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## PREFACE.

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In presenting to the public a new work on the subject of Geography, the authors claim for it nothing more than its name implies, viz. : that it is a HandBook of MapDrawing.

It is not intended to supersede the text-books of political and descriptive Geography now in use, but to accompany them, as a means of fixing more indelibly in the memory the facts therein contained.

The most effective mode of presenting a subject is through the sense of sight; and when a child has once sketched for himself the outlines of a country, drawn in the mountain-chains, traced the water-systems, and located the principal cities, he will have received more lasting impressions of its geographical features than could be obtained in any other way.

The necessities of the school-room demand a method of presenting the subject of Geography in a manner more natural and philosophical than has heretofore been adopted, yet so simple as to be within the comprehension of any pupil of ordinary capacity. We have endeavored in the present work to unite system with simplicity ; and after two years' experience in teaching Geography upon the principle herein laid down, we have no hesitation in recommending it to instructors as a work tending materially to lessen their labors, and greatly to facilitate the progress of their pupils in the study of Geography.

One advantage claimed for the work is that the grouping of the States and countries has been based upon the principle of climate and productions, so that when a scholar has learned what is true of one State or country, he may readily infer what is true in a great many respects of all the other States or countries contained in that group.

The work is specially adapted to be used in connection with Mitchell's New Series of Geographies, the figures having been constructed in accordance with his scale of maps.

If the work should tend in any degree to promote a more general interest in the subject of Geography, by making it more attractive to the scholar and more satisfactory to the teacher, our object will have been attained.

Cincinnati, June, 1869.

After the pupils can draw a correct outline, either on paper or slate, the map may be completed; and, in doing so, the natural order should be followed: first the mountains, then the water-systems (lakes and rivers), then the cities and towns, \&e. \&e.

By this means an indelible image of the map will be formed in the minds of the scholars, with an exactness of knowledge as to boundaries, mountain-chains, the rise and directions of rivers, location of cities, \&e., which could be aequired in no other way.

When the pupils have become familiar with the outline of the map, it is better to dispense with the lines of the figure, indicating it merely by points, inasmuch as heavy lines to a certain extent mar the beanty of the drawing. Thus, instead of actually drawing the lines of a square, it answers equally well to indicate it by four points, allowiug the pupil to imagine that the lines extend from point to point.

The letters employed in the construction of the figures serve to simplify the explanation, but are not intended to be used before a class, where the verbal explanation of the teacher will supersede the necessity of lettering.

While the map thus drawn is before the class, the teacher should endeavor to awaken an interest in the subject, and call forth the reasoning faculties of the scholars, by directing their attention to certain results which naturally follow certain physical conditions; such, for example, as the course of rivers following the general slope of the country; the influence of navigable rivers upon internal commerce; the effect of high mountain-chains, and of distance inland, together with that of distance from the equator, upon climate.

In a similar manner the judicious teacher will be able to draw out from the class certain facts concerning the nature of the soil and the kind of productions, as well as the general character of the cities, from their location.

In this way there is a constant appeal to the highest power of the mind-reason; and the subsequent labor of memorizing the lessons from their regular text-books will be rendered comparatively easy to the learners.

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## DESCRIPTIVE LESSON

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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE United States is situated in the central part of the grand division of North America, and forms the great southem slope to the Gulf of Mexico.
In the eastern part of the country is the Appalachian mountain-system, stretching from the river St. Lawrence to within a few miles of the Gulf. From this system extend two great slopes of land, the one towards the Atlantic Ocean and the other towards the valley of the Mississippi.

On the western side of the country are two great monntain-systems, the Rocky and the Pacific. Between these two ranges is the "Great Western 'Platean," abont 500 miles wide, and a little over 4000 feet above the level of the sea. The central part of this platean is called the "Great Interior Basin." This section contains a few fertile tracts of land, but in general the whole platean is sterile.

East of the Rocky Mountains lies a barren region parallel with the momutain-chain from north to south, and having a width in some places of about 300 miles. It is almost totally devoid of moisture, and consequently of vegetation. Between this region and the Alleghany Mountains lies the largest and most fertile valley in the world. It forms the sonthern part of the "Great Central Plain" of North America. It has been estimated that this valley is capable of sustaining 250 millions of people, or more than six times as many as are now in the whole of the United States.

The monntain-ranges in the western part of the country are rich in gold, silver, and quicksilver, while the Appalachian range is nuted for its coal and iron. Copper, lead, and iron are found in large quantities in the northern ridge between the Mississippi and Saskatchawan valleys.

The general direction and slope of the mountains determine in a great measure the course of the rivers, which may be classified under three divisions,-viz. : those that flow in a sontheasterly direction, down the Atlantic slope; those that flow down from the slopes of the Appalachians and the Rocky Mountains, uniting to form the Mississippi River, which is one of the largest in the world; and the two great rivers west of the Rocky Mountains, which flow in nearly opposite directions from the centre of the Great Interior Basin to the Pacific Ocean.

From the central position of the United States on the continent, it is subject neither to the intense heat of the Torrid Zone nor to the extreme cold of the Frigid Zone. It may be said to have three distinct belts of elimate, and consequently of productions. South of the parallel of $35^{\circ}$ the elimate is warm and moist, and the general productions are cotton, sugar, rice, and tropical fruits. Between the parallels of $35^{\circ}$ and $40^{\circ}$ the climate is mild, healthy, and pleasant, and the productions are principally corn, tobacco, and grapes; while the immense and well-watered plains atloml great facilities for the raising of cattle. North of the parallel of $40^{\circ}$ the climate is somewhat colder, and is favorable to the production of the different kinds of grain, such as wheat, barley, oats, \&e. But, in consequence of the great difference in the elevation of the comntry, these grains will grow much farther south in some States than in others.

The position of the great cities has been largely determined by certain natural causes. These are the water-powers afforded by the numerous struams, the proximity of rich agricultural districts and extensive mineral wealth, and the emme of the great highways of commerce, either forcign or domestic. While some of the cities repend upon several of these influences combined, New York, New Orleans, and San Francisco depend particularly upou foreign and domestic commerce; Lowell, Manchester, Worcester,- Hartford, Rochester, and other manufacturing towns, have grown up the rivers affiording excellent water-power; while Philadelphia and Pittsburg, in addition to their waterpower and facilities for commerce, have acquired great importance as mannfacturing eities from their proximity to the rich coal and iron regions. Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis are surrounded by great agricultural districts, and have becone the principal Western emporiums of domestic trade.

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