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Muscovite Tartary is subject to the Empress of Russia ; Chinese Tartary to the Emperor of China ; other parts of Tartary have their own Princes, or *Chams*, and some are subject to Persia and the great Mogul.

The Tartars are in general strong made, stout men ; some are honest and hospitable, others barbarous and live by plundering. The beauty of the Circassian women is a kind of staple commodity in that country ; for parents there make no scruple of selling their daughters, to recruit the seraglios of the great men of Turkey and Persia. They avoid all labour as the greatest slavery. Their only employment is tending their flocks, hunting and managing their horses. If they are angry with a person, the worst they wish him is, that he may live in one fixed place, and work like a Russian.

The first acknowledged sovereign of these dismal territories, was the famous Jenghis Khan, A. D. 1206. His descendants possessed it till 1582, when Mungls revolted to the Manchew Tartars, who reign in China. The Eluths became an independent state about 1400, and so remain.

C H I N A.

CHINA is bounded on the north, by part of Tartary ; east, by the Pacifick ocean ; south, by part of the Indian ocean ; west, by India, without the Ganges ; 1450 miles long, 1260 broad.

The principal rivers are, the Yamour, Argun, Yellow river and the Tay ; besides a prodigious number of navigable canals, which are very convenient. Great numbers of the Chinese live constantly on the waters in these canals.

This empire is said to contain 4400 walled cities ; the chief of which are, Pekin, the capital, Nankin and Canton. Pekin is reckoned to contain 2,000,000 inhabitants. The city is entered by seven iron gates, within side of each is a guard-house.

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The Emperor of China is absolute. He is, however, obliged, by a maxim of state, to consider his subjects as children, and they regard him no longer than while he behaves like a parent. The Emperor is styled, *Holy Son of Heaven, Sole Governor of the Earth, Great Father of his People*. The present Emperor is descended from a Tartarian family ; for about 150 years ago the Tartars overran and conquered this fine country. However, Tartary may now rather be said to be subject to China, than China to Tartary, since all the wealth of the United Empire centres in China, and Tartary is no small addition to its strength.

Natural religion, as explained by their celebrated philosopher, Confucius, is the established religion of China. But the greater part of the people are gross idolators, and the most numerous sect are those who worship the idol Fohi, which was brought from Tibet, soon after the death of our Saviour. The Mahometans have been tolerated in China for 6 or 700 years, and the Jews much longer. Christianity had gained considerable footing in this empire by the labours of the Jesuits ; but in the year 1726, those missionaries being suspected of designs against the government, and teaching doctrines destructive of it, were quite expelled, and the Christian churches demolished.

It is said that China contains 158 millions of inhabitants, between 20 and 60 years of age, who pay an annual tax. The Chinese in their persons are middle sized, their faces broad, their eyes black and small, and their noses rather short. It is thought good policy to forbid women from all trade and commerce, which they can only benefit by letting them alone. The women have little eyes, plump, rosy lips, black hair, regular features, and a delicate, though florid complexion ; the smallness of their feet is reckoned a principal part of their beauty, and no swathing is omitted when they are young, to give them that accomplishment ; so that when they grow up, they may be said to totter rather than to walk.

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