

Where are the two great groups of people in North America? Why are there hardly any people in the north of North America? Very few people live in the Rocky Mountain highlands, except in the south.

The group of people at the south of North America are mostly descendants of people who followed Columbus to America from Spain. They mostly speak the Spanish language and would probably not understand us if we talked to them in English.

These people were ruled for many years by the King of Spain. At last these Spanish settlers rebelled against Spain and made themselves free, so that now they make their own laws and govern themselves.

West of the Gulf of Mexico these Spanish settlers have formed a country called Mexico. South of Mexico between it and South America the land is called Central America. This consists of several small countries, most of which make their own laws.

The more northern and larger group are mostly descendants of people of British origin who settled there about the same time that the Spaniards made settlements in the south. Find the Gulf of St. Lawrence. About the same time the French made settlements along the St. Lawrence River and Gulf. Their descendants live there still and speak French. What is the name of that part of North America west and north of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River? Canada is owned by Britain. Most of the people speak English with the exception of the French Canadians mentioned above.

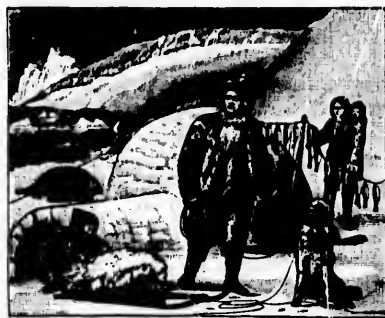
What country is south of Canada? The eastern part of the United States was settled by Englishmen and for a long time it was ruled by Britain. After a while these settlers rebelled against the King of Great Britain and took the country south of Canada for their own. They named it the United States of America. Other regions have been added to it since, so that now it extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. Find Alaska on the map. It belongs to the United States. What language is spoken in the United States?

What language is spoken by the southern group of people in North America? What language is mostly spoken by the other group? One important difference between these two groups is, therefore, that the language of the northern group is mostly English, while that of the other group is mostly Spanish. What river forms part of the

northern boundary of Mexico? This river may be said to separate the English-speaking from the Spanish-speaking people of North America.

Besides these, there still remain scattered over the whole of North America, many Indians or people of the red race. Many of these have settled on farms and dress and live like their white neighbors. Some, however, still roam about, and live by hunting and fishing as their forefathers did.

In the northern part of Canada are found people who, perhaps, belong to the yellow race—the Eskimos. They are very short, but muscular and active. They live entirely on animals—fish, seals, whales, etc. In the winter they live mostly in huts made of ice or snow. They clothe themselves in the



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skins of seal and caribou. They make excellent canoes of bones and hides, and they are very skilful canoeists. Their sledges, made of similar materials, are drawn by dogs. The Eskimos are skilful in the manufacture and use of their harpoons and spears, and, on the whole, are an intelligent people.

ANIMALS.—On page 35 you will find a picture of some of the animals of North America. There are many species of snakes; the rattlesnake is the most dangerous; it is found in parts of Canada and in most parts of the United States. The huge alligator is found in the marshes and swamps of the southern United States. The waters, inland and coast, abound in the most valuable fish. Some of the sea fish are the cod, haddock, halibut, mackerel, herring and salmon. Of fresh water fish there are the lake sturgeon, the salmon trout, the white-fish, the brook trout, maskinonge, and bass. Oysters, lobsters, and shrimps are found on the eastern shores of Canada and the United States in great quantities. Fur-bearing animals abound, especially in Alaska and Canada. Game birds of all kinds are numerous.