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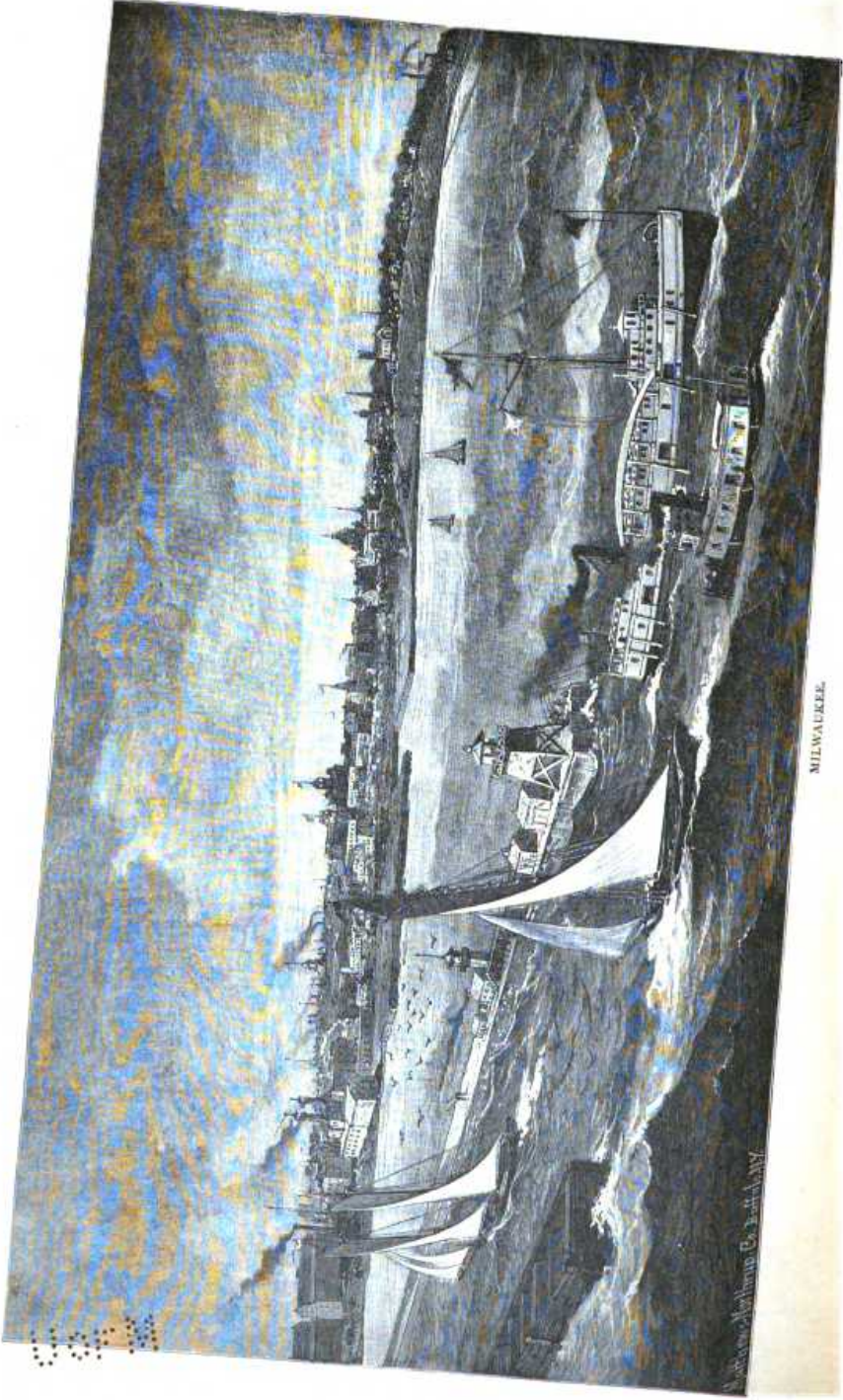
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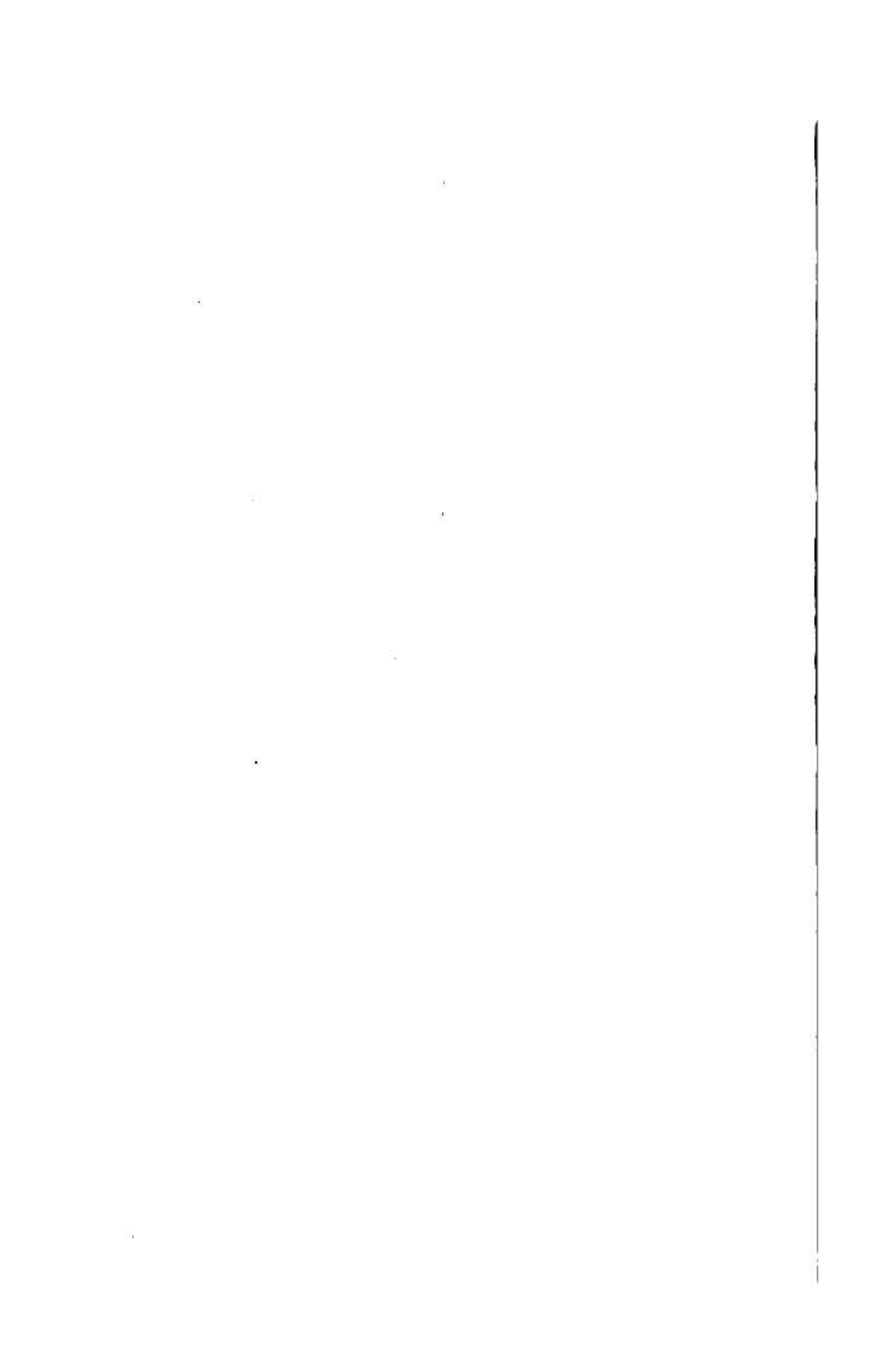
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KINGS, LORDS, AND COMMONS

OF OTHER CIVILIZED COUNTRIES:

Free as Grace.



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TO the liberal gentlemen who planned and furnished the means for our reconnoissance of the region known as

THE GOLDEN NORTHWEST:

Your representatives, whose duty, as set forth in General Orders, it was "to investigate the claim of this country to recognition as a choice resort for the tourist, the health-seeker, the man of affairs in search of rest and recuperation, and the lover of the sublime and beautiful in nature," and to "describe the attractions thereof in the lines of utility and beauty, covering the points worthy of especial note, discoverable in the space of sixty days, field work," have performed the task assigned them—have traversed the territory which, from all accounts, they were led to believe contained the objects of which they were in search, in their best estate, viz.:—the best reputed portions of

WISCONSIN,

MINNESOTA,

IOWA AND

DAKOTA,

—and respectfully submit this as *THEIR REPORT.*

HONEST OPINIONS.

The person who is *au fait* in the travels and reports of former exploring parties, will find but little *terra incognita* described herein.

Distinguished artists, scientists, tourists and Bohemians have published the results of their travels throughout this section of country, but all their accounts bore evidence on their face that the authors' observations were hurried, descriptions abbreviated, or that, having struck a "Bonanza," they were working it for all it was worth, by issuing meagre descriptions, in order to make their book-material last as long as possible, or—which was improbable—they were not fully appreciative of the attractions therein; and the results of our researches have amply verified the correctness of our surmises. It is therefore in order here to say that this paper is predicated upon the unanimous conclusions arrived at by the several members of the party—as to the facts and their logic—without reference to the opinions of the various localities. We allowed no one to place us under obligations of any nature which might influence us to praise our benefactors, as post-prandial orators toast their hosts. Hence the statements herein are the exponents of OUR HONEST OPINIONS.

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