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CHINA is a very large and populous country, containing more inhabitants than all Europe, and the Chinese are an ingenious and industrious people. It is from China that we obtain tea, silk, and fine muslin. Peking and Canton are each larger than London. The rivers are joined by long canals, on which thousands of vessels are always engaged in trade. No person is thought to be good, unless learned. The children are all obedient to their parents, and respectful to their elders and superiors. The Chinese Empire is very
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Chinese Flower Seller.

THE Chinese marry very young. The proposal of marriage is usually made by the father of the young man, but generally an elderly lady is employed to negotiate the affair. The parties are not allowed to see each other till the lady is sent hom



Turks Selling Fruit.

THE Turkish people are indolent, much inclined to sleep, and very fond of drinking coffee and smoking tobacco. Turkey produces corn, coffee, figs, dates, grapes, and a great variety of other fruits; the air and climate of this country are very delightful.



People of Scotland.

SCOTLAND is the most northern, and therefore the coldest, part of Great Britain, and the people are very hardy and industrious. They dig vast quantities of iron and coals from their mines, which they send to England, and many other countries. They also obtain great quantities of fish from their seas and rivers; and, in those parts of the country where the land is fertile, they are excellent farmers. The music of the bagpipe is much esteemed by Scotch people.



People of Timbuctoo.

AFRICA is the hottest country in the world. Many of the interior parts are exceedingly rich and fertile, and many other parts are sandy deserts, inhabited by wild beasts, and people who live by suddenly seizing the cattle of other people in the adjoining countries. Some Africans are copper-colored, and some are black.

The above cut represents the inhabitants of the city of Timbuctoo, about ten miles from the river Niger.



Persian Ladies.

PERSIA has long been noted for its beautiful roses, its silks, and pearls, and other articles of fine and expensive dress. We read, in the Scriptures, of the kings of Persia; so we know it to be a very ancient nation, but it has, since that time, become much less powerful.

The Persians are very proud, although they are now become very poor. They are, like the Turks, Mahometans. Ispahan, the capital of Persia, is a large city.



William Tell.

SWITZERLAND is one of the most mountainous countries on the globe.

There once lived in Switzerland a man by the name of William Tell. A cruel governor, named Gesler, commanded Tell to shoot an arrow at an apple, placed on the head of his little son. Tell took a steady and careful aim; the arrow went whizzing through the air. It went straight to the mark, passed through the apple, and did not touch the little boy.



People of Spain.

SPAIN lies to the south-west of France. The people, as you see in the picture, dress very differently from what they do in this country. They are very grave and very polite. The men are great smokers.

Spain is a warm, pleasant country, and produces an abundance of oranges and lemons. Olive trees also grow there, of the fruit of which olive oil is made. There are also a plenty of grapes, of which the people make wine.



HERE is a picture of an Austrian lady. Austria, the country in which she lives, is near to Prussia. The largest city in Austria is Vienna. Near this city is a very beautiful place, called the Prater. It is laid out with walks and groves, and in summer multitudes of people may be seen there amusing themselves.

There are a great many strange sights to be seen at this place. A man has a bear dressed up like a soldier; this bear has a gun in his paws, which he carries about, looking as solemn and as proud as a militia man on training day.



People of Denmark.

HERE are some people of Denmark. The man, you see, appears to be telling the woman a story. Now what do you think this story is? I suppose he is telling her that if she will go home with him, and be his wife, he will get her a new gown, and a new bonnet, and will take good care of her.

The principal town in Denmark is Copenhagen. This is a large city, with many beautiful buildings in it.



People of Lapland.

LAPLAND is north of Norway, and is one of the coldest countries on the globe. The people are short in stature, and in winter live partly under ground, to keep away from the cold. They are so very ignorant as to believe their cold, dreary country to be the finest and the pleasantest in the world.

The Laplanders have no horses nor cows, but they have reindeer, which answer the purposes of both. These animals are swift of foot.



People of Norway.

NORWAY is another cold country, near to Russia. The people are called Norwegians. Here is a picture of Norwegians killing a bear. They were travelling along the coast, when they saw a great shaggy bear coming towards them. They turned round and faced the creature, and stabbed him with their spears, just as he was going to hug them with his huge paws.

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