

tains many palaces of the great lords, who must reside here part of the year. The buildings, on account of the frequency of earthquakes, are of one and two stories only, and are constructed of bamboo covered with mortar. The city is subject to dreadful fires, one of which, in the year 1701, consumed 100,000 houses.

9. Miaco is the religious capital of Japan; it is also the centre of its learning and science. It contains some very large palaces and temples. One of the latter, Fokosi, is 1000 feet long; in it is an image of Buddha, 83 feet high.

10. Osaca is, like Venice, intersected by canals. Nangasaki, in Kiusiu, is the only port at which foreigners are allowed to trade. The Dutch are here restricted to a small island, where they are allowed a space of only 600 feet long, by 120 wide, in which to carry on their business. Matsmay is the chief town on the island of Jesso.

Map No. 23.—What strait separates Corea from Nippon, &c.? Ca.—Which is the largest of the Japan Islands? Nn.—The next in extent? Jo.—How long is each of these islands? What strait separates Nippon and Jesso? My.—What island lies north of Jesso? Sn.—How long is Seghalien? What channel separates it from Mantchooria? Ty.—What islands north-east of Jesso? Ke.—Which is the largest of these? Sn.—What bounds Japan east? Pc.—How long and wide is the Pacific ocean? How far from Japan to Mexico? How many inhabitants has Jedo? Miaco? Osaca? Matsmay?

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AFRICA.

1. AFRICA is the third in size among the great divisions of the globe, being about one-third less than Asia, and three times larger than Europe. It is a vast peninsula, joined to Asia by the Isthmus of Suez.

2. It is almost wholly in a state of barbarism; yet, in ancient times its northern countries were among the most enlightened in the world. They still have written languages, but rank among the lowest of the half-civilized nations.

3. Africa is the hottest region on the globe. It lies mostly within the tropics; and the influence of its burning climate extends even to those regions which are in the temperate zones. The most striking feature is the Great Desert, which is 3000 miles in length, and 1000 in breadth. It is covered with sand and gravel; and appears like the bottom of a dried-up sea.

of the laws? Cutting to pieces, &c.? 8. Describe Jedo. 9. Miaco. 10. Osaca. Nangasaki. Matsmay.

Africa. Q.—1. What is said of Africa? 2. Of its state, &c.?