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PLAIN SPEAKING.—I hope to utter nothing in the course of these lectures inconsistent with the courtesy of a gentleman, the patience of a scholar, and the candour and charity of a Christian. Any other line of conduct would disagree with the seriousness of my purpose, my consciousness of responsibility, my compassion for those whom I believe to be wrong, my reverence for the truth which I have to defend, my confidence in its power, and my persuasion that ~~As~~ its effects would be weakened if my spirit were to misrepresent it. But on the other hand it would be repugnant to my nature, and unaccordant with my moral convictions, to search for gentle words when the strongest expressions are imperatively demanded. If we must sometimes have it so, *give us veracity before blindness*. I would rather perish in the iron gripe of an unpalatable truth, than be dandled and caressed by the velvet paw of deception and falsity. Be not offended with me if I call what I feel compelled to believe is inconsistency—inconsistency; falsehood—*falsehood*; hatred—*hatred*; nonsense *nonsense*; stuff—*stuff*.—*The Logic of Atheism*. Lect. I. Pp. 3, 4. By the Rev. HENRY BATCHELOR.

## ARCHÆOLOGIA AMERICANA.

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To collect in a condensed form the principal facts relative to ancient America, was the object contemplated by the writer; it is not to be expected that one who has neither seen the places or antiquities mentioned in the numerous volumes written on this very interesting subject should vouch for the authenticity of all the statements in these publications set forth, but enough appears certain to warrant the statement, that in America are found the remains of empires whose ending, it would seem, is older than the beginning of the Pyramids of Egypt.

1. The circular works of the Danes and Saxons so frequently found in England in connection with the Pentagon or Doomsring of Denmark, stretching in a continuous line from Brownsville in Pennsylvania, through Wisconsin, Canada, Greenland, and Iceland, to Sweden direct, is strong evidence of the migration of the Danes or Saxons, at some unknown time to this Continent.

2. Humboldt says that in Canada he had seen lines of defence and entrenchments of extraordinary length, the work of some people belonging to the early ages,

and that amidst the extensive plains of Upper Canada, dykes of a considerable length, weapons of brass, and sculptured stones are found, which are the indications that it was formerly inhabited by industrious nations.

3. In various earth-works of the West, are found the Murex shell—a sea shell from which the ancients are said to have procured the famous Tyrian dye, used in coloring the royal robes of kings. This shell is known to have been highly esteemed by the Hindoos, and is used by the Brahmins as the musical instrument of their gods; what better evidence is necessary to prove at some unknown period of time the existence of a Hindoo population in this country?

4. Joseph Merrick, Esq., in 1815, was levelling some ground on Indian Hill, after having conveyed away earth, &c., to some depth, he discovered a black strap, about six inches long, and one and a half broad, about the thickness of a harness trace, having at each end a loop; he cut it open and found four pieces of parchment of a dark yellow hue, having on them quotations from the old Testament, written with a pen in Hebrew, plain and legible.