and temperature are delightful in the winter months. It is peculiar, in the extreme rareness of rain, and the atmosphere is almost constantly clear.

The greater number of the inhabitants of Egypt are Mahometans, and have the usual character of Mahometans. There are many of the Copts, or original inhabitants of the country, who are Christians. They are an ingenious people, almost the only class possessed of education, and are principally employed in public and commercial transactions.

There are a few articles of manufacture, but none of much importance. It has always been the channel of extensive commerce with the interior of Africa, which is carried on by large caravans. This country has been reduced to a very low state in arts and improvements. The present Pacha is a man of enlarged views and energetic character, who is in effect independent of Turkey, and is endeavouring to introduce the knowledge and arts of civilized nations into his dominions.

Cairo exceeds any other city of Africa in magnitude and splendour. It is the resort of merchants from the whole of Western Asia, and the interior of Africa.

Alexandria is a place of considerable extent, but the greater part of its site is covered with the ruins of the old city. It is the chief place of trade between Europe and Egypt. *Rosetta* is a modern commercial town of some importance, on the western mouth of the Nile. *Damietta*, on the eastern branch, has an extensive commerce with Syria and Cyprus. *Sioul* is the metropolis of Upper Egypt, and a place of trade.

Cosair is a small port, the seat of trade between Arabia and Egypt.

WESTERN AFRICA.

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SENEGAMBIA.

The region lying on the Rivers Senegal and Gambia, and extending to their sources, is divided into a great number of small states, which have been grouped together under the name of Senegambia.

The coast is here flat and sandy. East of this is a region somewhat argillaceous, and very fertile, which is succeeded by a mountainous district. Senegambia is generally well watered. The climate and vegetable productions are such as belong to the Equatorial Regions.

The principal states are Cayor and Walloo, on the coast; Fouta-Toro, Bondou, Bambouk, Fouta-Jallo, Manding, and Kaarta, in the interior.

FOUTA-TORO is one of the most extensive and important kingdoms. It is well watered; much of it is fertile; and the population is dense.

BAMBOUK is a country of mountains. It produces large quantities of gold, and not only furnishes most of that which is carried down the Senegal and Gambia; but sends considerable quantities to the east and south. Many of its valleys are fertile.

FOUTA-JALLO is also mountainous, and has therefore a variety of climate and productions. *Teemboo*, its capital, is considered one of the largest cities in this portion of Africa.

The principal tribes of Senegambia, are the Jaloffs, Foulahs, Feeloops, and Mandingoes.

The *Jaloffs*, who occupy the coast, are esteemed the most courageous tribe of Negroes in this region. The *Foulahs*, who are possessed of a number of kingdoms, are distinguished from other Negroes by their superior form and features; and have more of an olive complexion. They lead a pastoral life, and have a higher character for humanity, honesty, industry, and civilization than any other tribe of this region. Both these tribes are chiefly Mahometans. The *Feeloops*, on the south of the Gambia, are a wild unsocial race.

The *Mandingoes* are the most numerous tribe of Negroes in the western region of Africa; and are spread along the banks of the Niger, Senegal, and Gambia. They are gay, lively, inquisitive, and cunning. Many of them are Mahometans.

SIERRA LEONE.

The district of *Sierra Leone* is distinguished for a colony formed by the British African Society, as an asylum for slaves recaptured, and a source of civilization and knowledge to Western Africa. It derives its name from the number of lions in the neighbouring sierras, or chains of mountains.

It is fertile and populous; but cultivation has made little progress. Tropical productions abound, and the forests, fields, and rivers furnish an ample supply of food, with very little labour. The native tribes have the general character of the African race. The colony has a population of 12,000, chiefly composed of liberated Negroes, taken from captured slave-ships. They are placed under the instruction of missionaries. Their schools and places of worship exhibit as interesting an appearance, as those of any country.

Freetown, the capital, is a small town, near the mouth of the Sierra Leone River.

LIBERIA is a settlement lately commenced at Cape Mesurado, by the American Colonization Society. It is designed as a place of resort for the free Africans and emancipated slaves of the United States. [324]

UPPER GUINEA.

The coast of Guinea is divided into the Grain, the Ivory, the Gold, and the Slave Coast.

The *Grain Coast*, is so called from the pepper it furnishes, and is chiefly occupied by the Portuguese, who first began to trade here.

The *Ivory Coast* abounds in that article; but has no good harbour. Boats meet the canoes, and exchanges are made at a distance from the shore, on account of the surf. It is populous, and thickly settled with villages. The inhabitants are said to be the most savage, thievish, and revengeful upon the African coast. They will not permit Europeans to reside in the interior.

The *Slave Coast* extends from Rio Volta to the Bay and River of Lagos. It is traversed by the two considerable Rivers Yakin and Euphrates running parallel to each other and to the sea, and rendering intercourse very convenient. Of all the coasts yet explored, this is the best cultivated. The whole country rises gradually from the sea, is covered with luxuriant and perpetual vegetation, cultivated fields, groves, and innumerable villages. In industry and agriculture, the inhabitants appear to equal the Chinese.

The *Gold Coast* is situated immediately under the equator, and furnishes large quantities of gold in trade. The principal kingdoms are Dahomey, Benin, and Ashantee.

DAHOMÉY, BENIN, ASHÁNTEE.

DAHOMÉY is a productive and powerful kingdom. The most arbitrary forms of despotism are mild compared with those of this country, founded on an idolatrous veneration for the king. The people are peculiarly ferocious. The king's bed chamber is paved with skulls, and the roof ornamented with the jaw-bones of chiefs whom he has slain in battle.

Abomey, the capital, like other native cities of Africa, is merely a large collection of huts.

BENIN extends from Rio Lagos to Rio Formosa. It is well furnished with rivers and estuaries; but their banks are very unhealthy.

ASHÁNTEE is an extensive territory of Western Africa, immediately behind the states on the Gold Coast. Its name had scarcely reached Europeans, when its arms were lately seen descending to the coast and subduing all before them. In military skill and valour, in arts and intelligence, they are decidedly superior to any other inhabitants on the Gold Coast, and it appears probable that the whole will fall under their dominion. Great armies assemble at a moment's warning, which furnishes evidence that the population is dense. The magnificence displayed in their camp, when visited by the English, and the dignity, and courtesy of deportment both of the king and his officers, indicated a degree of civilization, much superior to that of the surrounding nations.

The only instrument of husbandry among the Ashantees, is the hoe. They cultivate rice and the sugar cane. Fine cotton grows spontaneously, and tropical fruits are abundant. Their cattle are large, but their horses small. They are bad horsemen, and sometimes ride oxen. They have a loom like the European, and produce fine cloths with brilliant colours. They also work in metals and leather, with considerable skill. *Coomassie*, the capital, is said to have a population of 100,000. The houses are well built and neat. The streets are all named, and a captain has the charge of each.

In all the kingdoms of Guinea, at the death of the king, a great number of his slaves are buried alive with him, or are massacred to attend him in the other world. In Dahomey and Ashantee, human sacrifices are made with a frequency, and to an amount scarcely paralleled; and the horrid scene is regarded as a pastime.

LOWER GUINEA.

CONGO, LOANGO, ANGOLA, BENGUELA.

Congo is an extensive country south of the River Zaire. The eastern frontier is composed of lofty and rugged mountains, inhabited by the savage tribes of the Giasas, who make frequent and desolating incursions. The vegetable productions are ample. Congo enjoys a happy exemption from scorpions, musquitos, and most venomous animals. Agriculture is carried on with a rude iron hoe; yet they have excellent crops. Mats are the covering of their houses, their bedding, and their clothing. They appear to possess less energy and reflection than most other

natives of Africa, but are lively, good humoured, and hospitable in their disposition.

LOANGO is situated on the north side of the River Zaire, and extends more than 400 miles. The climate is said to be very fine, never subject to violent winds or hurricanes; and vessels may safely anchor on its coast. Rain occurs rarely, and is never violent, and vegetation is chiefly watered by heavy dews. The soil is generally very fertile. The coast is high, and the hills covered with vegetation. The lakes abound with fish, and the forests with game.

ANGOLA is a part of Congo. It is resorted to only for slaves of the inferior order, of which 40,000 are annually sold, chiefly to the French.

BENGUELA is a region south of Angola, inhabited by a rude and barbarous race. The air is very unwholesome. Strangers are advised not to land; and those who survive attempts to reside there, resemble men coming from the tomb.

CENTRAL AFRICA.

Central Africa may be divided into two portions.—Soudan, or Nigritia, comprising the kingdoms on the Niger; and the region south of the Jibbel Kumra, sometimes called Lower Ethiopia.

The latter has been so little explored, that no account can be given of its geography.

SOUDAN, OR NIGRITIA.

The region lying on the Niger appears to be sufficiently watered by this stream to render it fertile. Its climate produces all the luxuries of the vegetable kingdom. Its trees are the largest known upon the globe; and its forests peculiarly majestic. It is divided into a number of small states, few of which have been explored, or even visited by white men. The population is chiefly composed of Negroes, more mild, but less active than their Moorish neighbours.

BAMBARRA is a large and powerful kingdom, bounding on Manding. It is generally fertile, and is remarkable for the *sica*, or vegetable butter-tree. The [326] inhabitants are a mixture of Moors and Negroes. It appears to be populous, and has a considerable share of commerce. *Sego*, its capital, has 30,000 inhabitants. *Sansanding* is the seat of considerable trade, especially in salt.

TOMBUCTOO has never been visited by European travellers. It is described as an extensive and powerful kingdom. *Tombuctoo*, the capital, has been celebrated as the centre of commerce for Soudan, and the resort of numerous caravans from the eastern and northern coasts. The people are intelligent, and considerably advanced in the arts.

HOUSSA, east of Tombuctoo, is also a kingdom of importance. The people are intelligent, and have considerable skill in agriculture and manufactures.

KASSINA is east of Houssa, and tributary to it. It extends to the borders of Fezzan. The people are said to have some skill in the arts. They carry on commerce with the northern coasts. *Asben* is a country north of it, which seems to be included in its territories. *Agades*, its capital, is a place of great trade.

BORNOU is an extensive fertile tract; and one of the most flourishing states of this region. *Bergoo*, and *Baghermi*, are its tributaries. It has a considerable army, said to contain 60,000 cavalry. The trade is chiefly carried on by the merchants of Fezzan. The name of *Wangara*, signifying marsh, was formerly applied to a low, swampy region, supposed to absorb the waters of the Niger. It is now ascertained that there is a large lake in this region, which probably receives the Niger, called the *Lako of Tsad*. It has not been fully explored.

DARFUR fills up the interval between the kingdoms of Sennaar and Abyssinia, and Bornou. Agriculture is here the chief branch of industry, and wheat is raised. The people carry on a commerce with Egypt, and have considerable intercourse with Mecca. They are ignorant of every thing but the Koran, addicted to intemperance, and very dishonest. Their caravans often include 1000 men and 2000 camels. Their king is a great merchant. *Cobbe*, the capital of Darfur, is

a considerable place, and well situated for trade. It is chiefly inhabited by foreign merchants.

NUBIA.

Nubia is an extensive country, lying south of Egypt on the Nile. It consists almost entirely of sandy and rocky deserts, where pillars of sand are frequently seen moving with the wind, and the pestilential simoom often blows. The immediate banks of the Nile, although above the level of the river, are rendered productive by irrigation. The water is raised by means of wheels. The eastern bank is the most fertile.

The climate is intensely hot in summer, but so dry that it is very healthy; and the plague is not known here.

Nubia is divided into petty states, and inhabited by numberless independent tribes—some carrying on trade in towns; others attending to agriculture; and a still greater number wandering over its wastes. There is a corresponding variety of character. The people of Berber, on the borders of Egypt, through whose territory every traveller passes, are of Arabian origin. They are noted for their intemperance, treachery, and ferocity. The natives of Nubia are more like Arabs than Negroes. They are in a barbarous state, but sustain a much better character than the Berbers. They are employed as porters in Cairo, and are esteemed for their honesty.

[327] Dhurra, a species of large grain, and tobacco, are the principal articles of cultivation. There are no fruit-trees except the palm. The principal trade of Nubia is in slaves. Five thousand are supposed to be brought hither annually, of whom one-half are sent to Arabia.

Dongola, on the Nile, is the capital of a petty kingdom on the south of Nubia, which has been seized by the Mamelukes, since their expulsion from Egypt.

In Nubia Proper, there are but few groups of houses that deserve the name of towns. *Ibrim* is a small place on a till near the Nile. *Derr*, the usual residence of the kashefs or chiefs, is now considered the metropolis. It carries on a considerable trade with Egypt in dates.

Suakem, on the Red Sea, is possessed by the Turks. It was formerly a place of great commerce; but is now supported only by the caravans which pass through it from the interior of Africa to Mecca and Arabia.

The splendid remains of ancient temples form one of the most remarkable features of this region. They are peculiar in being generally excavated from the solid rock. The most magnificent yet discovered is that of Ipsambul, between Syene and Ibrim.

SENNAAR.

Sennaar is included between Nubia on the north, Abyssinia on the south and east, and Darfur on the west. A great part of it is enclosed between the Nile, and its eastern branch the Taccazze, and occupies the ancient Isle Meroe, the centre of Ethiopia. It is a kingdom formed by a body of Negro invaders, who drove away the Arab inhabitants.

The territory is a plain, and remarkably fertile for some distance from the banks of the river. It is never overflowed. At the time of the rains it assumes a beautiful, verdant aspect; but soon after they cease, it becomes barren and scorched. There are many tracts which are perpetually desert. Dhurra is the principal grain in use. Sennaar produces few articles of commerce; but the people are extensively employed in the trade from the interior of Africa to Egypt.

The despot of Sennaar has an army of 14,000 Negro troops around his capital, who are called *Nuba*. KORDOFAN is tributary to Sennaar.

Sennaar, the capital, is a populous place of considerable trade.

Shendy is a trading town of 800 or 1,000 houses, and has many wealthy inhabitants. It is the largest in this part of Africa, except Cobbe and Sennaar.

ABYSSINIA.

Abyssinia is a mountainous country, but the elevations are not considerable.

cept on the borders. The declivities are gentle, and afford fine situations for tillage, and the erection of towns.

The climate is on the whole fine, from the coolness and purity of the mountain air. The valleys, however, are hot and unhealthy. The soil is very fertile. Wheat is raised in considerable quantities on the higher tracts; but a very small grain, called *teff*, is the common food of the people. The domestic animals are like those of Europe. Bees are every where raised, and honey is an important article of food.

The Abyssinians profess Christianity, but retain many Jewish rites and many Pagan and barbarous customs. They are generally ignorant and brutal in their character and manners. It is common to eat raw flesh, cut from the living animal, in its warm, palpitating state. Agriculture is extremely rude, and the plough is only a crooked branch or root of a tree. The most necessary manufactures [328] are carried on, but very imperfectly. They have some commerce, both with the interior and with foreign countries, and send abroad gold, ivory, and slaves.

The government is feeble, often resisted by its own officers, and by the savage tribes within its borders. Civil wars are perpetual, and human life is no more regarded than that of brutes.

The Gallas, on the south, have overrun a large part of the kingdom, and are now masters of Gondar.

Gondar, the capital, is situated on a hill. It is generally mean in its appearance, but it has some fine buildings, erected by the Jesuits during a period when they had much influence. *Axum* was the ancient capital and has a splendid church. *Masuah* is mean in its appearance, but is the only place of foreign trade. *Adowa* is a town of importance as the seat of trade for the interior.

EASTERN COAST OF AFRICA.

This coast was first visited by the Portuguese, near the close of the fifteenth century, and is little known to any other nation. It is much to be regretted, that they publish no accounts of their discoveries and possessions. The descriptions given of this part of Africa are in many respects contradictory; and when all false or doubtful statements are rejected, little remains to be said concerning them.

The Kingdom of *Adel* is said to be a fertile country, and it is famed for myrrh and frankincense. It is divided among several tribes, continually at war with Abyssinia. *Zeila* appears to be the principal town.

Ajan is chiefly inhabited by Mahometans, and carries on a considerable trade in ivory, ambergris, and gold.

Brava is a little aristocracy which pays tribute to the Portuguese.

Melinda is a Mahometan state, partially dependent on the Portuguese. The capital city, *Melinda*, has a beautiful situation and appearance, and contains many splendid mosques and Portuguese churches. It is inhabited by rich merchants, and the exports are various and valuable.

Zanguebar is said to be a marshy and unhealthy country, abundant in elephants. It is chiefly inhabited by the Mocuas, partly Pagans and partly Mahometans. The little Kingdoms of *Quiloa*, and *Mombaza* were formerly subject to the Portuguese, but are now independent. The Kingdom of *Mozambique* comprises most of the country subject to the Portuguese, extending from Cape Delgado to Cape Corrientes. The soil is luxuriant and fertile. There are wild beasts of various kinds, and the elephants are so fierce and destructive, that the inhabitants are obliged to kindle large fires round their fields, to prevent them from devouring the crops. The country is rich in gold, which is washed down by the rivers in great quantities, and is the chief article of commerce.

The city of *Mozambique*, the capital of all the Portuguese possessions, was once large, but is now much reduced.

The Coast of *Sofala*, lying between the River Zambeze or Cuama, and Cape Corrientes, is watered by that river, and by the Rivers *Sofala* and *Inhambané*, whose names are also applied to the country on their banks.

Mocaranga is a kingdom of the interior, which appears to be one of the most powerful on the coast. The soil of this country is said to be fertile, though exposed to great heat. The mountains in the interior are covered with perpetual snow.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

South Africa is the region surrounding the Cape of Good Hope, and extends northward to the frontiers of Congo and Mozambique. The Hottentots, near the Colony of the Cape, rank lower than any others in Africa, and almost any on the globe. More improvement is found among the Caffres, and still more in the Boshuanas, and other tribes of the interior.

COLONY OF THE CAPE.

Three successive ranges of mountains divide the Colony of the Cape, as described, ¶ 639. The plain next the sea has a deep and fertile soil, well watered by numerous rivulets, covered with grass and a beautiful variety of shrubs and trees. Rains are frequent, and the climate mild and agreeable. The second terrace contains large tracts of arid desert; and the third region, called the Great Karoo, is destitute of almost every trace of vegetation, and unoccupied by men or animals.

Beyond the Great Karoo, at the foot of the Snowy Mountains, there is an excellent grazing country, where cattle are raised in large numbers for the Colony. The settlement is deluged with rain in the cold season, but it has scarcely a shower in the hot months, and is parched by a perpetual dry wind. The changes are frequent and sudden. The best of grain, wine, and fruits, for the supply of the Colony, are produced within the distance of one to three days journey from Cape Town. Potash is produced from a plant which grows in great abundance. Salt is formed in numerous salt lakes, by the mere heat of the sun. A large extent of ground is covered with natural plantations of aloes.

The agriculture of this colony is wretched, 14 or 16 oxen being used to draw an unwieldy plough, that only skims the surface.

The Colonics are generally ignorant; many of them approach the natives in their habits. Even the industrious Dutch here grow extremely indolent, and keep great numbers of Hottentot slaves, who have little else to do than to smoke, eat, and sleep, like their masters.

Cape Town is a place of some importance, and contains many good buildings. *Constantia* is celebrated for its wine of peculiar excellence. *Bethelsdorp* is a missionary station, chiefly inhabited by Hottentots.

NATIVE TRIBES.

CAFFRARIA, or the country of the Caffres, extends north from the Great Fish River, that separates it from the Colony of the Cape. The *Caffres* are a fine race of men, and have not a line of the African Negro in their countenance or person. Although in a barbarous state, they are superior in intelligence and arts to the tribes around them. Their cows are larger and handsomer than those of the Colony, and their oxen are remarkable for size and strength, and are used as horses. The men take care of the cattle, and the women till the ground. They cannot reckon beyond 100, and have not a vestige of writing. Their language is soft and harmonious.

The *Boshuanas* are a tribe who inhabit a large territory in the interior of South Africa, estimated from 10 to 15,000 in number. They are evidently of the stock of the Caffres. The men pursue hunting; the women, and slaves taken prisoners in war, cultivate the ground.

The *Bosjesmans*, or Bushmen of the Hottentots, inhabiting the inaccessible [330] mountains north of the Colony of the Cape, are among the most degraded people known. A deadly hostility has long been maintained between them and the Colonists, by a series of mutual injuries, plunders, and murders.

They are described as the ugliest of all human beings, and dwarfish in size. They have no bonds of society. Each leaves his companions when he pleases. The stronger take the wives and property of the weaker. They have little intercourse with each other; their language is poor; and much of their conversation is carried on by gestures. They raise neither corn nor cattle. Roots, serpents, lizards, and insects, furnish them with food when they fail in hunting. Nothing disgusts their smell or taste, and they pass their nights in holes like beasts. They

live in a state of continual warfare, and plunder and destruction are their chief employments.

The *Corannas*, or Corans, north of the Bushmen, apply a little to agriculture. They have no fixed habitations. The richest man of the kraal is the leader of the party, and their spokesman on all occasions; yet he has no commanding authority. They are distinguished for training their oxen, who are attended with as much care, and used in the same manner, as horses among us.

In advancing towards the interior of Southern Africa, there is evidence of greater civilization. The *Matchappes* are much more improved than the nations south of them. They manufacture articles of iron and copper, till the ground, and construct their huts and clothing in a neat and skilful manner. Their capital is *Latakoo*, which was supposed in 1813 to contain 7,000 inhabitants. It was said that the tribe had more than a thousand outposts, or stations of persons attending to their cattle.

The *Mashows* succeed the Matchappes on the north. The *Marootzees*, north of the Mashows, seem to be still more advanced in arts. They obtain iron and copper from the ore, and work it with considerable skill. Their metallic articles are sent into all the surrounding country. They also make pottery with much skill and taste, and have some knowledge of painting. *Kurrechani*, their capital, contains about 16,000 people.

The *Namaquas* and *Damaras*, are two other tribes, on the shore of the Atlantic and the Orange River.

Their employments and support arise from their cattle; and they frequently endeavour to plunder each other. An affection subsists between parents and children, which is unusual among savages. Old age and infirmity are common among them, and appear therefore to receive attention, instead of leading to cruelty and desertion. Strangers also have been kindly treated among these tribes.

AFRICAN ISLANDS.

ISLANDS WEST OF AFRICA.

THE AZORES, or WESTERN ISLANDS, are nine in number, situated nearly in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. They exhibit strong marks of volcanic origin, and are subject to earthquakes. (See ¶ 298—9.) They have a delightful climate, and a fertile soil, and wines and fruits are exported to a considerable amount. They are said to be entirely free from venomous animals.

THE MADEIRAS. Madeira is the principal island of this group, which belongs to the Portuguese. It is well watered and peopled. Its climate is free from the scorching heats of summer, as well as the chills of winter. Madeira is [331] principally celebrated for its excellent wines, which are exported by English merchants to a large amount. *Funchal* is the capital.

THE CANARIES are a group of elevated islands, belonging to Spain, famous for their wines, fruits, and Canary-birds. *Teneriffe* is noted for its lofty peak, which rises far above the clouds. *Santa Cruz* is a large town, the commercial capital of the island.

THE CAPE VERD ISLANDS do not enjoy the healthy climate or fertile soil of the Azores and Madeiras, and are chiefly noted for their exports of salt and hides. They belong to Portugal. The island of *Pogo* has a volcano. *Goree* is a small island, near Cape Verd, now subject to France.

ISLANDS OF THE GULF OF GUINEA.—*St. Matthew* and *Ascension* belong to Portugal. *Ascension* is an uninhabited rock, but is visited by ships to procure turtles. *Prince's Island* is fertile, and has a good harbour, and a considerable village on the northern shore. *Fernando Po* seems to be abandoned to the criminals who escape from the continent, but the Spaniards claim the jurisdiction. *St. Helena* is a rocky island, accessible only at a single spot, in a narrow valley or chasm, in which *Jamestown* is built. The inhabitants do not exceed 3000, and are supplied with grain and most of their provisions by the ships of the East India Company.

ISLANDS SOUTH OF AFRICA.

Kerguelen's Land is also called the Island of Desolation, on account of its sterility.

Amsterdam and *St. Paul's* are frequented only on account of the seal-fishery. On the south-west is *Tristan d'Acunha*, which is covered with trees.

ISLANDS EAST OF AFRICA.

MADAGASCAR.—Madagascar is one of the most extensive and important islands in the world, ranking with the largest states of Europe, except Russia, in extent. It is intersected by a central ridge of mountains which are rich in minerals. The country is generally well watered by the streams which descend from them, and luxuriant in the productions of the Torrid Zone.

The inhabitants are estimated at four millions, divided into a number of petty tribes of various races—Malay, Arabian, and African. Some of them are savage; others are acquainted with writing, and several of the arts of civilization. One of the most powerful kings has recently received English teachers, with a view to the introduction of knowledge among his people: and has engaged to abolish the slave-trade, which has been carried on there to a great extent. *Tananarive*, his capital, is an extensive and well built town. About 300 miles from it is *Tamatave*, a port of some trade. *Foul-point* is the port most visited by Europeans. *Port Dauphin* was a French settlement of some importance, now abandoned.

East of Madagascar are the small islands of Mauritius and Bourbon, which are valuable as places of resort and refreshment for ships in the Indian Ocean.

MAURITIUS, or the Isle of France, is possessed by the British. It consists chiefly of rugged, irregular mountains. It produces ebony, and other valuable species of wood, and tropical plants, among which is an inferior kind of cloves.

BOURBON belongs to France. It is composed of two mountains, one of which is a volcano, in continual action, and serving as a light-house to mariners. The greater portion of the island is a volcanic desert. Some parts, however, have a fertile soil, a pure air, and a delightful climate.

[332] **THE COMORO ISLES** are a small group north of Madagascar, mountainous, but fertile and well peopled. *Socotra* is subject to an Arabian chief, and is only noted for the superior quality of its aloes. The **AMIRANTE** and **MAHZ ISLES** are small rocky groups of little importance.

MARITIME WORLD.

The Maritime World is formed into three principal divisions.—The islands lying nearest to Asia are styled the East India Islands, or **INDIAN ARCHIPELAGO**. New-Holland and the adjacent islands are called **AUSTRALIA**—and the remaining small islands of the Pacific are grouped together under the name of **POLYNESIA**.

There is an intimate connection between the races of men in all parts of the Maritime World, in the same manner as on each continent. The prevalent race of the Indian Archipelago and Polynesia are the Malays, and they appear mingled with the Papuan race in Australia. The languages of these divisions are also closely connected with the Malay. The natives are intelligent and lively, existing in different states of civilization, and varying in their character from great ferocity to unusual mildness. The Javanese are most advanced in arts and knowledge, and next to them are the inhabitants of the coast in other islands.

The Papuans are the prevalent race of Australia, and also inhabit the interior of the larger Asiatic Islands, and of Malacca. They are uniformly among the most degraded and savage of the human race.

The Indian Archipelago and Polynesia lie between the tropics, and their climate resembles that of other islands in the Torrid Zone, diminishing in heat in proportion to their distance from the continent. In the Asiatic or Indian Archipelago, the plants and animals resemble those of Southern Asia. But in going eastward, the bread-fruit and taro-root are found, and are used in place of rice for

food—few animals are found in the islands of Polynesia—and Australia is almost peculiar in its vegetable and mineral productions.

EAST INDIA ISLES,

OR INDIAN ARCHIPELAGO.

These islands have generally a volcanic character, and are liable to frequent eruptions and earthquakes. They are usually mountainous and elevated in the centre. The shores are frequently low and swampy, and excessively unhealthy. The interior is generally covered with forests, and the islands abound with beasts of prey, and other animals, similar to those of Southern Asia. They furnish the precious metals in considerable quantities. Pepper and rice are generally the most important products. Cotton is raised in abundance for clothing—and most of the spices of commerce are obtained from these islands. A peculiar product is [333] the glutinous birds' nests, large quantities of which are sold to the Chinese at an extravagant price, and are esteemed the most luxurious article of food.

It is common throughout these islands to build houses and towns upon posts, to avoid the floods of the rainy season; and they are sometimes erected on rafts, and floated from place to place.

These islands are divided into five principal groups—the Sunda or Sumatran Isles, including Sumatra, Java, and the adjacent islands—the Bornean Isles and the Celebezan Isles, (connected with Borneo and Celebez)—the Spice Islands and the Philippines.

SUMATRA.

Sumatra is the largest of the Sumatran chain, or Sunda Isles. It is traversed by a ridge of mountains. Mount Ophir, the highest summit, is 13,000 feet above the level of the sea.

The productions are valuable; but the people are savage and Pagan, and generally too little improved to engage in commerce. In the interior of the island, there are tribes of cannibals. The kingdom of *Acheen* on the north-west, has some trade with the coast of Coromandel. It has a capital of the same name. The English had a settlement at *Bencoolen*, which they have recently ceded to the Netherlands, together with all their claims in Sumatra, in exchange for the Dutch settlements in Hindoostan.

Banca, a small island on the coast of Sumatra, is remarkable for extensive mines of tin.

JAVA.

Java is a valuable, fertile island, subject to the Dutch. It abounds in forests, and its scenery is beautiful. It is intersected, like Sumatra, by a ridge of mountains, which produce a fine salubrious air in the interior. They are abrupt and precipitous on the south, and the country is rugged. On the north the declivity is gradual and descending into swamps upon the coast, which render it very unhealthy.

The soil is generally fertile and well watered, and highly cultivated. The Javaneese are well acquainted with many arts, and carry on a lucrative trade with the Chinese.

Batavia, the metropolis of the Archipelago, presents an assemblage of various nations and languages, and is the seat of very extensive commerce. The Chinese are the most numerous inhabitants. The situation is low, and the streets are traversed by filthy canals, which render the air pestilential. The population is reduced from 160,000 to 47,000. *Samarang*, *Solo*, and *Surabaya*, are all more populous cities.

CELEBEZ.

Celebez is a long, but irregular and narrow island, of which very little is known. The Dutch control the whole, and have a settlement at *Macassar*. Only the Chi-

nese are permitted to trade here. There are numerous small islands around Celebez, resembling it in character. The whole group are said to abound in poisonous plants.

BORNEO.

Borneo is probably the largest island in the world except New-Holland. The interior is little known. The greater part of the coast, especially on the north, consists of swamps, covered with thick forests. The settlements on the shore are occupied by Malays, and Macassars from Celebez. The ourang outang is an animal almost peculiar to this island.

SPICE ISLANDS, OR MOLUCCAS.

Gilolo is the largest of these, which is 230 miles in length. The natives are industrious, and acquainted with weaving. *Ceram* produces clove-trees, and large [334] forests of the sago-palm, whose produce forms an article of export. *Amboyna* is a beautiful island, the residence of the governor. *Banda*, or *Lantoir*, is the chief island of a group, in which the nutmeg-tree is found. The *Moluccas*, strictly so termed, are only five small islands, of which *Ternate* is the most important. The boa-serpent is sometimes found here, 30 feet long.

THE MANILLAS, OR PHILIPPINE ISLES.

The Philippine Islands resemble others in the Archipelago in their climate, aspect, soil, and productions. They belong to Spain, and a very lucrative commerce was formerly carried on with them, through Acapulco and Vera Cruz, in Mexico. The government has restrained private industry, and has thus diminished the prosperity of these islands, and rendered them comparatively unproductive. Some parts are still under native kings. All these islands are subject to earthquakes, and to the destructive effects of the tufloons, (¶683.)

Luzon is the largest and most important of the group, but is only cultivated on the coast. It contains *Manilla*, the capital of the Spanish possessions, which is a well built and fortified city. The number of Christian inhabitants is computed at 12,000. *Mindanao* is next in size to *Luzon*. The people are addicted to piracy, and the island is much less under the control of the Spaniards. On the southern side is a volcano, which burns incessantly. *Samboang* is the principal Spanish settlement.

This group contains other small islands, too numerous for description.

AUSTRALIA.

This division of the world is the chief seat of the Papuan race. It abounds in fish, animals, and vegetables, which differ remarkably from those of other parts of the world. There are few or no beasts of prey, and most of the animals are of the Kangaroo kind. The islands have been so little explored, that the account of them is necessarily imperfect. Their physical geography has been already described, page 116.

PAPUA, OR NEW-GUINEA—NEW-BRITAIN—NEW-IRELAND—SOLOMON'S ISLANDS—NEW-HEBRIDES, AND NEW-CALEDONIA.

All these islands lie within the Torrid Zone, and have its appropriate climate and productions. They are generally fertile. Papua is remarkable as the residence of the bird of paradise, whose feathers are a valuable article of trade with the Chinese and Malays. New Caledonia is a large but barren island. The New Hebrides comprise several clusters of islands. All these islands are possessed by the Papuan race, and it is dangerous to Europeans to visit them.

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NEW-HOLLAND.

New-Holland is the largest island in the world, and ranks with Europe in size

We know little of any portion but the Colony of New South Wales, on the eastern coast.

The climate is fine and salubrious, and the productions of the earth abundant. The natives have already been described as peculiarly savage—living on fish, roots, and even vermin, in huts of the rudest kind—with no government but that of families—and no appearance of religion.

The British colony at Port Jackson was originally composed of criminals banished from England, but the state of society is improving by the introduction of other settlers. It is subject to a military governor, sent from Great Britain.

Sydney, the seat of government, is a large town, but rudely and irregularly built. It contains a free school, bank, and other public institutions. Its harbour is fine, and the town is increasing in prosperity. *Parmentia* is a village which resembles those of England, containing a mission-school for the natives.

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND was settled in the same manner as New-South Wales. Its climate is colder. It is increasing in population and importance. *Hobartstown*, the principal settlement, is a flourishing village.

NEW-ZEALAND enjoys a fine temperate climate like that of France. The people are tall and well formed, and more civilized than any others in Australia. They exhibit a brave and generous temper, but they are ferocious in their enmity, and feast on human flesh. A mission is now established among them, but little effect is yet produced.

POLYNESIA.

The islands of Polynesia have a delightful climate, and abound in the bread fruit-tree, taro-root, and other nutritious vegetables. They have no domestic animals but the swine and the dog, and both are used for food.

The natives are more mild and polished in their manners than most other barbarous nations; but dishonest and licentious in their character. Human sacrifices and the destruction of infants were formerly general among them.

ISLANDS NORTH OF THE EQUATOR.

THE PELEW ISLANDS, and the CAROLINES are remarkable for their fine climate, and are often resorted to by ships, as places of refreshment. The Pelew Islanders are very hospitable to strangers, and are superior to most other natives of Polynesia in honesty and chastity.

THE LADRONES, or Isles of Robbers, received their name from the character of the people; who have been accustomed to practise piracy, especially upon the Chinese vessels.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS are the most important group north of the equator. They are the resort of ships engaged in the whale and seal fisheries, in the Pacific Ocean; and they furnish large quantities of sandal wood for the Chinese trade.

The natives practise agriculture, and exhibit much ingenuity in some manufactures. They have improved in the arts by intercourse with Europeans. The king has formed a small navy, and carries on a profitable trade with foreigners. His palace, modes of living, and dress, are in the European style. The people of these islands have thrown away their idols, and Christian missionaries from the United States are now employed in communicating religious and other useful knowledge. The king and his courtiers are attending to their instructions, and the people are required to treat Christianity with respect.

ISLANDS SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR.

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THE FRIENDLY ISLANDS include the Feejee, and several other detached islands. The natives are remarkable for their neatness and skill in cultivating and enclosing their lands.

Tongataboo is the largest of the Friendly Islands. It is often stained with the blood of human victims, although these islands are remarkably free from wars.

THE NAVIGATOR'S ISLES are the most important and fertile group yet discovered.

in Southern Polynesia. The natives are uncommonly tall and stout, and remarkable for a ferocity of character scarcely found in any other part of Polynesia. Still they are industrious and ingenious, and exhibit much skill in some of their manufactures.

The MARQUESAS are said to be distinguished for the fair complexion and peculiar beauty of the people.

The SOCIETY ISLES, of which Otaheite is the largest, have attracted more attention than any others in Polynesia. They present the first example of a people converted to Christianity in modern times—an event accomplished by the labours of Christian missionaries, through a long series of discouragements and dangers. The people are now as much distinguished by their regard for religion and morality, as they once were for idolatry and licentiousness; and are advancing in knowledge and arts.

NOTES TO CANALS.

[To be read in connection with that subject, page 64.]

A route has been surveyed for a canal, connecting the tide-waters of the *Piscataqua*, at Dover, New-Hampshire, with *Winnepiseogee Lake*, which communicates with the *Merrimac River*.

Blackstone Canal is nearly completed, connecting *Worcester*, in Massachusetts, with *Providence harbour*.

A canal has been commenced, which it is proposed shall extend from *Northampton*, on the Connecticut River, to *New-Haven*, on Long Island Sound. It is also proposed to remove the obstructions in the Connecticut River as far as Barret, in Vermont, in order to render it passable for steamboats.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal extends from the sources of the *Laxawaxen*, a branch of the Delaware, to Kingston, on the Hudson.

Morris Canal is to connect the Passaic with the Delaware River.

The Lehigh River, a branch of the Delaware, is, by means of dams and locks, made navigable from the coal mines, for coal vehicles, called arks, to Easton, on the Delaware.

The *Schuylkill Canal* extends from Philadelphia to Mount Carbon, a coal region, near the source of the Schuylkill River. The whole length of the canal is 118 miles.

The *Union Canal* connects the Susquehannah, at Middletown, with the Schuylkill, at Reading.

The Delaware and Chesapeake Canal extends from the head of Chesapeake Bay to the mouth of the Delaware River.

The Ohio State Canal is to extend from Cleveland, on Lake Erie, to the mouth of the Sciota River. It is proposed to form canal navigation from Cincinnati, on the Ohio, to Dayton, on the Great Miami. It is calculated these will both be finished by the year 1831.

The Legislature of Georgia have recently directed surveys and estimates to be made, for the construction of canals, between the navigable waters of the state, entering into the sea, and the western parts of the state.

The Government of the United States have employed persons to survey a route across the peninsula of Florida, for a ship canal.

A canal, across the Isthmus of Darien, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, has long been contemplated. The distance is not great, but the difficulty of cutting through granite rocks is formidable; yet it is a work which will probably at no distant period be accomplished.

In studying canals, the pupil should be taught to draw them on maps, connecting rivers or places by straight lines, according to the description of the canals. It is found to be useful for students not only to copy from maps and charts, but also to exercise them in drawing from descriptions.

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G E O L O G Y.

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[This should be studied in connection with the “Structure of the Earth,” commencing page 20 of *Modern Geography*.]

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GEOLOGY is that science which shows the structure of the earth, and the materials which compose its surface, as far as man has penetrated into the interior.

It is found that *rocks lie over each other* in a certain order.

Geologists make five classes of rocks, viz. :—

Primitive,	Superincumbent, and
Transition,	Alluvial.
Secondary,	

It is supposed by Geologists, that the materials of the earth must have been, at some former period, in a fluid state ; that minerals were deposited from this state, the heaviest taking the lowest place ; and that the waters of the ocean once covered the tops of the highest mountains.

Every rock consists of one or more of the following homogeneous minerals ; all other minerals, found in rocks, are considered as *accidental*, and the study of them is called *Mineralogy*.

The simple minerals, which form what is called the Alphabet of Geology, are

Quartz,	Talc,	Limestone,
Feldspar,	Hornblende.	Gypsum, and
Mica,	Argillite or Slate,	Chlorite.

FIRST CLASS. *Primitive Rocks* include those compound rocks, which never contain any petrifications, nor any coal or salt. The strata are nearly perpendicular : they are the lowest rocks which have been discovered, and it is supposed they were formed before the creation of vegetables or animals.

The rocks belonging to this class are,

Granite,	Mica Slate,	Talcose Rock,
Gneiss,	Hornblende Rock,	Granular Quartz.

Granite is composed of quartz, feldspar, and mica ; it is found in vast quantities in many countries ; it constitutes a large portion of many of the highest mountains ; it forms a siliceous soil, not favourable to vegetation, and makes a beautiful and durable building stone.

Gneiss. This rock is composed of the same materials as granite, viz. quartz, feldspar, and mica; but the mica is arranged in parallel layers.

Mica Slate is composed chiefly of quartz and mica; the mica usually predominates. It disintegrates more rapidly than granite or gneiss.

Hornblende Rock consists of hornblende and feldspar; when the feldspar is in disseminated masses, it is called *Sienite*. The predominant colour of the rock is green, sometimes inclining to brown. The *Sienite* variety is susceptible of a high polish, and forms beautiful pieces for ornament.

Talcose Rock is an aggregate of talc and fine grains of quartz, and generally some mica. It is a slaty rock, and of a silver-gray colour.

Granular Quartz is made up of grains of quartz, without any appearance of cement: when white, its sand is used in making glass.

Granular Lime Rock is made up of grains having a crystalline appearance; it receives a high polish, and is much used for monuments, pillars, and in building.

Sparry Lime Rock is made up of fine grains of carbonate of lime: it resembles Nova Scotia plaster. From this stratum, nitrogen gas, in vast quantities, is supposed to issue.

Primitive Argillite is a homogeneous rock, of a slaty structure. It is used for roofing buildings.

SECOND CLASS. *Transition Rocks* include those rocks lying over the primitive, which sometimes contain shells, but never any petrifications of land animals or vegetables.

The rocks belonging to this class are,

Transition Argillite,	| Graywacke, and
Calciferous Sand Rock,	
Metalliferous Lime Rock,	
	Old Red Sand Stone.

Transition Argillite is a soft homogeneous rock, mostly of a bluish or dark colour. It composes the rocks of the Cohoes Falls. There seems to be very little difference between this and the Primitive Argillite, and it is thought proper, by some geologists, to include them all in one class.

Calciferous Sand Rock is composed of grains of quartz and carbonate of lime.

Metalliferous Lime Rock is of a gray or slate colour. It derives its name from being often found to contain silver and other metals.

Graywacke is an aggregate of sand cemented by clay.

often contains scales of talc and mica. The colour is usually gray. This rock constitutes most of the Catskill and Allegany Mountains.

Old Red Sand Stone is an aggregate of angular grains of quartzose sand, held together by a *ferruginous argillaceous cement. It forms a loose, red soil : it is valuable for building : when wrought, it is called *Free Stone*. It forms the bank of Connecticut River.

THIRD CLASS. Secondary Rocks. These lie above the transition, and appear like deposits, composed of grains which once belonged to primitive rocks. They contain petrifications of animals and plants.

The rocks of this class are,

Mill-stone Grit,	Calciferous Slate,
Saliferous Rock,	Geodiferous Lime Rock,
Gray Band,	Cornutiferous Lime Rock, and
Ferriferous Slate,	Pyritiferous Rock.
Ferriferous Sand Rock,	

Mill-stone Grit is a coarse, harsh aggregate of sand and pebbles ; the colour is gray, or reddish. It is used for mill stones.

Saliferous Rock constitutes the floor of all the salt springs in the western country. It is used in Rochester as a building-stone.

Gray Band is a hard, fine-grained gray rock, so compact that it may be considered homogeneous.

Ferriferous Slate is a hard siliceous rock, lying over iron ore. It often appears in the bed of the Western Canal.

Calciferous Slate. This rock often contains carbonate of lime ; it embraces beds of plaster and shell limestone ; it forms by disintegration the best of soils.

Geodiferous Lime Rock. The name is given on account of small cavities which it contains, called *geodes*. This rock is found at Lockport, and Niagara Falls.

Cornutiferous Lime Rock is made up of layers of shell limestone, containing beds of horn stone : from this circumstance it receives its name—the Latin word *cornus*, signifying a horn. This rock is remarkable for its numerous caverns.

Pyritiferous Rock is a calcareous gray rock, abounding in iron pyrites.

FOURTH CLASS. *Superincumbent Rocks* include those hornblende rocks which lie over other rocks, in a non-conformable position; they are considered by many geologists as of volcanic origin. These rocks are,

Amygdaloid, or Basalt, and Greenstone Trap.

Amygdaloid is an aggregate of hornblende particles; colour is dark gray, or brown.

Greenstone Trap is an aggregate of hornblende and feldspar. This rock forms the Palisadoes, on the Hudson River.

FIFTH CLASS. *Alluvial* includes deposits which are made of broken strata, consisting of clay, sand, and pebbles. This class is divided into three sections, viz.:

Antediluvial, before the flood; *Diluvial*, at the flood; and *Postdiluvial*, after the flood.

Plastic Clay, of a white, or gray colour: it contains some siliceous, but no calcareous matter; it contains gypsum and fullers' earth.

Marly Clay consists of a stiff blue, or blackish clay, and calcareous matter: it is found on the banks of the Hudson, at Albany.

Bagshot Sand consists of loose porous sand, of a brown colour. The barren soil on the banks of the Hudson River is mostly composed of this sand.

It is recommended to the teachers of this book, to procure a small cabinet of minerals. The whole number of specimens which form a complete system of Geology is only about thirty, and so common, as to be easily obtained.

