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## THE CANYONS OF THE COLORADO.

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BUTTES OF THE CROSS.

GEOLOGISTS have demonstrated that the entire basin of the Colorado was once covered by a continuous sheet of soft middle and upper cretaceous shales, of which scattered mounds and millions of loose fossils remain, the surfaces between being firm lower cretaceous sandstone, or still older rocks. There is no doubt that, previous to the erosion of the gorges, the tableland was buried under two thousand feet of soft strata, all of which has been carried away except these fragmentary relics, which, being of a harder composition than that surrounding, or of volcanic formation, have obstinately resisted denudation. The