CHAPTER I.

THE LORD OF THE DESERT.

From the north boundary line to the coast of Oregon, a distance of about 1,000 miles, is a stretch of country known as the Great Oregon Desert. This desert, while most desolate, is yet rich in the wild life which it supports, and the country through which it stretches is, in many places, as solid as granite.

The Oregon desert is divided in two equal parts by a large river which flows from the east toward the west and is known as the Columbia River. This river is the dividing line between the United States and Canada and is also the boundary between the States of Washington and Oregon.

The Indians of this desert are chiefly of the Shoshone and Paiute tribes, and are a hardy and brave people. They are fond of hunting and fishing, and their mode of living is very similar to that of the European nomad.

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A few miles east of the Columbia River, on the bank of the Deschutes River, there is a small community of Indians who have settled down and are living fairly contentedly. This community is known as the Umatilla Reservation.

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