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*My companion on certain Mexican missions, to whose brilliant wit, and intimate acquaintance with Mexico—territory, people, character, industries, literature, language and laws—I am much indebted for historical data in connection herewith.*

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*“You shall not crucify us  
on a cross of gold.”*

*Neither shall you prostitute  
our dignity and power.*



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## CHAPTER I.

*"We set up this nation and we proposed to set it up on the rights of man. We did not name any differences between one race and another; we did not set up any barriers against any particular race or people, but opened our gates to the world and said: 'All men who wish to be free, come to us and they will be welcome.'"*—President Wilson, July 4th, 1914.

There are five human races: In Africa the Ethiopian or Black; in America the Indian or Red; in Asia the Mongolian or Yellow, including the Chinese and Japanese and, also in Asia, the Malays or Brown, including the inhabitants of British India and in Europe the Caucasian or White.

At the time the Declaration of Independence was adopted all the representatives of the Ethiopian race in the United States were slaves of the whites. These slaves or their fathers had been seized in their native Africa, brought to America and sold into slavery, which continued for nearly a century more until they were freed by a Republican president. Ever since their emancipation and at the present time, in states dominated by the Democratic party all persons of African blood are disfranchised, not by law, but in fact.

The Indians were here when the whites came, in full possession of their territory and occupied with their own