

"Although differing from the Atlantic in its general form, being more nearly land-locked to the north, the Pacific Ocean resembles it, in being open to the south, forming, in fact, a great projection northwards of that vast Southern Ocean of which the Atlantic is another arm.

"The Pacific is the largest expanse of water in the world, covering more than a quarter of its superficies, and comprising fully one-half of its water surface.

"It extends through 132 degrees of latitude—in other words, it measures 9,000 miles from north to south. From east to west its breadth varies from about 40 miles at Behring Strait, where Asia and America come within sight of each other, to 8,500 miles from California and China, on the Tropic of Cancer, and to more than 10,000 miles on the Equator, between Quito and the Moluccas, where the ocean is the widest. The area has been variously estimated at from 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 square miles; but defining its boundaries as above, Keith Johnston, from careful measurement, estimated it, with probably a near approach to the truth, at 67,810,000 square miles."

*Behring Sea.*

Johnston's "Dictionary of Geography." "That part of North Pacific Ocean between Aleutian Islands and Behring Strait."

"Imperial Gazetteer. Vol I. Harper's "Universal Gazetteer" and Murray's "Gazetteer of the World." Scotch work. Gives same description. "Is that portion of the North Pacific Ocean lying between the Aleutian Islands and Behring Strait."

*Definition of "Ocean."*

"Webster's International Dictionary." "The whole body of salt water which covers more than three-fifths of the surface of the Globe—called also the sea, or great sea.

"One of the large bodies of water into which the great ocean is regarded as divided, as the Atlantic, Pacific, &c., Oceans.

"An immense expanse; any vast space or quantity without apparent limits; as the boundless ocean of eternity; an ocean of affairs.

"Of or pertaining to the main or great sea; as the ocean waves; an ocean steamer."

"Worcester's Dictionary." "The vast body of salt water which surrounds the Continents and is the receptacle of their running waters; the main; the great sea; an immense expanse; those boundless oceans of eternity and immensity. Relating to the ocean."

"Richardson's Dictionary." Vol. II. "The main sea; anything wide, extended, or immense. as the main sea."