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**The Coast of Norway**

The coast of Norway is noted for its irregularity and natural scenery. No other place has gathered such a universal charm. The Semi Tropical meets the Arctic with a rugged background of glacier topped mountains. Here is seen the phosphorescent light of southern seas mingling with the splendor of the Aurora.

The length of coastline as measured across headlands is about seventeen hundred miles but if the actual shore line is followed the distance is over twelve thousand miles so the fjords themselves have a coastline which on a line would reach nearly half way around the world.

These remarkable inlets were formed by the scouring of glaciers during the Ice Age and a subsidence of the land leaving deep inlets among the mountains and having narrow openings to the sea. The water of the fjords is in some cases, over a mile deep and is generally tranquil, except where mountain torrents leap down. The fjords are surrounded by lofty mountains with glaciers in their upper valleys.

A large section of the coast lies within the Arctic Circle yet the water of the most northerly fjords never freezes over. This is a great contrast with the shore of America opposite in this latitude. Of course the difference is owing to the Gulf Stream which enables navigation to be extended around Norway and reach the European ports on the Arctic Ocean.

The most noted of fjords are found in the section of coast from Hardanger to Troughjem. We shall attempt a general description of them in order. Hardanger is the most southerly of the famous fjords. The mountains about

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**Bulgaria**

The country known as Bulgaria was originally inhabited by Tracians who were subjected by the Romans and the territory formed a province of the Empire under the name, Moesia. After the downfall of Rome it was overrun by the Goths and Huns in turn and later occupied by certain Slavonian tribes and lastly by the Bulgars, an Ural-Altaic people from the banks of the Volga where Bolgary their capital was situated. They crossed the Danube in the sixth century and settled in the Eastern side of the Balkan Peninsula.

The Bulgars adopted the language and customs of the conquered Slavs and soon developed into a great Slav power which in the tenth century dominated the greater portion of the peninsula and for a long time successfully resisted the Byzantine Empire but at length was partially subjected in the year 1018 but the lost power was recovered by a successful rebellion in 1086 and they kept out all invaders until overcome by the Turks about the same time that Serbia was conquered by them.

The Turks were held back many years by the combined efforts of Serbia and Bulgaria who at one time pressed them to the very walls of CONSTANTINOPLE but shortly after the Serbian disaster at Kossovo the capital of Bulgaria was taken and the power of the Ottoman Empire dominated.

A revival of national traditions began during the latter part of the eighteenth century due principally to the writings of a monk named Paisios, who wrote the National Chronicles that contained the accounts of their former glory. The national interest gained rapidly aided by a new literature. Schools were established in 1835 and newspapers a little later. The Crimean war helped to arouse their Slav spirit.

The Bulgars early accepted Christian

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**Important Announcement**

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We have set apart this page of OUR PAPER for a SCHOOL and FARM Section. It will contain SPECIAL INFORMATION along the line of work prescribed for the public school as well as the general principles of agriculture as outlined by the specialists at work on its different branches.

A column will be devoted to questions and answers on points that may arise in school work.

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