

LESSON 12.

PRODUCTIONS OF THE EARTH.

The earth is inhabited by many millions of human beings, and also by a vast number of animals of different kinds, comprising Beasts, Birds, Fishes, Reptiles and Insects. The Vegetable and Mineral productions are likewise various and important.

Q. What are Vegetable productions?

A. Flowers, fruit, wheat, corn, coffee, tea, and other articles, that grow out of the earth.



A Flower.



Fruit.



Wheat.

Q. What are Mineral productions?

A. The various kinds of stones, with lime, coal, gold, silver, iron, lead, and many other things, that are dug out of the ground.

Gold and silver are called the precious metals, because they are the most valuable: nearly all our money is made of gold and silver.