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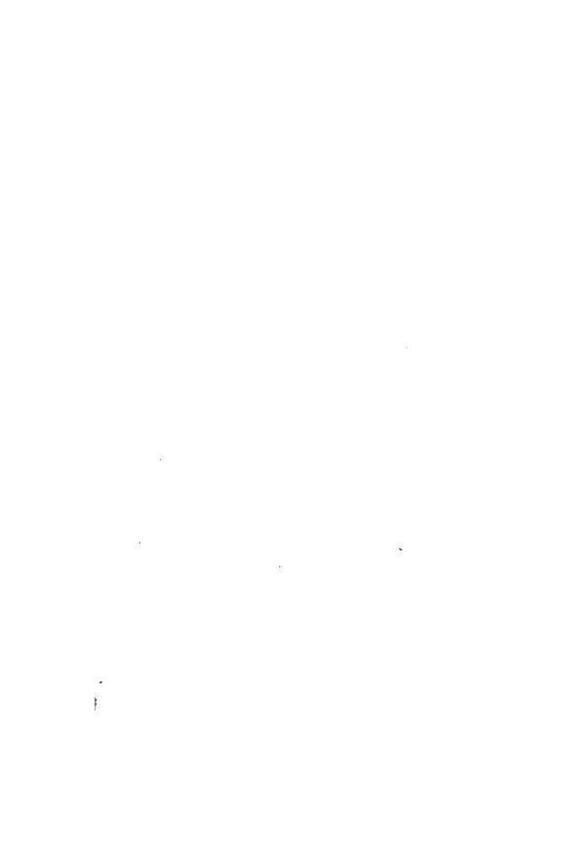
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- 2. In those days there were no large towns, nor pretty villages, nor well-built houses; no churches, nor school-houses. Here and there, where the forest had been 'cleared, there were a few poor huts, made of rods tied into the shape of a bee-hive or a sugarloaf, and covered with mud and turf. Perhaps a trench or ditch was cut around the huts, to keep off the wild beasts.
- 3. The Early Britons did not 'till the soil. They sowed no corn or other seeds. They lived on roots and fruits, and on the flesh of animals killed in