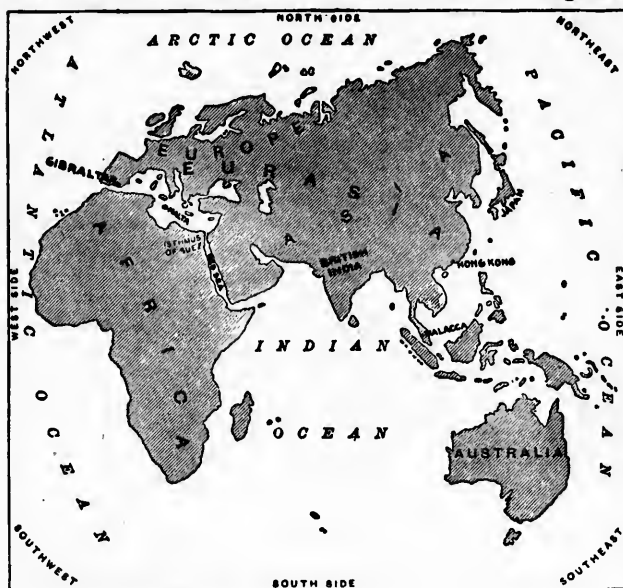


Where are the Indians of Canada mostly found at present? Describe a Mongolian as correctly as you can. Name the races of mankind whose homes are on the Eastern Continent.



8. Our Journey Eastward Completed.

We are ready to travel onward and explore the great Eastern Continent. Glance over the map again. Point out Great Britain where we landed. Follow the coast southward and find the narrow passage that separates Europe from Africa. A narrow passage of water that opens out into a broad body of water beyond is called a *channel* or *strait*. What name is given to a narrow neck of land? Let us go aboard our ship and head away to the south till we reach this strait which will be a gateway to our eastern trip.

Perhaps you think we might traverse this enormous continent by train. We could in certain directions, but the only railway route from sea to sea lies far north. Travel in Europe would be easy by a central route, but in the middle of Asia there are no good roads, and we should need camels, horses, and a well-armed guard to protect us on our way over wild plains, through dangerous passes, over lofty mountains, across sandy deserts full of rocks, and among wild and half-savage tribes of people. True,

we should see many odd ways of dressing, observe strange customs, and hear a great variety of foreign tongues we could not understand. But our ship will take us much sooner, and we shall see many countries with perfect safety.

Here we are at the famous *Strait of Gibraltar*, and we find a British fortress with 5,000 soldiers to guard the entrance to the inner sea. This one that stretches eastward between Europe and Africa is called the *Mediterranean Sea*. The name means "in the midst of the land," and a single look at the map explains the name. As we sail along eastward we have Europe on the left and Africa on our right. The sky is bright and clear and the weather decidedly warm. On both sides are countries through which we mean to travel by and by. This Mediterranean Sea is nearly as long as half the width of the Atlantic. Near the middle we find another British naval station to guard the sea. It is on a little island called *Malta*, on which the Apostle Paul was shipwrecked when he sailed over this sea long ago. Our



Gibraltar.

captain is steering for the *Isthmus of Suez* which joins Asia and Africa. Name another isthmus that joins two great continents. Find this one on the map. Do you think we shall be able to sail across this isthmus?