

## APPENDIX

### Explanation of Terms

- Affluent**, a tributary ; a stream flowing into a river or a lake.
- Alameda**, a public walk between rows of trees ; a pleasure ground [Spanish].
- Alkali**, a general name for substances like potash and soda.
- Alluvial**, formed of material carried down by running water.
- Antarctic**, belonging to the extreme south ; opposite to the Arctic.
- Arable**, suitable for agriculture ; literally, fitted for ploughing.
- Archipelago**, a group or cluster of islands ; an island-studded sea ; so called from the *Ægean* Sea, which the Greeks called the *Archipelago*, or "Chief Sea."
- Arctic**, belonging to the extreme north.
- Arsenal**, a place where warlike stores, naval or military, are kept.
- Artesian Wells**, deep wells bored to reach underground water ; named from Artois, in France, where such wells were first made.
- Atmosphere**, the sphere or shell of air which surrounds the earth.
- Avalanche**, a mass of snow and ice sliding down a mountain ; a snow-slide.
- Axis**, the imaginary line passing through the earth, round which it rotates.
- Bank**, a part of the sea bottom which rises towards the surface, causing shallow water.
- Barge**, a flat-bottomed boat for carrying goods.
- Barrens**, tracts of land too cold for vegetation.
- Battery**, a place on which cannon are mounted.
- Bazaar**, a Persian name applied to a market-place or exchange ; a fair.
- Beach**, a sloping sandy or pebbly shore.
- Billow**, a large wave.
- Bluff**, a high, steep bank overlooking a river, plain, sea, etc.
- Bolas**, heavy balls joined by ropes, thrown so as to entangle and trip up an animal.
- Bore**, the wave formed by the tide flowing rapidly up a narrow bay or an estuary.
- Boulevard**, a broad promenade or street bordered with trees, named from such walks formed upon the demolished fortifications ("bulwarks") of a town.
- Brackish**, salt to the taste ; between salt and fresh [from old word *brack*, salt].