

in the face of things, public works are conceived, planned, and executed on so great a scale and with such promptitude, that it is not at all surprising that a distant writer should be entirely baffled in his attempts to describe the country as it is. The ZOOLOGICAL section has alone been retained, but it has been much enlarged, chiefly from a later work of Mr. Swainson's; and some general remarks upon the shells of the United States have been added. For the account of the GEOLOGY of our country, the reader is indebted to Prof. Rogers, of the University of Pennsylvania. The BOTANICAL section has also been prepared by a gentleman of high reputation in the scientific world. The Editor is painfully sensible of the imperfection of the other parts of this Chapter, but he trusts that the difficulties of the subject will obtain for him the indulgence of the reader.

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