

projections are irregular, yet all the stones are joined with the same exactness. The walls are about fifteen feet high, and three or four feet thick at the base, narrowing upwards. The doors of the palaces were made of such a height as to allow room for a chair in which the Inca was carried on men's shoulders into his apartment, the only place in which his feet touched the ground. It is not known whether these palaces had stories, nor how they were roofed, as the Peruvians, like the natives of Mexico and Guatimala, were ignorant of the arch.

Near Atun Canar, is another palace or fortress of the Incas, the largest, best built, and most entire in the country. It is two hundred and thirty-three feet in length, with very thick walls, built of hard and well-polished stone. The long galleries contain niches like sentry-boxes, and many of the walls are full of hollows resembling cupboards, ornamented with beads. This building contains a great number of apartments, and the walls make a great many irregular angles. In the centre of the space which they enclose is an oval tower. A little stream flows at the foot of the wall. Many other ruins are to be seen in various parts of the country, most of them in desert places, without any vestige of a town or village near them. The more irregular are thought to be the work of the Indians before they were reduced by the Incas. A great number of mounds or tumuli, are also scattered over the territory, which, on being opened, are found to be tombs. They are commonly sixty feet high, and a hundred and twenty feet in length. The bodies are found in cells of brick or stone. They also, contain various utensils of copper and gold, stone mirrors, and axes.

The Araucanians are the most martial and courageous of the South American Indians. They inhabit the country south of Chili, and have sustained an almost uninterrupted war with the Spaniards for three hundred years. Their exploits have afforded a subject for the finest heroic poem in the Spanish language; the Araucana of Don Alonzo de Ercilla, celebrates, in thirty-several cantoes, the heroic defence which this brave nation made against the European invaders. The Araucanians have never been subdued. In person, they are of a moderate stature, strong, muscular, exceedingly well built, and they have naturally a very manly air. Their color is a little lighter than the other Indians and they often attain to the age of eighty, without a gray hair. They are exceedingly jealous of their honor, hospitable, honest, generous and humane to the enemies they conquer. When engaged in a campaign, they are indolent, addicted to intoxication, presumptuous and haughty. Their dress is generally