"The Man and the World."

A scholar, laboring on a weighty social treatise, wished to divert the attention of his accomplishable young daughter. He cut out a map of the world from a newspaper, and shifted it into a number of odd-shaped pieces, and sent her away to put the world together again. She worked for an hour or two, but fifty minutes later she was back announcing that the map was all laid out on the floor.

"How did you get it together so quickly?"

"That's easy, dad," was the answer. "I merely turned the pieces over, and on the other side I saw a picture of a man. I just put the man together, and when the man was put together right, the world WAS RIGHT!"

DO YOU KNOW?

1. Which is the largest church in the world?
2. Which is the largest island in the world?
3. Which is the largest equatorial forest in the world?
4. Which is the longest bridge in the world?
5. Which is the largest canal in the world?
6. Which is the greatest meat producing country in the world?
7. Which is the centre of silk industry in the world?
8. Which is the greatest soap manufacturer in the world?

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A. St. Peter's in Rome. B. Greenland. C. Amazon. D. E. Lower Zambezi in Africa. 2. a. 3. b. 4. a. 5. b. 6. a. 7. a. 8. a.

A good grasp of facts is always a desirable accomplishment.

"The Continent of Ice."

THE Antarctic (or Antarctic) Continent is a vast mass about the size of the United States and Australia combined--fifth largest of the continents. The land is essentially continental in type and only coastal regions have the characteristics of the Southern Continent. The warmer climate at the pole of insularity offers refreshment to the traveler. All along the coast there is a great variety of animals which have never before been seen in the world. The continent is a land of ice and snow, and the temperature is always below freezing. There is no permanent animal life on the continent, but many rare and little-known species have been discovered there. The continent is the northernmost point of the earth. The highest point on the continent is Mount Everest, which is seven miles above sea level. The continent is divided into two parts: the Antarctic Peninsula and the Antarctic mainland. The Antarctic Peninsula extends from the South Pole to the South Magnetic Pole. The mainland, which is divided into two parts, is the largest continent in the world.

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Yet there is no reason to believe that the lands actually exist at the bottom of the world, as they are "as plain as a pancake," and are never seen by anyone. Thus the existence of a semi-tropical vegetation over parts of Antarctica about 200 million years ago, remains one of the great unsolved mysteries of geography.

Which was Papa?

Lingling was a lovely girl. Though only seven years old she had already tasted the bitterness of heartbreak. Two years ago her mother died, and she had only papa to love and play and talk with. . . . . . . . so little Johnny's papa might be lonely, he changed himself into a beautiful butterfly fluttering round her all day long. Papa concluded the story with a crookedness on Lingling's curls.

"A butterfly might die one day, and what will become of Johnny then?" she thought. "And when papa should leave me behind for ever, what would become of me? I would become a star for a star never dies and I will never be afraid of the cold."

After the accident Lingling could never set eyes on her beloved papa again. All the candies and pretty clothes her mother brought her could never bring another happy smile upon her lips. The death of her father pleased her with unspeakable grief.

In the stillness of the yard, she would sit there for hours to examine one of the millions of twinkling stars, but which one was papa? She wondered as she slowly put her thumb between her lips and stared and stared. . . . . . . . . (St. Clare's School)

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