

fore those raised in any State north of Maryland, and are much sought after by northern buyers. The value of such produce in 1860, amounted to the sum of \$530,221, a very small fraction of the amount that could be realized by thrift and industry.

STOCK RAISING.

Elsewhere has been given a description of the soil in different sections of the State. A large portion of it is admirably adapted to pasturage, and stock raising could be made a very profitable branch of industry. No special attention has, as yet, been given to it, however, and as a consequence, the entire number of the live stock raised in 1860, is thus set down: horses 93,406; asses and mules 9,839; milch cows 99,463; working oxen 34,524; other cattle 119,254; sheep 155,795; swine 387,756; amounting in value to \$14,667,853. It may be mentioned that in a portion of Worcester county, horses run wild the entire year and receive ample sustenance from the grasses that grow so luxuriantly in the salt marshes abounding near the Ocean.

FRUIT CULTURE.

Both the soil and climate of Maryland are admirably adapted to the cultivation of fruit. Especially is this so in relation to apples and peaches that thrive luxuriantly with little or no attention. The bay counties possess better facilities for this culture from the cheapness of the land and the large area of the tracts available. The value of orchard products in 1860, was \$252,196. This, like every other article of consumption, could be very largely increased, as the amount now raised is greatly inferior to the demand, the most of it being consumed by "packers," an energetic class of tradesmen of recent growth, who put up the fruit in hermetically sealed cans for winter consumption.

No general attempt has been made at grape culture, but grapes thrive well wherever planted, leading almost to the positive knowledge that this might be made a distinct branch of industry—attending with great profit. The amount of wine produced in 1860, was only 3,222 gallons.

MINERAL RESOURCES.

Iron and bituminous coal abound in the North-Western section of the State. The coal regions of Allegany county cover 600 square miles. Copper mines are found in Baltimore, Frederick and Carroll counties; also granite and marble in Baltimore, Frederick and Howard counties; aluminous earth, porcelain clay, limestone, chrome, manganese, ochres, and even gold abounds, while beds of mail on the Eastern and Western Shores of the lower counties furnish an excellent fertilizer for the soil.