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THE STRANGE STONE MONUMENTS OF BRITTANY AND CORNWALL.

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THE LANYON CROMLECH IN CORNWALL.



THE French province of Brittany is dotted with thousands of strange stones, of all sizes and shapes. There is scarcely a parish in the whole country that does not boast of one or more of these reminders of a prehistoric people and their mysterious religion, and the fact that so little is definitely known regarding them only serves to arouse one's curiosity. The great number still standing are, moreover, but a tithe of the total that once covered the land, for where hundreds are intact, thousands have no doubt

been destroyed during the centuries. It goes to prove that Brittany was once densely populated by a strange and yet virile race, the only traces of which are these curious obelisks, of natural boulders, which are still held in superstitious awe by many of the peasants.

According to some scholars, these early Europeans were known as the Iberian race, which originally came from Asia, crossed the Caucasus to Southern Russia, making their way northward to the Baltic and the Low Countries and thence to the British Isles. Another branch apparently swept the shores of the English Channel, occupying Brittany, Spain and