

Gazetter of the World

Preface

The author has endeavored to give in as few words as possible and still have it plain, the historical and geographical facts about the different places of which he writes. He also gives biographical sketches of some of the people that live in these lands, their occupation and thriftiness. This book contains many pictures which help to show to the readers the lands through which they pass in their reading.

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Alderton.

Round C.[ontinent] Alderton was the last to be settled of the two divisions of Round Continent and it has no large cities but has several small ones, mostly manufacturing. [In margin: This is a mistake. Colony City is in it.] The wild cherry grows here in abundance so that during the fall many parties of young folk go out on a cherry picnic and gather several bushels.

The People. The people are a sturdy race and mostly farmers. Some of them are quite wealthy but for the most part they are just well-to-do farmers with once in a while a poor one. There are also a good many trappers and hunters, rather more of them than of the farmers. There are not many rich ones among these for there are too many of them here.

Scenery. There is not much really pretty scenery in Alderton owing to its flatness. The prettiest of the scenery is Fork River. This is a wide deep river starting in Alderton and flowing northward into Cherrydale, keeps on till it stops in the sea. There are a few elevations but none of any mention. In some places the forests are very tangled with a wild vine that grows there.

Birch Valley

United Divisions, F.C. [Forest Continent] Birch Valley was first discovered by William Little and Burt Green during about the only battle that they had between themselves. William was driving Burt, so Burt headed straight to the eastward and after three or four days hard sailing came in sight of land. He supposed he had gone around the world and had struck on the west coast of Big Continent but instead of that it was a new continent and Birch Valley was the first to be populated. First Farmington sprung up composed mostly of farmers who gathered in a village to protect themselves from the Indians then other cities sprung up. A piece of land on the coast was sold to Big Continent and received the name of Twin Pass. Then a piece of land was granted to a small party under the leadership of a man by the name of George Washington. These people were of a slightly different race from those then inhabiting this continent. Since then no land has been given or sold to any party outside of Burt Green's and William Little's nationality.

Surface. The surface of Birch Valley is mountainous except a small strip on the eastern coast which is level but swampy. The everglades are situated in this section and cover many square miles. People have occasionally got lost in these swamps and never returned. The soil is mostly rather clayey though on the western side it is quite sandy.

People. The people are mostly trappers of a healthy nature. There are but few farmers, the most being at Farmington.

Scenery. The scenery at Birch Valley is grand giving some very fine mountain views there. Also Paradise Lake affords some lovely scenery. This little lake is situated about two hundred miles east of Farmington at the foot of a very steep mountain. On the other side it is a gentle slope towards the sea. There are no rivers of any size.

Briarwood

Big Continent. Briarwood includes nearly a third of all Big Continent. It is about 20,000 miles long by the same in width at its widest places. Portions of it were discovered by Chemfield [sp?] and others. There have been but a few battles fought in Briarwood.

Surface. The surface is level in places and mountainous in others. Along the western coast is a long line of mountains only broken by the Great River. On the east coast is Nelson Mountain and the end of Coast Range mountains. Between these is a vast fertile plain with here and there a hill, lake or river. Briarwood is noted for its immense amount of blackberries that are picked each year. Hundreds of quarts are picked each year of the largest best blackberries ever seen in the world.

People. Big Continenters are a vigorous and enterprising people. There are a good many farmers, also merchants, shipbuilders, etc.

Scenery. The scenery is very beautiful in some places in Briarwood. Among the larger lakes in Briarwood, is first, Great Lake, a very large sheet of water on the west coast, only several hundred miles inland and contains three or four large islands. On these are several summer houses. Second is Newfound Lake, a lake that was discovered about twenty years ago. This is so far north that it is not much visited by summer visitors and abounds in fish and wild game. Third is Spectacle Lake situated on the west side of the Coast Range Mtns and connected to the sea by a large river called the Great River over which the Great Bridge is put which is the largest in the world, and fourth is Three Corner Lake situated within a few miles of the sea. This is quite a beautiful lake. Briarwood has more lakes than any other division of the same size. Another curiosity is the great cave beneath Nelson Mountain. This has many passages and small lakes. Guides are always ready to show people around in this cave.

Cities. The principal cities are Nelson City, Point City, and some other smaller ones.

Mines. The chief mines are of coal which are situated on Long Mtns.