

lands—was supposed to be the ‘Ultima Thule’ of the Greeks. The Roman poets, inspired probably by Greek traditions, make frequent mention of a great continent in the ocean far beyond the shores of Europe and Africa. Seneca, one of their most celebrated writers, in his drama of ‘Medea,’ prophesies that in future ages, when the secrets of Oceanus should be revealed, new worlds would be discovered, and ‘Ultima Thule’ would no longer be the extremity of the habitable globe. This prophecy has been literally fulfilled, though at the time it was most likely considered a wild dream by the Roman generals and statesmen, who were too deeply engrossed in securing the vast territories they had subdued to bestow a thought upon the gloomy ocean which formed the western boundary of the Empire.

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