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PART FIRST.

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ANCIENT HISTORY.

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SECTION I.

*Earliest Authentic Accounts of the History of  
the World.*

Why is it a difficult task to delineate the state of mankind in the earliest ages of the world? How many years elapsed between the creation and the deluge? Who built Babylon and Nineveh? When? On what rivers were they situated? Who were the greatest of the Assyrian monarchs? What is the most uncertain period of Assyrian history? Who was the first king of Egypt? After his time what changes ensued in its condition? When is Sesostris supposed to have lived? What is recorded of him?

## SECTION II.

*Considerations on the Nature of the first Governments, and on the Laws, Customs, Arts, and Sciences of the Early Ages.*

1. Of what nature were the earliest governments? Were the first monarchies extensive? How was the sceptre transmitted at first? How in subsequent times? Who were the first conquerors?

2. What are the earliest laws of all states? Mention a singular custom of the Assyrians. What laws are next enacted in the infancy of society? Whence arises the connexion between history and jurisprudence?

3. What devices were used to answer the purposes of writing, by the Jews and Greeks? By the Peruvians and Mexicans? By the Egyptians?

4. How were facts recorded and laws published?

5. What are the first objects of idolatrous worship? Why? What led to the worship of animals and of heroes?

6. What are the earliest arts? Which are the oldest of the sciences?



## SECTION III.

*Of the Egyptians.*

1. On what account does the history of Ancient Egypt deserve to be studied ?

2. What antiquity may be certainly assigned to the empire of Egypt ? Does the nature of the country itself afford a presumption of its having been early civilised ? What occasions the inundations of the Nile ?

3. What was the government of Egypt ? What powers belonged to the monarch ? What offices were filled by the priests ? From what class were the judges chosen ? How were they maintained ; What oath was exacted from them ? How was justice administered ? Mention the most remarkable of the Egyptian laws.

4. Describe the manners of this people. Of what arts were they the first cultivators ? Have we any remains of their architecture ? When were the pyramids erected ? Why did the Egyptians embalm their dead ? In what is the Egyptian architecture deficient ?

5. What sciences were cultivated by them ? To what extent ?

6, 7, 8, 9. How do you account for the fact, that notwithstanding their attainments, the Egyptians were despised by other nations ?

## SECTION IV.

*Of the Phoenicians.*

1. For what are we indebted to the Phoenicians ?
2. Describe their situation. What advantages did they reap from it.
3. Whether is Tyre or Sidon the more ancient city ? Prove this. For what were the Tyrians famous ? On what occasions was Tyre destroyed ?

## SECTION V.

*The History of Greece.*

3. What was the condition of early Greece ? Who were the Titans ? What did they introduce ?
4. Who founded the kingdom of Argos, and when ?
6. Who was Cecrops ? When did he land in Attica ?
7. Is the chronicle of Paros authentic ? What portion of Grecian history does it comprise ?
8. Describe the court of Areopagus. By whom was it instituted ?
9. Of what nature was the Amphictyonic council ? What were its effects upon the nation ?
10. When was alphabetic writing introduced into Greece ?

## SECTION VI.

*Reflections on the first and rudest period of the Grecian History.*

2. What was the origin of the Grecian oracles and games? Mention the four solemn games. In what did they consist? How often were the Olympic games celebrated? What were their effects on the nation?

## SECTION VII.

*Early period of the Grecian History. Argonautic Expedition. Wars of Thebes and of Troy.*

1. What period comprises the fabulous portion of Grecian history? Is it entirely fabulous? Who instituted the Eleusinian mysteries? Of what nature were they? How often celebrated?

2. By what measure did Theseus raise Attica into importance? In what year?

3. When was the Argonautic expedition undertaken? With what object? What observations were made by the astronomer Chiron on that occasion? What important use did Sir Isaac Newton make of them?

4. From the sieges of Thebes and Troy, describe the state of the military art at this time.