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THE HURON RACE AND ITS HEAD-FORM.

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In Europe we not only discern certain well-defined groups, of distinct ethnical character, within the great Aryan family of nations; but also Moorish or Arabian, Hungarian, Turkish, and other intrusive elements of comparatively modern origin; ancient Basques, Fins, and Lapps, of essentially diverse classification; and far beyond all, in point of time, Allophylians of diverse types: the barrow and cairn-builders of pre-historic times. The varying elements of race thus indicated, are accompanied by corresponding diversities in their stages of progress and phases of civilization. There is no risk that any crude generalizations should there shape themselves into a theory of ethnical homogeneity.

On the American continent it is wholly different; and by its very contrast to Europe in all that pertains to ethnographic classification, the actual extent of its diversities is apt to be ignored. The interval between the most advanced arts of Mexico or Peru, and the barbarism of Patagonia or Greenland becomes so slight, by comparison, as to be undervalued; and the ethnologist is left to search out the traces of distinctive diversity, in part by comparative study of the languages of the New World; and in part by determination of the physical characteristics of its races. As yet the materials for any comprehensive system of generalization are wanting. The following monograph on