

further investigation. Many who purchased the last edition will regret that they did not wait for the author's final revisions; but we presume that he had no intention at the time it was issued of going over his work again, even if he had the hope of living so long. It is a matter of general congratulation that his life and vigor have been spared, and that he is still engaged with all the energy of youth in his important literary works. The octavo volume, just issued, is a fine specimen of book-making, in clear type, on good paper, and is neatly bound."—*New York Observer*.

"During the half-century, or almost that time, since the issue of Mr. Bancroft's first volume, much new light has been shed upon the characters and events of the period covered by the 'History,' and no small proportion of it is due to the controversies aroused by the volumes as they successively appeared. Mr. Bancroft stood stoutly by his original text until the time came for the issue of the revised edition of 1876, when it was evident that he had carefully studied the criticisms his work had received during the preceding forty-two years and had profited by them. Now comes the announcement that he is engaged in a thorough and last revision of the whole work. The ten volumes of the original edition, and the two volumes issued last year, are to be wholly revised, rewritten where necessary, and the twelve volumes of the former issues comprised in six handsome octavo volumes. The entire work will thus be given at exactly half the price of the original edition, while, judging by the first installment, it will certainly lose nothing by comparison so far as appearance goes, and will be more valuable as embodying the latest information and containing the last touches of the author's hand."—*Cleveland (Ohio) Herald*.

"There is nothing to be said at this day of the value of 'Bancroft.' Its authority is no longer in dispute, and as a piece of vivid and realistic historical writing it stands among the best works of its class. It may be taken for granted that this new edition will greatly extend its usefulness."—*Philadelphia North American*.

"While it is not quite true that the marks of Mr. Bancroft's revision of his great history of the United States are visible on every page, a careful comparison of the earlier editions and this shows that the claim to improvement is by no means ill-founded. Sometimes whole paragraphs have been cut out; still oftener the extravagances of a youthful style have been carefully pruned, and the gain has been manifest in sobriety and effect."—*Philadelphia Press*.

"The merits of this standard work are too well known to need recapitulation, and the present edition will comprise the entire original work, complete in six volumes, and published at half the price of the original edition. The type is somewhat smaller, but in general style is not inferior. The first volume reaches to 1688, and the changes made by the author are numerous, and some of them important. This volume, for instance, is divided into three parts, beginning respectively at 1492, 1660, and 1668, and with each part begins a new numbering of chapters. There are many omissions in the text—as of Captain John Smith's adventures in Hungary. Some sentences in the text have been left out; the character given to James I toned down, and the notice of Luther enlarged, while pages have been added describing Captain Smith's rule in Virginia. Other changes are chiefly improvements of style and the incorporation of the dates into the text. On the whole, the work is much improved in its new dress and revised form, and will be welcomed by all, for Bancroft's history of our country is still *facile princeps* among histories of our land."—*Chicago Tribune*.

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