

place of American freedom. The subsidence which had restored the genial climate of the Tertiary Age extended from the Arctic to the Temperate regions. By degrees, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and other Northern States disappeared beneath the waves. Here the denizens of the land had held undisputed sway during the long ages since the coal-bogs were made vocal with the croaking of gigantic Batrachians. Now all that had been gained was lost. The trident of Neptune waved again where stately trees had reared their palmy heads, and the mastodon had hurried through the forest with his thunder-waking tread. Such are the fortunes of contests in the natural as in the social world.