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~~Reflection on the present condition and future policy of the United States.~~

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~~America is walking from a dream in which she was visited by ^{delusions} visions. She can hardly ^{yet} convince herself that she sees about her the stern things of reality: But a keen sense of suffering ^{however} is fast bringing her to the ~~per~~ recognition of her walking faults. She is ^{carefully} ~~carefully~~ ^{summing} ~~summing~~ her condition, mentally retracing the devious paths by which she was misled and re-establishing herself on the firm foundations of truth and virtue.~~

Three principal causes of the present distressed condition of the United States present themselves at the first summons, 1. The annihilation of the national currency and the ruin of that of the States. 2. The nearly total abandonment of internal improvements both by the Nation and the States. 3. The want of a sufficient market for ^{the productions of the soil} ~~our produce~~.

The systems of policy which ^{at present} direct these great interests act and react upon each other and thus produce certain inequalities which cannot be accounted for by the simple operation of first causes. It would be to the statesman an admirable exercise of ingenuity and patient investigation to detect these effects. But the writer of this paper not pretending to ~~any~~ such difficult examination and designing this only as a popular production will be confined to such primary causes and effects as any man of common sense may easily understand. Nor will it be within the scope of his intentions to unfold all of this. ~~In the present article~~ Our commercial relations whether foreign or domestic will be chiefly examined and only such passing attention will be directed to other subjects as may ^{contribute to} elucidate these.

America is an agricultural nation. ~~It~~ ^{She} sells ^{prodigious quantities} large amounts of agricultural produce and buys a large amount of manufactures in return. ~~It~~ ^{She} produces therefore much more than ^{she} consumes. Perhaps the nation cannot better be described, ~~than~~ ^{especially that part of it} than by saying in the words of an eminent writer that it is in the Nomad Agricultural State. He means

Before unfolding the views of the writer connected with the future policy of America some observations are necessary upon the present condition and past ~~and~~ commercial history.