

# THE NATIVE RACES

OF THE

## PACIFIC STATES.

### ANTIQUITIES.

#### CHAPTER I

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The present volume of the NATIVE RACES OF THE PACIFIC STATES treats of monumental archæology, and is intended to present a detailed description of all material relics of the past discovered within the territory under consideration. Two chapters, however, are devoted to a more general view of remains outside the limits of this territory—those of South America and of the eastern United States—as being illustrative of, and of inseparable interest in connection with, my subject proper. Since monumental remains in the western continent without the broad limits thus included are