

island ruling over a very large portion of the world.

It has a population of over forty million, contains the largest and greatest commercial city in the world, and has a larger trade than any other nation. London, with its five millions of people, Liverpool with its docks, which skirt the banks of the Mersey for miles. Oxford and Cambridge, names synonymous with learning. Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield, Bristol, are a few of the many cities that England points to with pride; in Scotland are Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee and Perth, and in Ireland, Dublin, Londonderry, Cork and Belfast. What nation can equal these?

But it is not from her great commercial interests alone that Great Britain has derived fame. Go where you will, nearly every place figures in history. Flodden and Bannockburn, Naseby and Marston Moor, Hastings and Twekesbury, will never be forgotten, while at Runnymede was signed the Great Charter, which, although it has seen nearly seven centuries, is still a part of the British Constitution.

Added to all this, is the beautiful scenery of a large portion of the country; the lakes of England, Scotland and Ireland, being particularly famous. With such names to point to, is it a wonder that the Briton is proud of his country.

Then, as to the rest of Europe, Gibraltar is a very small place, but for it Spain would gladly barter a large slice of territory.

In Asia is Aden, guarding the en-

trance to the Red Sea and India. This latter country is counted the fairest jewel in the British Crown. With her mines of gold and diamonds, with her forests of ebony and rosewood, and her newly developing tea industry. Surely this is a favored country.

From India, Great Britain is advancing in both directions, annexing Burmah, and practically establishing a protectorate over Afghanistan.

Australia is the next Colony to take up. First brought into notice by its great gold fields; its great facilities for raising sheep, are receiving great attention, and large quantities of frozen mutton are annually exported.

South Africa is next with its diamond fields, where many diamonds of great value have been discovered.

Last, but very far from least, is Canada, whose great resources need no mention here.

It will be noticed that Great Britain has a number of very small Colonies. But if you look where these Colonies are, you will find that they are situated where they will do most good. And when Great Britain gets into a strong place she is in no hurry to leave it.

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### COLLARS.

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Now, there are several kinds of collars; dog-collars, lay-down collars, standing-up collars, and the regular patent double-action-all-wool-and-a-yard-wide-dude-collar. So that my title is a little ambiguous; but the collar I am going to speak about,