

THE NAME.

Although the name Scandinavia is generally applied to the Peninsula occupied by the countries of Norway and Sweden, in a stricter use of the word, it should also include Denmark, Iceland and the Faroe Islands, and the islands adjacent to any of them, in as much as likeness of language and historic memories link them together in the manner in which Serbia is linked to Russia and the whole people termed Slavonic.

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Very little is known of Scandinavia and its people during the period before the advent of the Vikings, but it is thought, from discoveries that have been made, that man's first appearance in that region must have taken place about B.C. 5000. Denmark seems to have been inhabited, first of all, at a time when the Baltic Sea was a fresh-water lake. Sweden and Norway were first trodden by foot of mankind at some later period. These ancestors of the Scandinavian people lived by hunting and fishing, apparently they spent their days in wandering from place to place, and had no domesticated animals save the dog. Perhaps the original dwellers in the land were driven out by an