

inclemencies of the weather, and of conquering the barrenness of the earth. He may be said to have subdued the elements : by a single ray of his intellect he produced the element of fire, which before did not exist on the surface of the earth : he has cloathed, sheltered, and lodged himself, thus providing against every external attack : he has compensated by his reason for every deficiency ; and although not so strong, so large, nor so robust, as many animals, yet he has found means to conquer, subdue, enslave, and deprive them of those spaces which Nature seems to have resigned for their use.

The earth is divided into two great continents : and though this division is more ancient than all human structures and monuments, yet man is still older, for he is found the same in both. The Asiatic, the European, and the Negro, propagate alike with the American. Nothing proves more strongly that they have issued from one source than the facility with which they re-unite with the common stock. The blood is different, but the germ is the same. The skin, the hair, the features, and the size, have varied, but the internal form has not changed. The type is general and common, and if it should ever
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