

SOUTH AMERICA.

I.—UP THE AMAZON.

Pa-na-ma' [-mah']. | **Ma-ra-jo'** [-zho']. | **Pa-ra'** [Pah-rah'].

1. SOUTHWARD from North America is *South America*. Like North America, it lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific. These two continents are connected by a narrow neck of land, named the *Isthmus of Panama*.

2. In the northern part of South America is an immense river, the largest in the world. Its source is in the far western part of the continent, near the Pacific Ocean. It flows eastward more than three thousand miles, through a vast, low plain, into the Atlantic. This is the *Amazón* River.

3. The mouth of the Amazon is so broad as to seem like a large lake; and its great mass of muddy, yellow water can be seen for many miles at sea, making its way through the clear blue ocean. Just at the mouth of the river is the large island of *Marajo*, dividing the stream into two branches, — one more than twenty miles wide, the other more than fifty. This island is covered with pastures and plantations, from which are sent cattle, rice, sugar, and fruits. On the banks of the Amazon, south of *Marajo*, is the city of *Para*.