

that prompts Gray's countrymen, even while boasting of his discoveries, to covet a footing in defiance of the tenth commandment, on the Strait of Fuca. But the northern half, with its countless nests of natural harbours, is destined to be the ruler of the Pacific ; and of all the colonies there is not one that is so likely to become a congenial nurseling as the screened and serrated coasts of the North-west Archipelago.

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