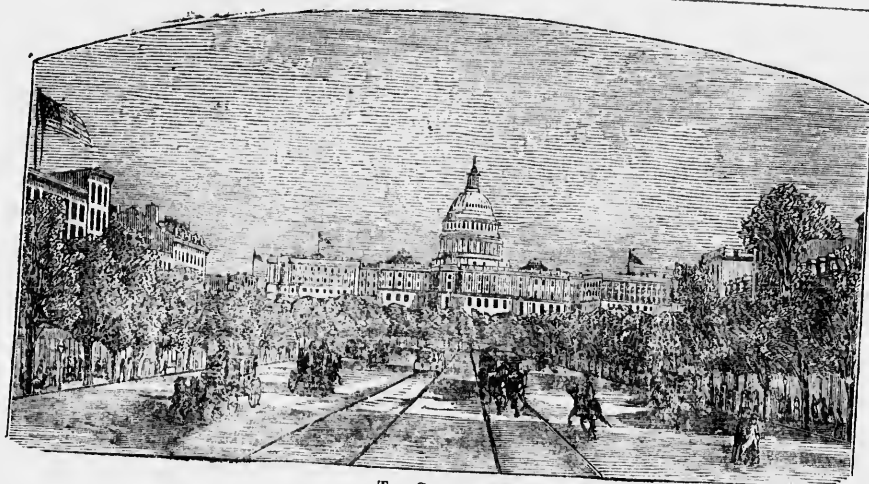




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LESSON XXX.

UNITED STATES.

Area : 3,010,000 sq. m.—Pop. : 38,549,500.

1. The **United States** comprise that part of North America bounded by Dominion of Canada on the north, and Mexico on the south, the Atlantic on the east, and the Pacific on the west.
2. At the Declaration of Independence, in 1776, the number of States was thirteen ; they now number thirty-seven, eleven Territories, and one Federal District.
3. The *climate* is variable. In the north it is very warm in summer and very cold in winter ; in the middle, temperate.
4. Between the Alleghany and the Sierra Madre Ranges flow the Mississippi and Missouri rivers from north to south. The former has many branches, the principal of which are : the Arkansas, the Ohio, the Kansas, and the Yellow Stone.
5. Four of the great Canadian lakes form part of the boundary between the States and Canada. Lake Michigan lies entirely in the States.
6. The *population* of the United States is composed of different races, each having its character, its aptitudes, its language, and its religion.
7. The Protestant *religion*, divided into several sects, is the most numerous.
8. The English *language* is generally spoken.
9. The *government* of the United States is a Federal Republic of which the chief officer is called the *President*. Each State has its own local government.
10. *Industry* is exercised in all branches of trades and arts.
11. *Commerce* is as considerable as that of any of the commercial countries of Europe, except England. The numerous railroads and canals which are spread over the Union afford great facilities to commerce.
12. The *products* are numerous and valuable. The chief minerals are, gold, silver, quicksilver, iron, coal, copper, lead, lime, gypsum, and salt. All kinds of fruits and cereals are raised : Oranges, pine-apples, bananas, apples, pears etc. ; wheat, corn, cotton, sugar, etc.
13. *Washington*, population 109,200, is the capi-