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the development in this region of a hardy and resource-
ful race. The JOHN F. LE COCC were chiefly composed of
German clans, Portland, Oregon. Jews, and Juterians. The
tribes occupying the southern parts of this territory
were As an introduction to this attempt of presenting
to you some of the more important phases of Dutch Med-
ical history, and the role played by the Dutch medical
and scientific men, it probably would not be amiss to
sketch briefly the character of that country and its
inhabitants, since these factors invariably are of para-
mount importance in the scientific and commercial devel-
opment of any commonwealth. The name -- Netherlands -- means lowlands, and
was formerly applied to all that district in the north-
west Europe, much of it sunk below the level of the sea,
now occupied by the kingdoms of the Netherlands, and
Belgium. A large part of this region is simply the
delta accumulations of the Rhine and other rivers empty-
ing into the North Sea. Originally, it was often over-
flooded by its streams, and inundated by the ocean.
But this unpromising morass, protected at last by
heavy dikes seaward against invasions of the ocean, and
by great embankments inland against the overflow of its
streams, was destined to become the site of the most
potent cities of Europe, and the seat of one of the fore-
most commonwealths of modern times. The continuous battle against the elements led to
ground in educational lines, and students from all parts of
Europe flocked to the educational institutions of Holland,
and, in particular, did they come to institutions devoted