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men rather than contemplate any longer things for which I have no understanding, and having seen on the banks of the gulf, on a sandy beach dotted with a few thin fir trees, certain constructions of an odd form, I ran to ascertain what they were. They were four or five Indian huts, wigwams like those of the Uncas and of the Chingachgook. For once I was free to imagine myself transported, body and soul, in the midst of a pioneering tale. The wigwams were religiously built according to the true principles of Indian architecture; a dozen poles made from young trees, placed in a circle, supported a sort of shell made of birch bark