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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF PARIS AND THE SEINE RIVER, FRANCE

This beautiful city is Paris, the capital of France. The river you see is the Seine. You will notice that the Seine divides and that between its two branches is an island. That island has a long, interesting history, and the people of Paris call it "La Cité," which means "The City." Over twenty centuries ago there was a tiny village on that island, the village that was the beginning of the great city, Paris. Perhaps the people chose that spot for a home because it was easier to cross the river there than at many other places. Now Paris extends along the level plain on both sides of the Seine. One very noted building on "Ile de la Cité" is Notre Dame, the wonderful cathedral of Paris. *Can you see its two square towers?* On this island is also the "Palais de Justice." Perhaps you can guess, by its name, that in

that building are the law courts. All along the Seine are beautiful buildings and gardens.

At the water's edge are many wharves which remind us that Paris is a great industrial city. Perhaps the barges in the view are loaded with coal or steel for the Paris factories. Paris manufactures machinery and many tools, such as doctors and dentists use.

Paris is the great fashion center of the world. Its factories make and its shops sell every beautiful garment a woman could wish to buy. Lovely dresses, coats, embroideries, fashionable hats, purses, even soaps and delicate perfumes, all are made and sold there.

In the section of the city opposite this end of the island, to the right, live and study thousands of students, many studying art.

We must think of Paris as a capital, and as a center of industry, fashion, and education.