



EUROPE.

1. EUROPE, though the smallest of the three great divisions of the eastern continent, is the first in importance, the most thickly peopled, and the best cultivated.

2. In modern times it has been the point from which civilization and knowledge have been extended to other nations, and its emigrants have peopled all the civilized countries of the other parts of the world.

3. Europe is deeply penetrated by large inland seas, and numerous gulfs, which afford great natural advantages for commercial pursuits. Its interior regions are well watered, though none of the rivers are of the first magnitude. The principal rivers are the Volga, Don, Dnieper, Danube, Tagus, Loire, Rhine, Rhone, Elbe, and Vistula.

4. Though the surface of Europe is greatly diversified, yet the mountains are inferior in extent and elevation to those of Asia and America. The principal ranges are the Dofrafields, Alps, Carpathians, Apennines, and Pyrenees.

Europe. Q.—1. What is Europe? 2. What has it been in modern times? 3. How is it penetrated? What is said of its interior regions? Which are the principal rivers? 4. What is said of the mountains?