



LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS.

743. A rock at Plymouth, called the Plymouth rock, is often shown as the place on which these pious pilgrims first set foot in this country, which took place Dec. 22nd, 1620.

744. New-England was then a howling wilderness, the joint abode of savage men and wild and ferocious beasts.

745. It being winter when they landed, they at first suffered much from the inclemency of the weather. They also suffered from sickness and the jealousy of the Indians, all of which they bore with great patience and fortitude.

746. The Indians proved a constant source of annoyance to the whites, whom they often captured, scalped, tormented, and killed in the most shocking and inhuman manner.

747. The whites finally conquered the Indians, and obliged them to retire, and after a time obtained quiet and undisturbed possession of the country.

748. The climate is various, alike subject to great extremes of heat and cold, but very healthy, except on some portions of the coast, where pulmonary complaints sometimes prevail, occasioned, as is supposed, by the long continued and damp easterly winds.

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Q. What was then the aspect of New-England, and who were its inhabitants? 744. What occasioned the first settlers much suffering and distress? 745. How did the Indians treat them? 746. Which party finally triumphed? 747.

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1. PULMONARY COMPLAINTS, disorders of the lungs, such as consumption, &c.