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## A F R I C A.

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**A**FRICA is situated south of Europe, and surrounded on all sides by the sea, except a narrow neck of land about 60 miles over, called the Isthmus of Suez, which joins it to Asia at the north end of the Red sea. Africa is about 4300 miles in length, and 3500 in breadth ; and lies chiefly in the torrid zone, the equator running through the middle of it. Here once dwelt the Queen of Sheba, who, on paying a visit to the magnificent King Solomon, stood amazed at his wisdom and the glory of his court. Here we find a race of people quite black, supposed to be descendants of *Ham*.

Africa will be considered under the seven following divisions :

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Egypt,               | 5 Guinea,              |
| 2 Barbary,             | 6 Ethiopia,            |
| 3 Zaara or the Desert, | 7 The African Islands. |
| 4 Negroland,           |                        |

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## E G Y P T.

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**B**OUNDED east, by the Red sea and the Isthmus of Suez ; west, by Barca ; north, by the Mediterranean ; south, by Nubia and Abyssinia ; 600 miles in length, and 350 in breadth, including the Deserts.

Grand Cairo, the capital, is one of the most populous cities in the world, and a place of great trade and riches.

The air of Egypt is for the most part very hot and unwholesome ; but the soil is exceedingly fruitful, occasioned by the annual overflowing of the Nile, which leaves a fattening slime behind it. Those parts not overflowed by the Nile are uncultivated, sandy and barren.