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PART VI.

MEXICO TO ENGLAND.

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LETTER L.

DEPARTURE FROM THE CITY OF MEXICO.

Vera Cruz, October, 1849.

It was a matter of no small disappointment to me, that my constant avocations in the city had not permitted me at any time to visit Cuernavaca, and its celebrated cavern of Cacahuamilca, or more shortly (for it goes by both names), Cacuhamilca. Cuernavaca, a part of which is, as a generic name, called "Tierra Caliente," lies at a convenient distance for the traveller from the city of Mexico; and embracing, as the excursion does, the ruins of the pyramid of Xochicalco, the cavern just named, Cautla de Amilpas, Cocoyotla, and other interesting places, all who *can, do* go to this part of Tierra Caliente.

The beauties of the country and the surpassing wonders of the cavern I did not see; and therefore