

LESSON 90.

Micronesia.

Q. Point out and state the position of Micronesia.
 A. It extends from the Equator to 28° N. latitude, and from the Philippine Isles to and including the Sandwich Isles.

Q. Point out and name the principal groups.
 A. The Bonin Islands; Ladrone, or Marianne Islands; Caroline and Pelew Islands; Marshall, or Mulgrave Archipelago; and the Sandwich Islands.

Q. Which is the most important of these groups?
 A. The Sandwich Islands, the natives of which have advanced in civilization. Capital *Honolulu*, on Oahu Island.

Q. Point out and name the largest of the Sandwich Islands.

A. Hawaii, or Owyhee, where Captain Cook was killed, in 1779.

Q. For what is Hawaii remarkable?

A. For its volcanoes, the principal of which are Mauna Rea, 13,950 feet, and Mauna Loa, 13,760 feet.

LESSON 91.

Polynesia, or South Sea Islands.

Q. State the position of Polynesia.

A. It forms the south-east portion of Oceania.

Q. Point out and name the principal groups.

A. Fiji Islands; Samoa, or Navigators Islands; Tonga, or Friendly Islands; Hervey, or Cook's Island; Society Islands; Austral Islands; Low Archipelago; Marquesas; and Easter Island.

Q. Which of these groups belong to Britain?

A. The Fiji Islands.

Q. What are their chief productions?

A. Cotton, sugar, coconuts, and bread fruit.

Q. Point out and name the largest of the Society Islands.

A. Tahiti, or Otaheite, "the gem of the Pacific."

Q. What nation claims a protectorate over these islands?

A. The French, who also claim the Low Archipelago and the Marquesas.

Q. What island in the Low Archipelago is of interest?

A. Pitcairn's Isle, the refuge of the Mutineers of H. M. ship "Bounty," in 1790.

Q. What is there remarkable respecting Easter Island?

A. There exist on it multitudes of rude stone statues, some of them of colossal size, and standing on long platforms of Cyclopean masonry. The present inhabitants have no tradition of the race that made them. Similar ancient monuments exist on many other of the Pacific islands.



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