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After residing a twelvemonth in Canada, I visited the United States, a country, whose *real* state and condition is almost as little known in England, as that of Canada; and the manners and disposition of whose inhabitants are seldom viewed but through the false medium of popular prejudice. Whatever truth there may have been in the accounts given of the United States by former writers, they present at this day, but imperfect or distorted pictures of the country and its inhabitants. Those who have not seen the United States for the last twenty years, would be astonished at the alteration that has taken place. No country, perhaps, ever increased in population and wealth, or rose into importance among other nations, more rapidly than the United States. Within the space of thirty years they have emerged from the obscurity of colonies, into the rank of independent States; governed by a constitution altogether novel in the pre-