

## THE INDIAN OCEAN AND AUSTRALIA.



Aus-tra'-li-a. | Mur'-ray. | kan-ga-roo' [*kang-*].

1. THE INDIAN OCEAN is south of Asia, and must be crossed in going from Asia or from Africa to Australia. Terrible hurricanes often occur on this ocean. One may be sailing in the morning with a pleasant breeze and clear sky, when suddenly he sees a small black cloud on the horizon. Soon it spreads, until it covers the whole sky, the thunder begins to roll, and the lightning flashes at every moment.

2. A terrific wind strikes the ship, the rain falls in torrents, and great waves rise like mountains of water. They dash themselves on the shore with a terrible roaring, covering it with the broken timbers of wrecked ships, and filling the air with white foam.

3. In parts of this ocean, there is a kind of oyster within whose shell are found the beautiful pearls worn by ladies in necklaces and other ornaments. These can be obtained only by diving, and seeking the oyster at the bottom of the sea, a very difficult and dangerous work.

4. AUSTRALIA is the smallest of the continents, being only about the size of the United States. It is south of Asia, and a long way from it; but the great islands of the Indies make a sort of bridge between them. The