



**Across**

3) The most extensive and remarkable rainless region on the earth is a vast tract \_\_\_\_\_ (EXTEND) through the interior and northern part of Africa, and the southwestern part of Asia.

**Down**

1) Such an ascent as that of a few hundred feet in hundreds of miles would be wholly imperceptible to any ordinary mode of \_\_\_\_\_ (OBSERVE);  
 2) The Red Sea penetrates into this tract from the south, and thus breaks the outline and \_\_\_\_\_ (CONTINUE) of its form, without, however, altering, or essentially modifying its character.

## Across

6) (...) and the great rainless region, accordingly, of Africa and Asia is, as it appears to the traveler, one vast plain, a thousand miles wide and five thousand miles long, with only one considerable \_\_\_ (INTERRUPT) to the dead monotony which reigns, with that exception, every where over the immense expanse of silence and solitude. The single interval of fruitfulness and life is the valley of the Nile.

9) If the exuberant abundance of animal and vegetable life shut him out, in some measure, from regions which an excess of heat and moisture render too prolific, the total \_\_\_ (ABSENT) of them still more effectually forbids him a home in these.

10) As it is, there are no such mountains. The whole tract is \_\_\_ (NEAR) level, and so little elevated above the sea, that, at the distance of many hundred miles in the interior, the land rises only to the height of a few hundred feet above the surface of the Mediterranean; whereas in New Grenada, at less than one hundred miles from the sea, the chain of the Andes rises to elevations of from ten to fifteen thousand feet.

## Down

4) They become, therefore, vast wastes of dry and barren sands in which no root can find \_\_\_ (NOURISH), and of dreary rocks to which not even a lichen can cling.

5) It divides it, however, and to the different portions which this \_\_\_ (DIVIDE) forms, different names have been given.

7) The Asiatic portion is called Arabia Deserta; the African tract has \_\_\_ (RECEIVE) the name of Sahara; while between these two, in the neighborhood of Egypt, the barren region is called simply the desert.

8) The whole tract is \_\_\_ (MARK), however, throughout, with one all-pervading character: the absence of vegetable, and, consequently, of animal life, on account of the absence of rain.