



Tartar Caravan.

TARTARY.

1. **TARTARY** comprehends all the central part of Asia, stretching from the Caspian sea to the Pacific Ocean. Its great divisions are Independent Tartary, and Chinese Tartary.

2. Independent Tartary includes several small Mahomedan states, which are governed by princes called Khans. Chinese Tartary is annexed to the Chinese Empire, and has for the most part adopted the worship of the Grand Lama.

3. The inhabitants comprise several distinct races. Those of Independent Tartary and Little Bokhara are similar to the Turks. The people of Soongaria, or the Kal-zucks, and those of Mongolia, called Mongols, are the true Tartars. The Mantchoos, or people of Mantchooria, differ in some respects from all the others.

INDEPENDENT TARTARY, OR TURKISTAN.

4. **INDEPENDENT TARTARY** lies eastward of the Caspian sea. It comprises the Kirguis country and Turcomania, with the states of Khokan, Kliiva, Bokhara, and Koondooz.

5. The four last are inhabited by an industrious people, engaged in agriculture and trade. The Usbecks are the dominant race, and hence

Tartary. Q.—1. What does Tartary comprehend? 2. Independent Tartary include? Chinese Tartary? 3. What is said of the inhabitants? 4. Describe Independent Tartary. 5. Its states. 6. What is