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APPALACHIAN AND CORDILLERAN.

I. APPALACHIAN.

THE Appalachian Mountains were first seen by Cartier, in 1535, who, when navigating the St. Lawrence, had in sight the portion of the range which extends to the south of that river, through what is now the State of Maine. De Soto in his explorations (1538-1543) became acquainted with this mountain system, around the southern extremity of which he made his way to the southwest and thence up the Mississippi River. This bold explorer first gave currency to the name "Apalache," which also appears under the form of Palassi (Montagnes de Palassi) in the report of Laudonnière's expedition of 1564. This name was one given by the aboriginal inhabitants, who also furnished Laudonnière with a specimen of native gold from a region at the base of the Appalachians where large