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## AMERICAN ANTIQUITIES

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A LOFTY summit, on a range of mountains, called Ararat, in Asia, furnished the resting place of the Ark, which contained the progenitors of both man and animals, who have replenished the Globe since the era of the Deluge.

Ararat, is a chain of mountains, running partly round the southern end of the Caspian, and is situated between the Caspian and Black Seas ; in latitude north, about 38 deg. agreeing with the middle of the United States, and is from London a distance of about two thousand four hundred miles, in a southeasterly course, and from the city of Albany, in the United States, is nearly six thousand, in an exact easterly direction, and the same latitude, except a variation of but three degrees south.

We have been thus particular to describe the exact situation, as generally allowed, of that range of mountains ; because from this place, which is nearly on the western end of the Asiatic continent, Noah and his posterity descended, and spread themselves over many parts of the earth, and, as we suppose, even to America, renewing the race of man, which well nigh had become extinct from the devastation and ruin of the universal flood.

But that the flood of Noah was *universal*, is gravely doubted ; in proof of which, the abettors of this doubt, bring the traditional history of the ancient Chinese. Professor Rafinesque, of the city of Philadelphia, confessedly a learned and most able antiquarian, has recently advanced the following exceedingly interesting and curious matter.