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## NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA.

THE population of America consists of Indians, whites, and negroes. The Indians are the native, or first inhabitants. The whites are descendants of the English, French, Spanish, and other European countries. The negroes were brought here, as slaves, from Africa.

The picture on the opposite page represents an Indian warrior. When the English first settled in New England, the Indians were very numerous; but they have since nearly all disappeared.

The whites in South America are nearly all descendants of the Spaniards, and speak their language. Here is a picture of two



Brazilian hunters, with the game over their shoulders, and the dogs near by them.



People of Chili, in full Dress.



Natives of South America.





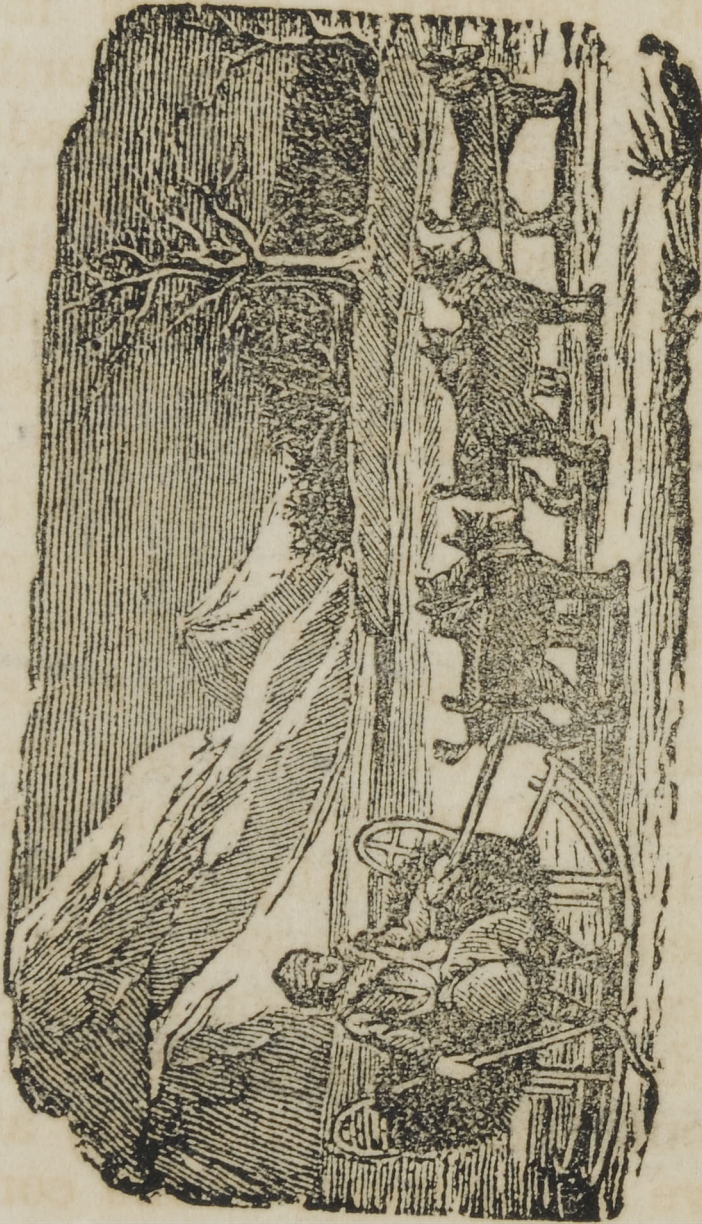
THIS picture represents the mode of travelling among the mountains of South America. It is generally done with mules, as they will endure a great deal of fatigue. The above picture represents the Llama, with a load.



MEXICO is in North America. About half of the people of Mexico are Indians, and the others are descendants, generally, of the Spanish people. The above picture represents a Mexican gentleman on horseback.



Death of Montezuma.



Esquimaux Travelling.

THE ESQUIMAUX INDIANS inhabit the northern part of North America. Their dress is made of skins. They live principally on meat, such as the flesh of the seal, whale, reindeer, and fish. They travel with dogs, harnessed in a sledge. Four or five to a sledge, as in the picture, will draw over the snow a very important load. They are harnessed two abreast. The leader is usually a well-trained dog, and is guided by the voice of his master, being generally perfectly obedient. Ten dogs, well trained, will carry ten or fifteen hundred pounds, at the rate of ten miles an hour. The leader is very attentive to the words of his conductor, and looks back over his shoulder to catch his words.



THAT part of America in which we live is called the United States. It is a very large country, and extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans.

The people of the United States are called Americans, and are mostly descendants from the English. When we first settled this country, it was occupied by Indians, who got their living principally by hunting and fishing.

Steamboats, railroads, and canals extend from one end of the United States to the other. The six eastern states are called New England. The people of New England are remarkable for their industry, good morals, and general intelligence. The

Sabbath is respected, and the churches well attended. There are but very few who cannot read and write.

The people of the United States appear and dress very much like the English.



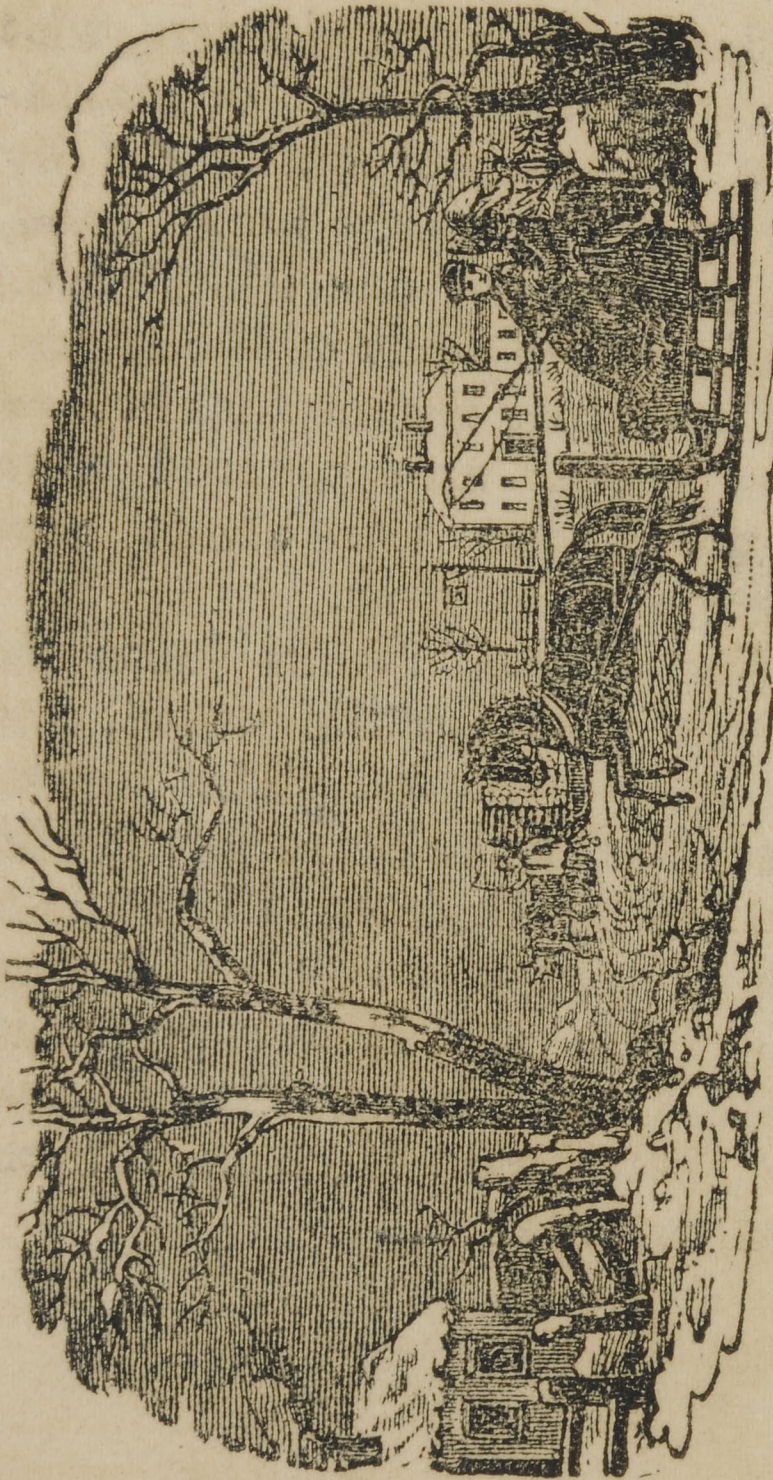
Many of the inhabitants of the



southern states are planters, who own extensive farms, or plantations, which are cultivated by slaves. The slaves are negroes, and form about one third of the population of some of the states.

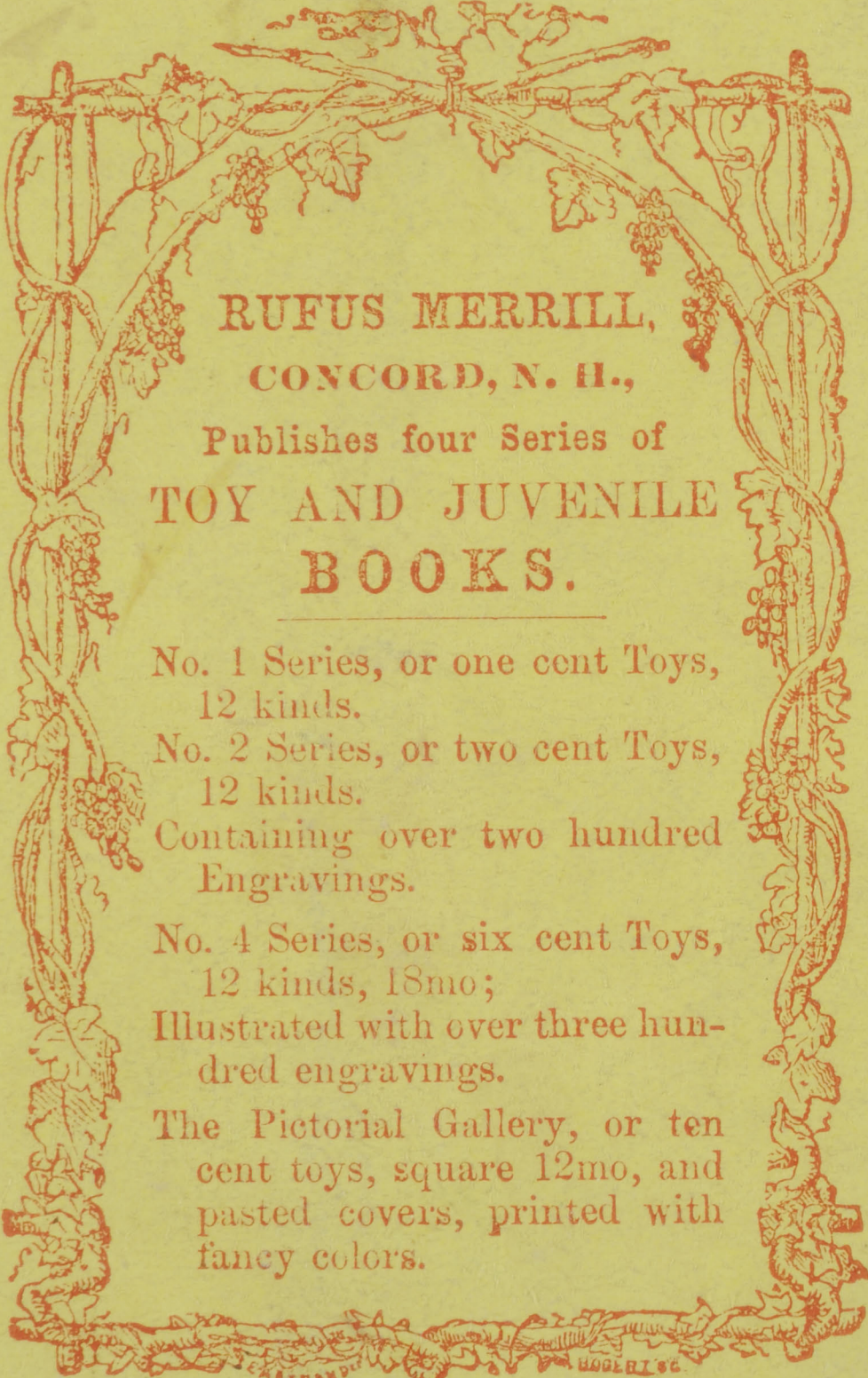
The White Mountains, in New Hampshire, are covered with snow at the top about nine months of the year.

The United States have the largest lakes in the world, and the longest rivers. The largest lakes are, Lake Superior, Michigan, Erie, Ontario, Champlain, and Win-ne-pe-so-ge. The longest rivers are Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Connecticut, Kennebec, Penobscot, Hudson, Illinois, and the Wabash.



Sleigh-Riding in New England.

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