

116. What is a Tributary or Affluent?

A. A river which flows into another river.

117. What is a Firth or Estuary?

A. The widening of a tidal river as it approaches its mouth.

118. What is a Canal?

A. A large trench dug in the earth, and filled with water, to float boats from one place to another.

LESSON XIII. GOVERNMENTS.

119. What are the two principal forms of Government at present existing in the world?

A. Monarchical and Republican Governments.

120. What is a Monarchy?

A. That form of government which places the supreme power in the hands of one person.

121. What is an Absolute Monarchy?

A. A government in which the will of the ruler is the highest law.

122. What is a Limited Monarchy?

A. A government in which the power of the ruler is limited by fixed laws.



CORONATION OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

123. What is an Aristocracy?

A. A government conducted by a few persons, called nobles.

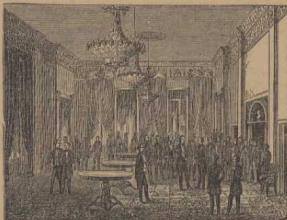
NOTE.—There is no purely aristocratic government now in existence; Great Britain is partly so, the House of Lords being mostly composed of a class called the nobility.

124. What is a Democracy?

A. That form of government in which the supreme power is in the hands of the people at large.

125. What is a Republic?

A. A country or state whose laws are enacted by representatives elected by the people.



THE PRESIDENT RECEIVING VISITORS.

126. What is the title of the chief officer of a Republic?

A. A President or Governor.

127. What title is applied to the ruler of a Monarchy?

A. King or Queen, to the ruler of a kingdom; Emperor, Czar, Sultan, or Mogul, to the ruler of an empire.

LESSON XIV. POLITICAL DIVISIONS.

128. What is an Empire?

A. The territory or country under a sovereign called an Emperor.

129. What is a Kingdom?

A. A country ruled by a King or Queen.

130. What is a State?

A. A division of a republic, united with others in a general government, but independent in regard to its own local affairs.

NOTE.—Most countries are divided, for administrative purposes, into Provinces, Districts, Counties or Shires; these in the United States are usually again divided into Townships, sometimes called Towns.