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All these signs of a once powerful and partially civilized people are plainly traceable to the seven Aztec cities of Arizona. That the inhabitants of this region are descendants of the ancient Mexicans there can be no doubt. Their ancestors' line of migration to the north and west is still marked by the remains of cities abandoned many generations ago. From Indian tradition and the meagre history available, the popular theory is, that during the Spanish conquest great bodies of the Aztecs were driven from Mexico into the vast deserts lying to the north and west, and there across the Colorado. Here a nighty nation dwelt for many years, building cities and cultivating the soil. As they were industrious and peace-loving, they were soon attacked by the warlike nomadic tribes of the north, and were forced to remove to secure themselves against attack, to build their houses on the top of mountains within the canon walls, and in chasms that would seem almost inaccessible. Many stories are told how the poor Aztecs were surrounded by an overpowering enemy and slain to death in their strongholds. After many years of war it is said a treaty was entered into between them and the Utes, whereby the latter were to retain the northern side of the river, and the Aztecs were to recess to the southern side of the Colorado country. The name by which the cities are now most widely known, the Mogai Pablos, originated, as near as I can find out, thus: There are seven towns, containing about twelve hundred inhabitants, we first find them from the Colorado River, we first come to Oryla; twelve miles further east we find Sheo-mo-poh, Shee-pa-wah and Mee-shoo-oh-neh. Three miles further east, across a beautiful valley, are situated a high cliff (Mogai, Moguetal) and Tavah, Mogai, the oldest and best fortified of all the towns, was many years ago visited by small-pox, which carried off nearly all the inhabitants. After that they called the dead town Mogai Moguetal, which has been corrupted into Mogai Pablo. By strangers the common name of Mogai Pablos is given to all the towns, but here among them each town has its name, color and government. These towns are fortified with walls of mud and brick. They are built of rock and mud. To enter them you ascend a ladder, which is on the outside wall, to the top of the first story; the other floors are reached by stone steps on the gable end of each house. The towns are built in the form of a square, with a large court in the middle. In this court are several houses under ground, which are entered by trap-doors from the top, and the bottom reached by ladders. They are much like the old-fashioned Indian wigwags. These houses are never used as a place of worship, and to work in.

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