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THE GORHAM FAMILY IN CONNECTICUT AND VERMONT.

- 1. Captain John Gorham (son of Ralph) married Desire Howland, in 1643. (See Register, aute, Vol. 52, page 358.)
- 2. Jabez² Gorham (John¹), born in Barnstable, Mass., Aug. 3, 1656, married widow Hannah (Sturgis) Gray.
- 3. Joseph Gorham (Jabez, John) was born in Bristol, R. I., Aug. 22, 1692. He gave a receipt, at Fairfield, Conn., June 16, 1725, for a portion of his father's estate. (See Register, aute, Vol. 54, page 168.) He married, May 11, 1715, Abigail, daughter of Daniel Lockwood of Fairfield, Conn. "Abigail y" wife of Joseph Gorham, Who died Ianna^{ry} ye 23^d, 1724-5." (Fairfield Inscriptions, page 16.) He married second, Jan. 13, 1725-6, Deborah Barlow.

Children by first wife, born in Fairfield:

Daniel, 4 b. Nov. 10, 1717.

Janez, b. Mar. 22, 1718-9; m. Mary Couch, Nov. 27, 1752.

Lockwoop, b. Jan. 1, 1720-1. Існавор, b. in 1722; bapt. Jan. 31, 1724-5; m. Sarah Barlow; d. in L. iv. Roxbury, Conu., Aug. 19, 1799, aged 77.

Children by second wife, born in Fairfield:

Shubael, b. Oct. 28, 1726; m. Rebecca Hurlburt, Jan. 21, 1746-7.

vi. Abigail, b. Apr. 7, 1728.

vii. Isaac, b. Nov. 14, 1730; m. Ann Wakeman, July 26, 1752. 5. viii. John, b. July 4, 1732; m. Abigail Wakeman, Oct. 2, 1754.

ix. Hannan, b. May 4, 1737. x. Mary, b. Dec. 25, 1739.

xi. Joseph, b. Nov. 20, 1741; m. Mary Gray, Nov. 16, 1763. xii. Amgan, b. Apr. 7, 1744.

- "Family Book, Green's Farms" (Fairfield).
- 4. ICHABOD⁴ GORHAM (Joseph, ⁸ Jubez, ² John¹), born in Fairfield, in 1722, baptized Jan. 31, 1724-5, married in Fairfield, Feb. 2, 1748-9, Sarah, born Mar. 28, 1732, daughter of George Barlow. Mar. 22, 1757, he bought a farm of seventy acres in the town of Ridgefield (once a part of Danbury), and sold the same, Apr. 21, 1767. He removed to Roxbury, Conn., where he died Aug. 19, 1799, aged 77. (See Hist. of Woodbury, Vol. 3, page 627.)

Children:

Daniel, b. in Fairfield, Nov., 1749.

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BENJAMIN, bapt. in Fairfield, Dec. 24, 1752. Joseph, b. in Fairfield, Dec., 1754. Phineas, b. in Ridgefield (part of Danbury), Apr., 1757. Seth, b. in Danbury, Jan. 18, 1762. (This record is from his family 8. v. Bible.)

5. John Gorham (Joseph, Jabez, John), born in Fairfield Green's Farms), July 4, 1732, married Oct. 2, 1754, Abigail Wakeman. John,4 of New Fairfield, bought land in Kent, Conn., April 10, 1781. (Land Records, Vol. 7, p. 69.) Joseph's Gorham and Timothy St. John were administrators of the estate of John⁴ Gorham, of New Milford, Jan. 13, 1806. (Land Records, Vol. 2.) Joseph⁵ Gorham, of Kent, gave quit-claim to John⁵ and Jared,⁵ of Vermont, of all his right in land on east mountain left him in the will of his mother Abigail Gorham, Sept. 4, 1808. (Land Records, Vol. 2, p. 420.) John, of Bakersfield, Vt., sold to James, of Poultney, Vt., land in Kent, Oct. 25, 1809. (Land Records, Vol. 2, p. 401,) Seth⁵ Gorham, of Castleton, Vt., and wife Betsey, sold land in Kent, which came from the estate of her father, Eleazer Thompson. (Land Records, Vol. 12, p. 80.) Seth, of Castleton, Vt., sold one seventh part of undivided land in Kent, Jan. 23, 1810. (Land Records, Vol. 12, p. 84.) The will of Abigail Gorham, of Kent, dated Oct. 2, 1805, and probated Jan. 24, 1811, at New Milford, Conn., gave to her daughters Deborah, Abigail, and Lucy, all her household furniture, and to her sons John, James, Seth, Jeremiah, Wakeman, Hezekiah, and Joseph, all her landed estate of every description lying in Kent, or elsewhere. Mrs. Ella Comstock Peckham, of Utica, N. Y., a descendant of John Gorham and his wife Abigail Wakeman, has sent the writer the following list of the children of John Gorham, The baptisms of the first two, Deborah and John, 5 are at Green's Farms. The will of the mother, Abigail Gorham, mentions the seventh child as Jeremiah. The Kent land records, under date of Sept. 4, 1808 (Vol. 2, p. 420), ealls the same man Jared, of Vermont. Mrs. Peckham's Bible list of children calls him Jared, and the History of Poultney, Vt., calls him Jared. There were but seven sons.

Children:

i. Deborah, 5 bapt. Apr. 27, 1755; m. Timothy St. John.

ii. John, bapt. June 20, 1756.iii. James, bapt. May 28, 1758.

iv. SETH, bapt. June 8, 1760; m. Betsy Thompson.

v. Jaren, m. Asenath Morgan.

vi. Wakeman, settled in Chittenden, Vt.; m. Polly ——.

vii. Abigail.

viii. Abigail, b. July 19, 1770; m. Solomon Comstock, June 16, 1788.

ix. Hezekiah.

x. Lucy.

xi. Joseph, b. in 1780; m. Lucy Beecher; removed to Pennsylvania.

6. Daniel Gorham (Ichabod, Joseph, Jabez, John), born in Fairfield, Nov., 1749, died in Roxbury, Conn., Jan. 25, 1836, in which year his estate was settled. (Woodbury, Conn., Probate Records.) Mary, wife of Daniel Gorham, died in Roxbury, Conn., Jan. 31, 1817, aged 61. Daniel Gorham appears among the Litchfield County pensioners, placed on the pension roll May 15, 1833, age 83. (This agrees with the record of his birth.) There is on record at New Milford, Conn., an agreement between Daniel and his son Daniel, which gives the farm to the son, subject to the life right of the father. It has been claimed that Daniel was the son of Joseph, who died in Norwalk in 1760, and his wife Abigail Lovell, but that Joseph's family returned, immediately after his death,

to Barnstable and Nantucket, where four of his children married. He did have a son Daniel, and the last record of him was in the will of his grandfather, at Barnstable, in 1770. The writer has made many researches to find trace in Connecticut of Daniel⁵ the son of Joseph⁴ and Abigail (Lovell), but without success. None of that family are recorded in Connecticut after 1760.

Children, born in Roxbury, Conn.:

- AARON.
- LUCY, b. Sept. 15, 1782; m. Joseph Treat, Dec. 16, 1806.
- iii.
- DANIEL, b. Dec. 16, 1781; d. Dec. 2, 1869; m. Polly Randall. ELI, b. Jan. 2, 1787; d. Apr. 10, 1867; m. Lectitia Hamilton, July 6, 1811. In 1808, he was a manufacturer of woolen machinery in Oswego, N. Y., and he was the first to introduce carding, or cloth dressing, machinery into western Canada. He established a factory in Newmarket, Canada, in 1809. His son *Charles*, b. Feb. 2, 1818, m. May 20, 1852, Helen Durthie Milne; and their son, Judge Thomas8 A. Gorham of Milton, Ontario, Canada, b. Nov. 2, 1854, m. Annabella Villiers, Nov. 23, 1893. The writer is indebted to Judge Gorham for some of the Roxbury, Conn., notes.
- Joseph, b. Dec. 5, 1788; d. Oct. 13, 1839; m. Lydla Haight.
- MARY, m. —— Botsford. SARAH, m. —— Bennett. vi.
- viii. HHEAM, d. July 31, 1826; m. Hannah Peck.
- Benjamin⁵ Gorman (Ichabod, Joseph, Jabez, John¹), born in Fairtield, Dec. 24, 1752, married Amy Combs, who died in 1829. jamin⁵ and Amy Gorham deeded land in Danbury, in 1799, Gorham's estate was settled in 1830.

Children:

- RUSSELL, 6 b. in Danbury, in 1775.
- ii. William, b. in Danbury, Jan. 3, 1779; d. in Oneonta, N. Y.; m. at Ridgefield, Mar. 12, 1800, Polly Weed, b. July 1, 1784, d. Aug. 31, 1850. Children, all born in Danbury: 1. Benton, b. Dec. 23, 1800. 2. Sally, b. Dec. 30, 1804. 3. George S., b. Oct. 4, 1807.
 4. Charles T., b. May 29, 1812; m. April 10, 1839. Charlotte E. Hart. He was Ambassador to Holland, during the administration of President Grant, and held many other important offices. For many years he was President of the Marshall, Michigan, Bank. He d. in Marshall, March, 1901. (He employed Miss Louise Tracey, of New Haven, Conn., to trace his line of ancestry, and some of her notes, as well as some Kent, Conn., records, have been used by the writer.) 5. Rev. Barlow W., b. June 24, 1814.
- Betsy.
- iv. SALLY.
- V. MARY.
- vi. REBECCA
- vii. David.
- viii. Laura.
- ix. Abigail.
- Χ. AMY.
- 8. Setu⁵ Gornam (Ichabod, Joseph, Jabez, John), according to his own family Bible, was born in Danbury, Jan. 18, 1762. The inscription upon his monument at West Rutland, Vt., agrees with the Bible record of his age. He married first, Amelia Dunks, born in Danbury, Mar. 29, 1763, died Oct. 17, 1841; and married second, Louisa Everson, in 1842. He died Aug. 29, 1852. Miss Charity⁸ Gorham, of West Rutland, Vt., the owner of the family Bible, writes: "My father Chauncey⁷ T. Gorham, son of Judson,⁶ and grandson of Seth⁵

and Amelia (Dunks), remembers both Seth⁵ Gorhams, and says they were cousins."

Children:

- Betsy, 6 b. Feb. 20, 1785; d. July 28, 1866. BETSY,* b. Feb. 20, 1785; d. July 28, 1866.
 BARLOW, b. Feb. 21, 1787; d. Feb., 1883.
 DEMING, b. June 6, 1789; d. Nov. 14, 1861.
 ELI, b. Sept. 8, 1791; d. Oct. 7, 1870.
 JUDSON, b. Oct. 11, 1794; d. July 30, 1877.
 ALONZO, b. Aug. 15, 1801; d. May 11, 1888.
 LAURA, b. Aug. 9, 1804; d. Feb. 6, 1833.

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GORHAM.-It having recently been stated in print that John's Gorham (ante, vol. 52, page 358), son of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham, acquired his title of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Milltia, the writer desires to show that he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the regular forces, by Colonel Benjamin Church, in March 1703-4. According to a letter of instructions written by Lieutenaut-Governor Stoughton, dated Boston, Aug. 12, 1636, Captain John² Gorham was second in command under the then Major Benjamin Church in the expedition against the French and Indians, in that year. shown in the History of the Indian Wars, by Thomas Church, with Notes and an Appendix by Samuel G. Drake (second edition, 1839), page 219. We find on pages 250 and 252 of this History that Benjamin Church, who had received his own commission as Colonel from Governor Dudley, March 18, 1703-1, at once issued commissions to the officers of his regiment, giving that of Lientenant-Colonel to John² Gorham. On page 281 we find the names of all of the Field Officers and Captains, under date of July 4, 1704.

Since the writer's notes were published in the Register, ante, vol. 50, pages 32-34, the names of the officers and men who took part in the capture of Louis-bourg have been published in the Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections, Sixth Series, Vol. X., Pepperrell Papers, Appendix, page 506. The officers of the Seventh Mass. Regiment were in part: Shubael3 Gorham, Esq., Colonel and Captain, 1st Company, commissioned Feb. 20, 1714; and John Gorham, Esq., Lient.-Colonel and Captain, 2d Company, commissioned Feb. 20, 1744. These records show that when "Captain" John Gorham wrote his letter under date of May 7, 1745, to Sir William Pepperrell, he held the commission of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Seventh Mass. Regiment. Upon the death of his father, Colonel Shubael³ Gorham (Feb. 20, 1745-6), he was given the (Usher Parsons's Life of Pepcommission of Colonel of his father's regiment.

perrell, pages 238-240.)

Dr. Samuel A. Green, of the Massachusetts Historical Society, has kindly called my attention to an interesting point, as follows: "See Paige's History of Cambridge (p. 567), near the bottom of the page, for an instance of a Majorgeneral being a Captain at the same time. It was the case of Samuel Green, FRANK W. SPRAGUE. though he was no kinsman of mine.'

Brookline, Mass.



The Gorham Family. (From the Boston Transcript.)

the home of the Gorham family in istable, Mass., was built before 1716. first owner of it was Lieutenint nel John (2) Gorham, who married y Olls in 1674-5. It stands upon the that belonged to his father. Among many distinguished decendants of tenant Colonel John (2) Gorham are amily of the President of the United es, an English nobleman and a baro-

President Roosevelt's wife and chil-, with the exception of his oldest ther (who is the child of his first .) are descended from this family in following line:

eutenant Colonel John (2) Gor-'s son Stephen (3) Gorbain married ebth Gardner of Nantucket; their son ain Nathanlel (4) Gorham, horn in istable, married riestown, Mass., July 6, 1736, and their ghter Elizebeth (5) Gorham (who was ster of Hon. Nathaniel (5) Gorham of Continental Congress), married Cap-John Leighton, and their daughter abeth (6) Leighton, born Sept. 22, 1776. abeth (6) Leighton, born Sept. 22, 1776. ried Benjamin Lee, in Boston, May 797. They lived in Cambridge, Mass. ir daughter Emily (7) Lee, born in bridge, Nov. 17, 1813, married Daulei r of Norwich, Conn., May 20, 1832. rest of this line is given in the emoir of Benjamin Lee," Harvard Col-Library.

coording to the memoir of Benjamin by his son, Bishop Alfred Lee of tware, Captain John Leighton and his Elizabeth (5) Gorham, had a son, hanlel Gorham Leighton, born Feb. 1, and this is confirmed by the Boston h records. Bishop Alfred Lee was covered to the method of Elizabeth to the method of Elizabeth as the method of Elizabeth (Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth (Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth (Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth (Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth (Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth (Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth (Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth Captain Science and Elizabeth (Elizabeth Captain Science and cousin to the mother of Eishop ilps Brooks. Colonel Shubnet (3)

ilps Brooks. Colonel Shubbaet (3) ham of Barnstable had a son Joseph who went with him to Louisburg, in. This man was in the English army more than forty years; he was made ajor general in 1790. He took part in siego of Quebec and the battle of the ns of Abraham. He also took part in capture of Havana in 1762. His daugh Charlotte (5) Spry Gorham, married, 13, 1797, Sir John Jackson. (See ke's Peerage (1901), page 816. aptain Sturgis (5) Gorham of Barnile, Mass., was the great-grandson of Itenant Colonel John (2) Gorham, ried Thomas Leader Harman of New 2018, and their daughter, Charlotte ham Harman, married Oct. 25, 1839, bam Harm-William Harman, inarried Oct. 25, 1839, William Eaton, First Baron ylesmore, of Cheylesmore, Coventry, gland. (Burke's Peerage, page 315.) mother, the daughter of Captain rgis (5) Gorham, died in Bath. Eng., S21, and she died Feb. 27, 1877. The sent Lord Cheylesmore is a great-deep of Captain Sturgis (5) Gorham ndson of Captain Sturgis (5) Gorham Barnstable. He married July 11, 1892, zabeth, daughter of F. O. Frence of

Stephen (5) Gorham, who married Mary White, was a son of Captain Nathaniel (4) Gorham and Mary Soley. His son, Dr. John (6) Gorham, married Mary Warren, in 1808. She was the daughter of Dr. John Warren, who was a surgeon of Dr. John Warren, who was a surjection the Revolutionary Army. Dr. John (6) Gorham was a Professor of chemis-(6) Gorham was a Professor of the was try at Harvard College in 1816. He was try at Harvard died in 1829. His chilborn in 1783, and died in 1829. His chil-dreu were-Julia (7) Gorham, born 1810; Dr. John (7) Warren Gorham, born in 1812, and died in Rhode Island in 1893; Hallowell (7) Gardner Gorham, born in 1815; and Francis (7) Gorham born in 1820. The latter was a Boston broker, The Bostonian Society has a picture of the "Old Tremont Club," "The Beginning of the Somerset Club," and H. Gardner Gorham is one of the group.

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Mercy (3) Gorham, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel John (2) Gorham and Mary Otis, married, in 1717, Hon. Sylvanus Bourne, of Barnstable. Their son, Mele-Bourne, of Barnstable. Their son, Mele-tiah Bourne, married Mary Bayard, a nlees of Governor Bowdoin. He was a cousin of Major General Joseph Gorham.

Many of the letters written by General Gorbam to him from 1760 to 1768 are among the "Bourne Papers," at Harvard College Library.

Edward (5) Gorham was the son of Benjamin (4) Gorham and his wife, Mary Sturgis, and great-grandson of Lieuten-Sturgis, and great-grandson of incident ant Colonel John (2) Gorbam and Mary Otls. Edward (5) Gorbam married Abl-gail Taylor, and their daughter, Desire (8) Gorbam, married Captalu Daniel C. Bacon, of Barnstable and Boston, Bacon's residence in Boston was on the corner of Tremont street and Temple place.

Captain Benjamin (1) Gorbam, son of Colonel Shubael (3), married Naney Hinckley, Nov. 28, 1771, and their son, Captain Benjamin (5) Gorbam, Jr., mar-ried Nancy Kneeland, Feb. 13, 1809; and their son, James (6) L. Gorham of Jamaica Plain, was the last of the sixth genera-tion of the Gorham family. He died within a year or two. It was his grand-father, Captain Benjamin (4) Gorham of the Brig Fortune who brought the tea "March 7, 1771."

Some years ago Mr. Walter K. Watkins wrote an article for the Transcript entitled "One Cape Cod Homestead." In his list of the noted familles who were descended from Lieutenant Colonel John (2) Gorham and Mary Otls, he included Hon. John Gorham Palfrey, Hon. Charles Francis Adams, Peter C. Brooks, Prolessor Everett and many others. Among those descended from the same ancestors who made their bome in Barnstable are Guatavus A. Hinckley, the well-known historian of his native town, and the late Major Sylvanus B. Phinney, who was the editor of the Barnstable Pariot.

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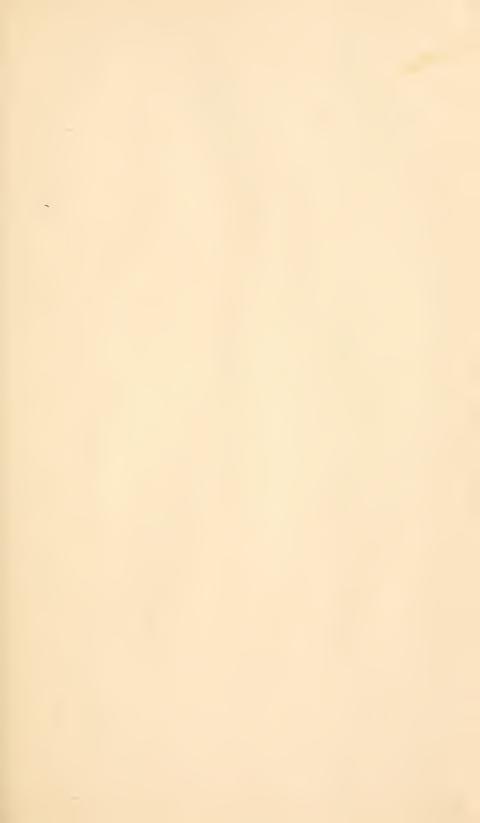


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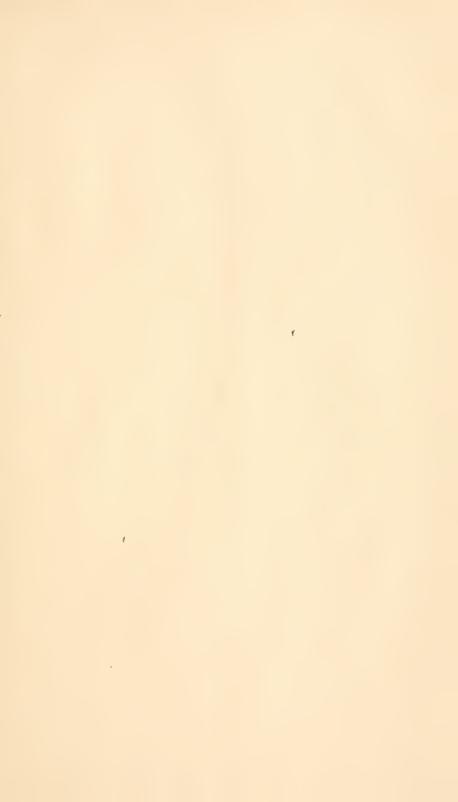








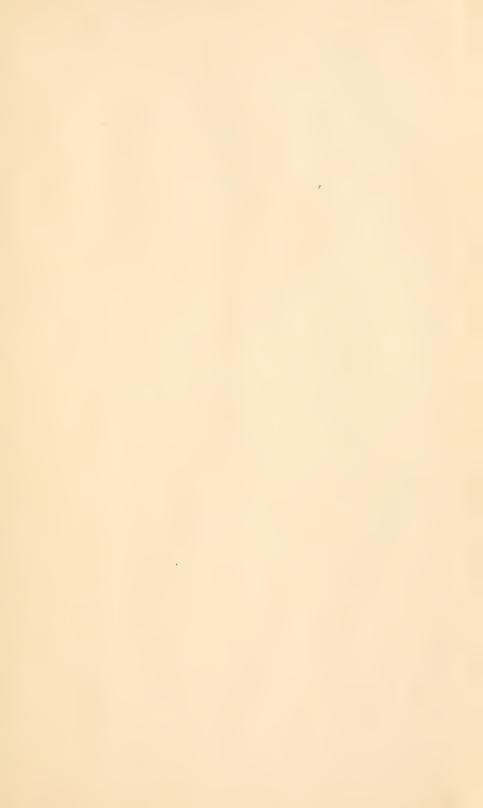










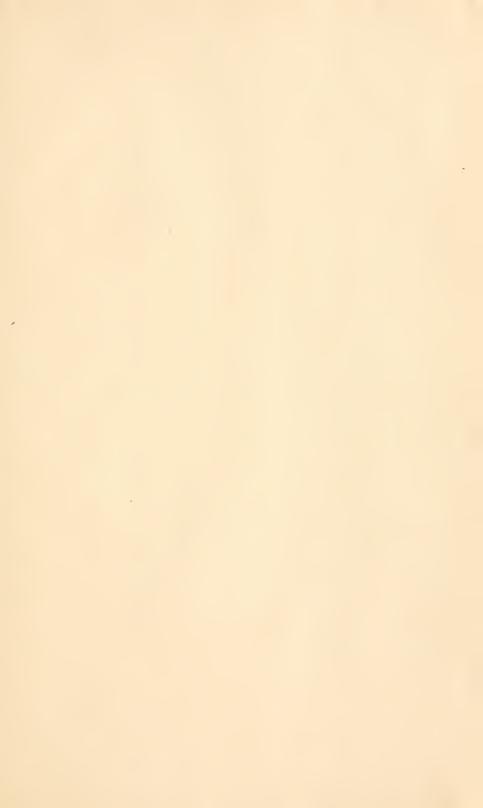












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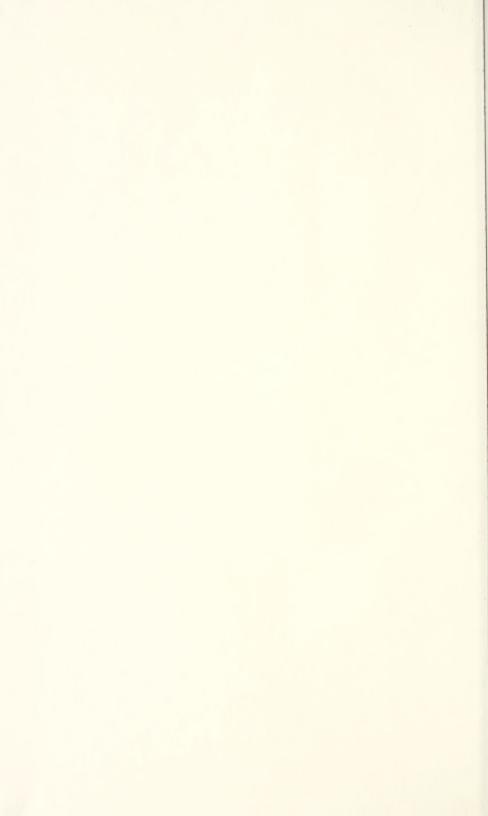




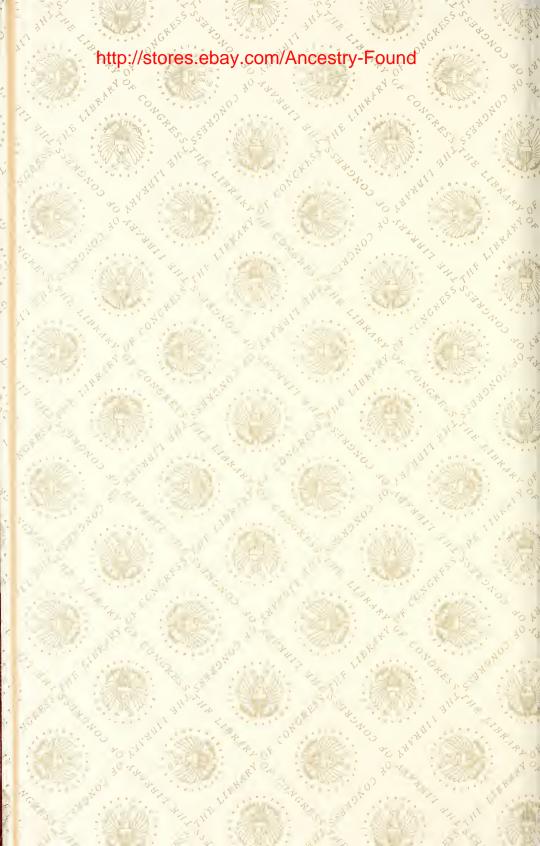












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