

## THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

### LIFE ON AND IN THE OCEAN.

New'-found-land. | con'-ti-nent. | har-poon'.

1. EAST of North and South America, you remember, is the Atlantic Ocean. Beyond the ocean, are two other continents, — Europe, which is opposite us; and Africa, opposite Mexico and South America. At the north, the Atlantic joins the frozen ocean called the *Arctic* Ocean, on the shores of which the Eskimos live; and at the south it joins another frozen ocean called the *Antarctic* Ocean. You see that those parts of it must be very cold; but the middle is warm, like the lands beside it.

2. In every part of this ocean, are ships going to and fro between the continents that border it, carrying goods and people from one country to another. Great steamers, also, built on purpose to carry passengers, are constantly plying between our large seaports, like New York and Boston, and the ports of Europe. They go as fast as possible all the time, — day and night; but the ocean is so very broad, that they are six to ten days in crossing it.

3. Before people began to build steamers, it took much longer to cross the Atlantic. The ships go scarcely half as fast as the steamers; and if there is