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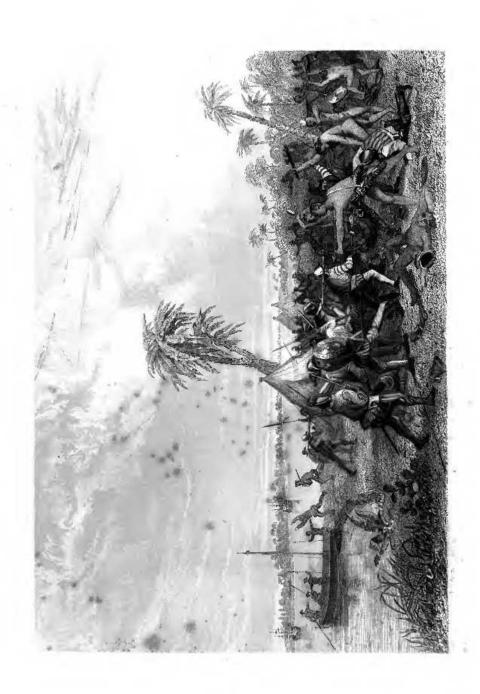
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PREFACE.

These sketches are intended to illustrate a portion of the early history of North America, and to exhibit some features in the character of its aboriginal inhabitants. Such parts as present an account of the successive arrivals of the Europeans, their attempts to settle and subjugate the widely different territory now covered by the Union, are written from the earliest chronicles, made more clear by the light that has fallen upon them, in some strength, from the observation of modern travelers. Those portions which treat of Minnesota and its native people, are drawn from gatherings made by the writer in a number of years passed amidst the remarkable scenery of that country, among the cabins, aided by a knowledge of the language of the tribes.

The title of the book is taken from a name that divided for a time with "Florida" an unknown extent of territory, which may be considered to have had its confines near those that at present bound the United States. Two years earlier, Amichel was heard of, for a short time, as being situated along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico; but to Chicóra, a region of country on the shores of the Savannah River, there was no certain limit on the north until about the year 1585, when it was fixed by the reputation of the dominion of Wingina, the chief, whose name may have suggested that borne by the colony which afterwards became a great State of the Confederacy.

Thus, these names arose from separate lands; and, seemingly, from the languages of as different people — the Shawnee, the Chahta, and the Lenâpe—nations whose acts, for about two hundred years, were intimately connected in the colonial conflicts of as many powers of Europe, and whose posterity, in broken bands, removed from their ancient seats, have their abode in the heart of this continent.

Cibola, to the westward, the country of an indigenous civilization, lying on the margins of the River Grande and the Gila, and over the region between them, came, after the year 1542, to have a name apart from the rest, a permanent place in the geography of the earth, and a romantic interest as the Province of the Seven Citics.

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