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springs. The most noted mines of rock salt in the world, are those of Wieliczka in Austrian Poland. Vessels from Europe bring quantities of salt from the coasts of Spain.

RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS.

27. Name the largest rivers in the world ?

The largest river in the world is the Amazon, in South America. It rises in the Andes, in Peru, waters Brazil, and enters the Pacific Ocean after a course of 4,300 miles, its mouth being 120 miles wide. The Missouri and Mississippi united, equal the Amazon in length. The Yank-tse Kiang or Blue River, in Asia, and the Nile, in Africa, are about 3,000 miles long. The Volga, in Europe is about 2,400 miles. Then comes the St. Lawrence, in Canada, 2,220 miles long. It is one of the most beautiful rivers in the world, the second in rank for the mass of its waters, and the first for the facility its offers to navigation.

28. What are the loftiest mountains in the world ?

The loftiest peak on the globe is Mount Everest, in the Himalaya Mountains, in Thibet. It is 29,000 feet high (about five miles). The highest peaks in the other parts of the world, are, in South America, Mount Aconcagua, in the Andes (23,000 feet); in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro, in the Mountains of the Moon (20,000 feet); in North America, Mount St. Elias, (18,000 feet); in Oceania, Mount Mouna-Roa, in the Sandwich Islands (17,000 feet); in Europe, Mount Blanc, in the Alps (15,000 feet).

POPULATION AND GOVERNMENT.

29. Name the five parts of the world according to their population.

Geographers do not agree on the population of the