

THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

mul'-ti-tudes. | vol-ca'-noes. | Whit'-sun-day.

1. THE PACIFIC, which separates Asia and Australia from North and South America, is the largest of all the oceans. It covers nearly half of the surface of the globe with one vast expanse of water. In different parts of it are multitudes of islands, besides the great ones near the continents. Many contain high mountains; and some were built up by volcanoes throwing out substances from within the earth.

2. But there are islands of still another sort in the Pacific Ocean. You may be sailing through the warm part of it, with nothing in sight but the broad blue waters and the sky, when presently you will discover, rising out of the sea before you, a grove of tall green palm trees. It is very strange to see them there, for they appear to be growing directly from the waves. But when you are nearer, you find that they stand on a flat island just high enough to prevent being overflowed.

3. Under the palms the ground is covered with plants of the richest green, and between them and the waves is a broad beach of sand as white as snow. Presently you see that what seemed to be only a long narrow island is a complete ring, with palm trees on all parts