

held by our most eminent anthropologists; but it obliges them to admit the existence, in prehistoric times, of an isthmus connecting Europe with America. At the time of the retreat of the glaciers, the reindeer, who were then so abundant in the South of Europe, retreated to the northwest in search of colder climes; and the people, who had such urgent need of that animal, followed their emigration; from which followed the population of Eastern America.

The Esquimaux are rapidly diminishing in number, owing to the ravages which phthisis is making among them. They are the most peaceful and hospitable of men, and their character offers much to admire.



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