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CHAPTER I

THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE

THE restless and courageous Englishmen who far-
crossed the sea in the seventeenth century, facing
danger and death in their search for free homes in
the wilderness, little dreamed that out of their
adventure and toil there would rise in time a great
republic and a new order of human society. There
was nothing to indicate that the settlements along
the seaboard, occupying the narrow strip of land
between the ocean and the mountain ranges, would
eventually grow into a mighty union of states that
would be called "the melting-pot of the world."
The elements of that great amalgam of peoples, it
is true, began to be gathered before the close of the
colonial era; but the process of fusion made little
progress during the years of dependence under the