

The non utiful so

Natural B

OM De

the threat

of Estern

and the bo of the ja

water, by large to

harbors 21

egion don

tables In

on. Lynn

ys and mir

nd cats he

ngahela ne

nited Sm

opular satt

the com ng petrika

the princip

t works

rn States

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

DESCRIPTION.

(See Map Questions on pages 37 and 39.)



Gathering Cotton SURFACE AND DRAINAGE

1. This division includes ten states, the Indian Territory, and a tract of public land. It extends from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rio Grande, and embraces more than one fifth the total area of the United States.

For convenience, the division is mapped in two sections.

2. Surface.-Nearly two thirds of this division are continuous low plains; one third is broken. The highlands are: the Appalachian Mountains in the east, the low Ozarks in the north, and some spurs of the Rocky Mountains in the extreme west.

Black Dome (6,707 ft.), in North Carolina, is the highest peak of the Appalachian system. The eastern chains of this system are connected by cross ranges, forming inclosed valleys. The western ranges assume the form of plateaus, which have abrupt eastern slopes, but descend gradually on the west to the Mississippi valley. West of the Mississippi, the plains rise imperceptibly to a height of more than four thousand feet.

3. Rivers and Lakes .- The Mississippi is the most important river of this division.

At high water, the surface of the river is higher than much of the adjacent land. To protect this land from overflow, levees, or embankments, have been built on either bank of the river. The earth and sand brought down by the current settle to the bottom at the mouth of the river. This deposit is constantly increasing the size of the delta, which is advanced into the gulf about 300 feet every year. The jetties are two parallel walls, erected at the expense of the United States Government, at the mouth of the river, to keep open a channel through this deposit deep enough for ocean steamers.

4. Most of the large rivers of the Southern States are navigable in their lower courses. Those flowing from the Appalachian Mountains afford much water-power. There are many swamps and small lakes in the southern part.

CLIMATE AND RESOURCES.

5. Climate.—The coldest portion is the highland region of the Appalachians, where the mean temperature is nearly as low as that of northern Maine. The lowlands have the warmest climate in the United States.

6. The rain-fall is abundant in the greater portion of this division, but decreases rapidly in the extreme west, where many of the streams dry up entirely during the summer.

7. Vegetation.—The soil, except in the extreme west, is fertile; remarkably so along the Mississippi River. Vast forests of yellow-pine cover much of the eastern half. There are also many evergreens, such as live oak, magnolia, and palmetto.

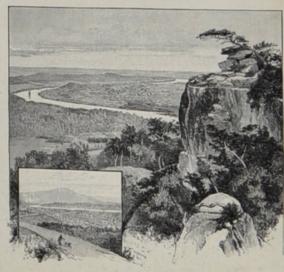
8. In the Appalachian Mountains are found coal, iron, copper, lead, gold, and marble. Coal is also found in Arkansas and in the Indian Territory.

9. Inhabitants.-This division contains over one fifth of the population of the Union. Almost all of the inhabitants are of French and Spanish settlers. More than one third of the population is colored.

10. Occupations.-Agriculture is the chief occupation. Three fourths of the cotton in the world are produced in these states. Corn, wheat, oats, and other grains are raised in the north; rice, sugar-cane, and semi-tropical fruits, in the south.

QUESTIONS.—1. How many divisions in the "Southern States"? Describe their extent.—2. Surface. What mountain systems are represented?—3. What is the most important river?—4. Are there many navigable rivers? Which streams furnish good water-power? What portion is swampy?

5. Describe the climate.—6. The rain-fall.—7. The soil. What trees abound?—8. What minerals are found, and where?—9. What proportion of the population of the United States does this division contain? Mention some leading facts about the inhabitants.—10. What is the chief occupation? The principal crop? Name other productions besides cotton.



Lookout Mountain

II. The low, swampy lands along the coast are covered with forests of pitch-pine, which yield turpentine, tar, resin, and lumber. The central part of the state is fertile and well adapted to cultivation. The western part is mountainous and adapted to grazing. The mountains are very rich in minerals.

Wilmington exports naval stores and cotton. Raleigh is the

capital. Charlotte is an important railroad center.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

12. South Carolina is nearly as large as Maine. The coast is bordered by islands and swamps, which produce the fine "seaisland" cotton and more rice than any other region of the Union. Phosphates and marls, for making fertilizers,

and porcelain clay are among the valuable minerals. Almost two thirds of the population are colored.

Charleston, the second largest city in the Southern States, is an important commercial point. Columbia is the capital; Greenville is the largest town in the

GEORGIA.

13. Georgia is one of the richest states in this section. It has a varied surface and climate, and vast mineral wealth. Rice and sea-island cotton are cultivated along the swampy coast;

the central part of the state is well adapted to cotton and corn. Coal, iron, and some gold are mined in the north.

Atlanta, the capital, is an active railroad center. Savannah is the most important port of this section on the Atlantic coast. Augusta, Macon, and Columbus, at the head of navigation on the Savannah, Ocmulgee, and Chattahoochee rivers, respectively, have fine water-powers and many cotton factories.

FLORIDA.

14. Florida is very thinly settled. The surface is level and but slightly above the sea. Early vegetables and oranges are the principal productions. Its mild and equable climate attracts

many tourists and invalids during the winter. Key West, on Thompson's Island, is the largest town, and is noted for its cigar manufactories and sponge fisheries. Jackson: wille is a great winter resort. Pensacola and Fernandina are the important ports. Tallahassee is the capital. St. Augustine is one of the oldest towns in the Union.

TENNESSEE.

15. Tennessee lies within the Mississippi valley. East Tennessee is mountainous, and includes a part of the Cumberland plateau; it is very rich in minerals and timber. In middle and western Tennessee, stock-breeding and the cultivation of corn, cotton, wheat, tobacco, and hemp are the principal industries. The Cumberland River is navigable in its whole course

through the state; the Tennessee River is navigable to Knox-

Nashville, the capital, is the center of trade in a rich and fertile region. Memphis is a commercial city; Chattanooga has many iron foundries; Knoxville is the chief town in the east.

ALABAMA.

16. The Cumberland plateau enters the northern part of the state. The cultivation of cotton and corn are leading occupations. Coal and excellent iron ore are mined in the north,

while lumbering is an important industry in the south. Mobile is a great cotton port. Montgomery is the capital. Selma, with some manufactories, and Huntsville are centers of trade.

QUESTIONS.—11. Describe the coast region of North Carolina. Central and western parts. Chief cities.—12. How large is South Carolina? Describe the coast and its productions. Its minerals. What race is the most numerous? What is the chief city? Where is the capital?—13. What is said of Georgia? Its surface, climate, and minerals? Principal products? The capital? The most important sea-port? Three other cities?—14. Describe the surface of Florida. Climate. Products. Five largest towns. What and where is the capital?—15. Describe the location of Tennessee. Its surface. Its native wealth. Products. Its two great rivers. The capital. Three other important cities.—16. Describe the surface of Alabama. What are the chief crops? Minerals? The principal cities? What and where is its capital?



Rice Fields.

Bound South Carolina.—What part is mountainIs?—Name a high peak.—What rivers form the Name three other capes on the Gulf coast.-Wha are swampy ?--Wha River.-Name two rivers east of it.-What is the half of the section ?-Describe the Altamaha.-The rivers.-The Tombigbee.-What three rivers drain Europe lies east from Albemarle Sound?-Wha Bound North Carolina.-What part is mountainous?-What mountains on the western boundary ?-Describe four rivers.—What is the capital ?—What state?-Describe the Ogeechee River.-The city on the Bound Tennessee.-What is the character of the the Mobile ?- Describe the Coosa and the Alabam eastern part?-Of the central?-Of the western?in the south lies farthest south south?-What town on the Cape Fear River? ast?-In the north-west?-In the extreme south north-western part of the section ?-What towns south-east from it?-What sea-port What two large rivers flow through the ital?-What city in the west?-What two south ?-Describe the antee?-What is the capital?-What mountains ?-Name chain.-What plateau west of the south?-In the east? surface?-Describe the Perdido the Atlantic coast?-On the St. point in Asia lies west from it? section general direction of all the part of the section is What town west from What parts of the cape of the arge lake in the



MISSISSIPPI.

17. Mississippi is in no part more than 800 feet above the sea. It is the greatest cotton-producing state in the Union. Corn, wheat, rice, sugar-cane, and fruits are also raised. Lumbering is an important industry in the southern pineries.

Vicksburg and Natchez are leading towns. Jackson is the capital; Meridian is a railroad center.

LOUISIANA.

18. Louisiana embraces the delta of the Mississippi, and has many lakes, bayous, and swamps. Cotton and corn are leading crops. More sugar-cane is raised than in any other state; rice is cultivated, as well as oranges and other semi-tropical fruits.

New Orleans, the metropolis of this division, has the third largest foreign commerce in the Union. Its chief exports are cotton and grain. Streepport is the principal town in the northwest. Baton Rouge is the capital.

TEXAS

19. Texas is the largest state in the Union; it would make six states as large as Pennsylvania. In the northern and western parts it is hotter in summer, colder in winter, and much drier than it is along the coast. Agriculture is the chief pursuit in

the southern and eastern parts. In the north-west are enormous herds of cattle, besides many horses, hogs, and sheep.

Galveston, the largest city, has a good harbor, and exports great quantities of cotton. San Antonio and Houston are important centers of trade. Austin is the capital. Dallas is a growing town in the north-east.

ARKANSAS.

20. Arkansas is level except in the north-west, which is broken by spurs of the Ozark Mountains. Agriculture is the leading pursuit. Corn, cotton, and wheat are the staples.

Little Rock is the capital and chief city. Eureka Springs and Helena are important places. Hot Springs is a noted resort for invalids. Pine Bluff is a center of trade.

INDIAN TERRITORY

21. The Indian Territory is a region set apart for Indian tribes who have been removed from their original homes. Several of the tribes, such as the Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Creeks, have their own forms of government, with governors, legislatures, and judges. Agriculture and cattle-breeding are the chief pursuits. The towns are few and small. *Muskogee*, *McAllister*, and *Vinita* are among the largest.

22. West of the Indian Territory is a portion of Public Land, which does not form a part of any state or territory.

QUESTIONS.—17. Describe the surface of Mississippi. What is its leading crop? Name some other products. Name an industry in the interior. Name and locate the capital and chief towns.—18. Mention several surface features of Louisiana. What are the leading crops? Describe New Orleans. Where is Shreveport? What and where is the capital?—19. What is said of the area of Texas? Of its climate? Chief pursuits? Describe Galveston. Name and locate three other towns. What and where is the capital?—20. What mountains in the north-west part of Arkansas? What is the chief pursuit? What are the staple products? What and where is the capital? Where are three other cities?—21. For what is the Indian Territory set apart? Name some of the tribes. How are they employed? Name and locate the principal towns.—22. What body of land west of the Indian Territory?



A Scene in Texas.

from Missouri ?--What other mountains in the north?-What other part is mountainous?-Name arge plain in the west?--What large river in the large river between the Trinity and the Colorado Rio Grande.-What part of Europe is in the same Name four of the largest bays on the south mountains in western Texas.-Wha coast.-What mountains extend into this see as northern Arkansas?—What point in the same latitude as New Orleans? two important tributaries to the Arkansas River What river empties into Galveston Bay?-WI sippi?-Name two large western tributaries River.near the mouth of into Matagorda rivers?-Describe an important Mississippi.-Describe the Red What part of Asia is in the latitude as northern large river empties east?-What lake some of the Africa is

Bound Mississippi.—What is the most hilly part of the state?—What is the largest river rising in the center of the state and emptying into Mississippi Sound?—What two rivers empty into the Mississippi?—What is the capital?—What two cities on the Mississippi?—What city on the Tombigbee Rive?—What other city in the eastern part? Bound Louisiana.—What large river forms a delta in this state?—Name two other rivers.—What two lakes on the western boundary?—Name two

the north-west?

Bound Texas.—How does it compare with the other states in size?—What parts contain mountains?—Name four large rivers lying wholly within the state.—What is the capital?—What city on one of the coast islands?—Name three other cities in the southern part.—Name two in the north-east.—Three west of these.—What city on the Brazos?

Bound Arkansas.—What mountains in the north-

west?-What large rivers cross the state, and empt

Mississippi ?—What lake in

eastern part?-What is the

About how far from the mouth of the Mississippi River is New Orleans?—What three lakes almost

Name two other cities on the Mississippi River

in the state.-What is the capital?

other lakes

surround the city? [See corner map.]-What city

ppi?

Bound the Indian Territory.—What mountain
the south-west?—What river receives most of th
ainage of the Territory?—Name two norther
uturaies of the Arkansas.—Name several India
uturaies of the Arkansas.—Name several India
tions.—Bound the tract of Public Land.

IAP OUESTIONS

