



VIEW OF AMERICAN FALL.—Niagara Falls at one time presented the spectacle of one solid wall of water emptying the entire river, but centuries of erosion have diverted the flow until now, and for many years beyond the memory of man, the cataract is divided into what are known as Horseshoe Fall and American Fall. It has fallen to the lot of the United States—because of the deeper channel that forms the boundry line between this country and Canada—to acquire a greater share of the Falls, as well also quite three-fourths of the islands in Niagara River.