

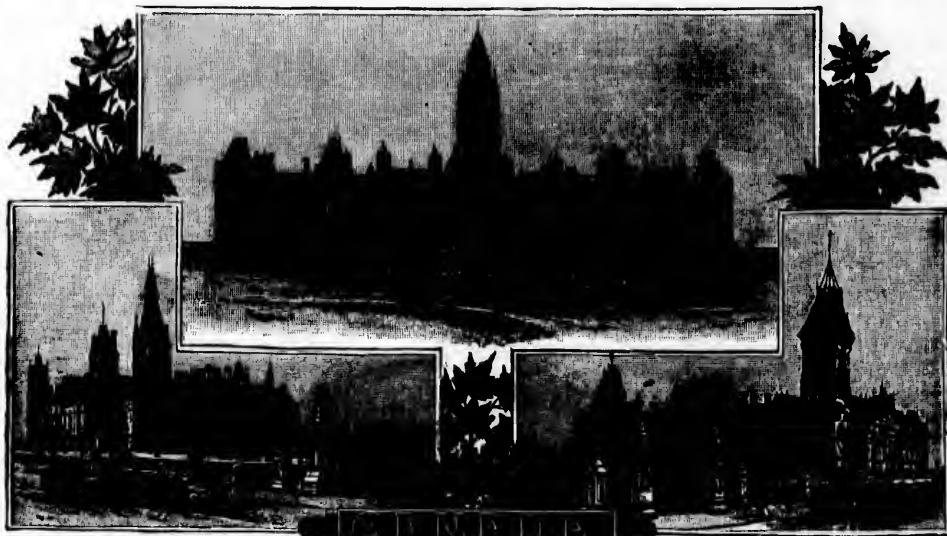
ORAL AND WRITTEN EXERCISES.

In what parts of North America do the most people live? How are they divided as to language? What river forms the boundary between the English and Spanish-speaking groups? Where do the people speak French? Account for this. Name the English-speaking countries of North America? To whom does each belong? Name the countries of Spanish America. Who are the natives of North America? Where do they live? In what ways do they now live? To what race do the Eskimos probably belong? Describe them as to stature, food, and houses. Name some of the fur-bearing animals of North America, the chief animals of prey, some of the birds, and some of the fish. In what part of the grand division do the most valuable fur-bearing animals live? Why? In what zones is North America? Through what countries do the Arctic Circle and Tropic of Cancer pass? What strait separates North America from the nearest grand division on the North-west.

Currents of Atlantic Ocean.

What ocean is east of America? The water of this ocean is in continual movement. There is a great stream of cold water always moving from the polar regions towards the equator. Such great streams are called *currents*. That from the north is called the Arctic current, while that from the south is known as the Antarctic current.

Besides these near the American continent there are two great streams of warm water flowing away from the equator towards the poles. The one flowing northward into the Gulf of Mexico is called the Gulf Stream. What strait south of Florida? The Gulf Stream flows out of this strait northward, not far from the eastern coast of the United States. As it proceeds on its course it spreads out to the north-east and reaches the western shores of Europe. During its course the Gulf Stream gives out an enormous amount of heat which makes the North Atlantic Ocean and the western part of Europe much warmer than they otherwise would be.



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20. Historical.

What large gulf is east of Canada? What large river empties into it? What peninsula is in the south-east of Canada?

Shortly after the discovery of America by Columbus, settlers from France began to occupy the valley of the St. Lawrence and the peninsula of Nova Scotia. These settlers did not cultivate the ground extensively but spent their time mostly in hunting, fishing, and trading with the Indians in furs.

What peninsula is in the south-eastern part of the United States? What plain extends between this peninsula and that of Nova Scotia?

While the French were settling on the St. Lawrence and in Nova Scotia, Englishmen were making settlements on the Atlantic coast. They came in parties, each party settling in a different locality. In time there were thirteen English *colonies*, or groups of settlements lying side by side and occupying almost the whole east coast between Nova Scotia and Florida.

In course of time, war occurred between the French colonists in Canada and the English colonists, and as a result Canada was conquered by Britain. The Canadians were allowed to use their own language, the French, and to practice their own religion, Roman Catholic. Shortly after this, the English