

ARCHÆOLOGIA AMERICANA.

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To collect in a condensed form the principal facts relative to ancient America, was the object contemplated by the writer. In the numerous volumes written on this very interesting subject, enough appears certain to warrant the statement, that in America are found the remains of Empires whose ending, it would seem, is older than the beginning of the Pyramids of Egypt.

The circular works of the Danes and Saxons so frequently found in England in connection with the Pentagon or Doomring of Denmark, stretching in a continuous line from Brownsville in Pennsylvania, through Wisconsin, Canada, Greenland, and Iceland, to Sweden direct, is strong evidence of the migration of the Danes or Saxons, at some unknown time to this Continent.

Humboldt says that in Canada he had seen lines of defence and entrenchments of extraordinary length, the work of some people belonging to the early ages, and that amidst the extensive plains of Upper Canada, dykes of a considerable length, weapons of brass, and sculptured stones are found, which are the indications that it was formerly inhabited by industrious nations.

In various earth-works of the West, are found the Murex shell—a sea shell from which the ancients