

This group contains nine **States** and two **Territories**.

The States are: Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado, crossed by the Rocky Mountains; Idaho, Utah, and Nevada, lying on the great table-land; Washington,

Oregon, and California, upon the Pacific coast. The Territories are Arizona and New Mexico, on the table-land.



An Indian Papoose.

On the **table-land**, excepting in Idaho, the country is so dry that not much of the surface is fit for agriculture, except where it can be irrigated.

The **Rocky Mountain States** are all rich in silver and gold, and Montana has very productive copper mines. Colorado, in 1895, produced more gold than any other State in the Union; and the United States, more than any other country in the world.

The **Pacific States** have the broadest and most fertile valleys in the high western half of the United States. California was once the greatest gold State; but much has since been discovered in Colorado and elsewhere.

EXERCISE.—(Open books to map of Pacific States.) Find each State and Territory named in the map. Which are crossed by the Rocky Mountains? Which by the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains? Bound each State; each Territory. Find Missouri River; Yellowstone; Colorado; Columbia; Great Salt Lake. Find Yellowstone Park. Write about the table-land.