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THE FORGOTTEN PAST.

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AMERICAN Archæology has of late assumed a highly important position in scientific research. The time is past when it is possible to exclaim with a writer who had visited this Continent, that : " Nothing is known of Ancient America ; not even a ruin exists there to lead the imagination to things of old."

Now that ruins of cities have been discovered over an extended area, indicating the existence of a community of civilized nations ; the attention of the Savants of Europe is drawn thitherward, and to the importance of such new material in the study of our race in this part of the world.

No theory has yet been definitely adopted, and none is likely to be generally received, in regard to the first people that inhabited America, until much further research has been made. The subject is constantly being further elucidated by the solution of new questions, and it is thus the