

17. Hastings is renowned for the victory gained by William the Conqueror. At Bosworth, Richard 3d was defeated and killed. The battles of North Allerton, Durham or St. Nevil's Cross, Otterburn and Flodden Field, were fought between the English and Scots. At Newbury, Edge Hill, Marston Moor, Naseby, and Worcester, important actions took place between the forces of Charles 1st and the parliament. At the three last, Cromwell gained decisive victories.

18. The isles of Man, Wight, Thanet, Sheppey and the Norman islands, belong to England. The isle of Man was once a distinct kingdom; the people are called Manxmen; their language is very similar to that of the native Irish. The isle of Wight is the most fertile and beautiful of the smaller British isles. The Norman, or Channel Islands, are Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, and Sark; they have a mild climate and a fertile soil. Jersey is noted for cider.



Menai Bridge.

## WALES.

19. WALES is a mountainous and rugged region, situated westward of England. The soil is less fertile and cultivated than in that kingdom, but the products are the same.

20. The manufactures are chiefly of flannel, in which the Welsh excel. Iron, lead, copper, and coal abound. Vast quantities of iron, chiefly for rail-roads, are imported into the United States from Wales.

21. This country, previous to the year 1283, was governed by its own kings; but since that time it has been united to England, and the oldest son of the sovereign of England is styled Prince of Wales.

22. The strait, which separates Wales from the island of Anglesea, is crossed by the Menai bridge, one of the most remarkable of the kind in the world: it consists of strong iron chains, which connect arches of masonry, 560 feet apart; thus forming a safe and useful structure.

23. Merthyr Tydvil is the largest town in Wales. It is situated in the midst of numerous iron founderies and furnaces. Swansea is a noted resort for sea-bathing. Caermarthen, and Caernarvon, are both places of importance. The chief ornament of the latter is its castle once a stately edifice, but now in ruins.

Hastings, Bosworth, &c.? 18. What islands belong to England? What is said of Man? Wight? Norman isles? 19. What is said of Wales? 20. Manufactures? Minerals, &c.? 21. When was Wales governed by its own kings, &c.? 22. What is said of the Menai bridge, &c.? 23. Merthyr Tydvil, Swansea, &c.?