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MEXICO;

ITS COINAGE AND DIFFICULTIES ATTENDING IT, AT THE
PERIOD OF ITS CONQUEST BY THE SPANIARDS.

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THE Numismatic history of Canada and the United States of America, from their earliest existence to date, has been so well nigh exhausted by the ablest numismatists of both countries, that little remains to be said; and although neither place can lay claim to antiquity in its coins or medals, there has been nevertheless a wide field to engage the attention of those interested in the study.

We also find many in either country who have made deep researches into the numismatic lore of Europe and other Continents, yet but little has been published upon the numismatic history of Mexico; a country, which in comparison with others of this Continent, presents a much older,