

What rivers flow into the Caspian sea? Va., Ul., Kr.—How long are the two first? What Mts. separate Circassia and Georgia? Cs.—What countries bound Georgia on the south? Ty., Pa.—What is the population of Orenburg? Astrachan? Derbent? Teflis?

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TURKEY IN ASIA.

1. **TURKEY IN ASIA** extends over some of the finest regions of that continent. It contained in ancient times a number of populous, flourishing, and important states; but ignorance, superstition, and barbarism, now cover the land; and few traces of its former civilization remain, except ruins.

2. The islands of the Archipelago, once celebrated for their wealth and prosperity, are now reduced to a more complete state of barbarism than even the continent. The principal of those still under the control of the Turks, are Rhodes, Samos, Scio, and Metelin.

3. Smyrna, on a gulf of the same name, is the chief emporium of Asiatic Turkey. Carpets, rags for paper, opium, figs, &c., are the chief exports. About 2000 Europeans, principally French, reside here, and form a society among themselves.

4. Trebisonde, on the Black sea, is the chief emporium in that part of Turkey. Brusa, Erzerum, and Diarbekir, in the interior, Bagdad, on the Tigris, and Bussorah, on the Euphrates, are important cities. On the Euphrates are the ruins of Babylon, the most splendid city of ancient times; whose walls, towers, and gates, were esteemed one of the wonders of the world; and on the Tigris, below Mosul, are the remains of Nineveh, the once renowned capital of the Assyrian empire.

SYRIA.

5. **SYRIA** has long formed one of the chief divisions of the Turkish empire. It was conquered in the year 1832, by the Pacha of Egypt; but in 1840, several of the great European powers assisted the Turks to reconquer it.

6. No country was anciently more celebrated than Syria. In the south was the country of the Israelites, and the birth-place of the Christian religion. Tyre and Sidon were renowned for their commerce; and Damascus and Antioch for their wealth and population. Baalbec and Palmyra, once splendid cities, are now in ruins.

7. Damascus, the capital of Syria, is one of the oldest places in the world; and is known to have existed in the days of Abraham. It is the most flourishing city in Syria, and carries on an extensive trade. Aleppo was the finest city in Syria. In 1822, it was nearly all destroyed by an earthquake; but is now slowly reviving. Tripoli and Beyrout, on the Mediterranean, are places possessing some trade.

Turkey, &c. Q.—1. Describe Turkey in Asia. 2. The islands of the Archipelago. 3. Smyrna. 4. Trebisonde, &c. 5. What did