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barren. Egypt produces corn, rice, sugar, flax; linen, salt, sal ammoniack, balsam, and various sorts of fruits and drugs.

Egypt is governed by a Bashaw sent from Constantinople, being a province of the Turkish empire. The Turks and Arabs are Mahometans. Mahometanism is the established religion of Egypt; but there are many Christians called Copts, and the Jews are very numerous.

Egypt is famous for its pyramids, those stupendous works of folly. The Egyptians were the only people who were acquainted with the art of embalming or preserving dead bodies from putrefaction. Here is the river Nile, celebrated for its fertilizing inundations, and for the subtle, voracious crocodiles which inhabit its shores. This was the theatre of those remarkable transactions, which make up the beautiful and affecting history of Joseph. Here Pharaoh exhibited scenes of cruelty, tyranny and oppression towards the Israelites in the course of their 400 years bondage to the Egyptians. Here too Moses was born, and was preserved in the little ark, among the flags on the banks of the Nile. Here, through the instrumentality of this great man, the Egyptians were afflicted with many grievous plagues, which induced them at last to *let Israel go*. Here Moses, with his rod, divided the Red sea, and Israel passed it on dry land; which the Egyptians attempting to do, were overwhelmed by the returning of the waters. To this scene, succeeded the Israelites' memorable 40 years march through the deserts of Arabia, before they reached the land of Canaan.

B A R B A R Y.

B A R B A R Y (including Bildulgerid) is bounded south, by Zaara; east, by Egypt; north, by the Mediterranean;—west, by the Atlantick ocean. Length 2300 miles, breadth 700.

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