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THE COUNTRY OF THE IROQUOIS

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SPECIAL interest in the prehistoric life of the Iroquois race led me last year to take a hasty trip through their ancient country in the valley of the Mohawk River.

In July I went from Montreal to Syracuse, which is a few miles north of Onondaga, the capital of the Five Nations and seat of what was at first the most influential of the five tribes. At the north-west end of Syracuse lies Onondaga Lake, leading down to the Seneca and Oswego rivers by which the Onondagas reached Lake Ontario. Near the city are the celebrated historic Salt Springs, the outflow from chemical works connected with which gave a strange aspect of ice-like lakes to the place. To the west was the Seneca River, on the upper waters of which lay the territories of the Cayugas and of the numerous and powerful Senecas, while to the north-east lay the