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Picturesque America; or, the land we live in

a delineation by pen and pencil of the mountains, rivers, lakes, forests, water-falls, shores, cañons, valleys, cities, and other picturesque features of our country ; with illustrations on steel and wood, by eminent American artists

Bryant, William Cullen

New York, 1872

The Golden Gate.

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Lithograph by L. H. Gough & Son in the studio of the author in San Francisco.

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Golden Gate

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New York, D. Appleton & Co.

lines are also most picturesque. Nature having contrasted all varieties of lines — perpendiculars, diagonals, horizontals, vanishing curves in the moist white spray, in the swash and foaming of the tumultuous sea, there are other curves of a totally diverse character, and other tones, which contrast strangely with the colors of the rocks. The seas are deep-green, like emerald, or mid-green, like agate-various, according to depth and other conditions; and there is great variety also in the white tints of the foaming crests according to their volume. The sky above is not a very deep blue. It is a softer, milder cornflower than that which arches over our heads in New York and New England; it is not so splendid, but it is more tender, and seems to fill the soul with fond, gentle feelings. The clouds are mostly *stratus* and *cirrus*, and lie low on the horizon, or deck the sky with golden fragments, like the sheep of some celestial shepherd. If you look at the sky, your heart becomes melted within you, if you look across the sea thundering on these rocks.

