

Georgetown, we have seen, is easily reached by railroad and water, within a few hours, from all parts of this division. The same is true of Alexandria, and Annapolis and Baltimore. A steamboat canal (the Chesapeake and Delaware) connects the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, offering every facility for the transportation to Philadelphia and New York of the fruits and vegetables to supply their markets much earlier and easier raised here than anywhere else from which these cities can obtain a supply. For, remember, we have here a better garden soil and an earlier climate than is found in the neighborhood of these cities. We have at the very threshold of this section very large, populous and growing cities; all ready, and constantly increasing, consumers of its various agricultural products, with a certain, safe, quick and cheap conveyance to their markets, with no chance of future competition; the population, the consumers of this division are increasing with unparalleled rapidity, but the area to supply them must remain stationary. What then, must be the result but an immense increase in the value of its farming, marketing, garden and floral lands?

#### STAPLE PRODUCTIONS OF LAND AND WATER.

These are wheat of fine quality, Indian corn, rye, oats, tobacco, buckwheat. The Sorghum flourishes here also in great perfection. The cultivated grasses are, clover, timothy, rye grass, herd grass, all growing in great perfection, and besides these there are many indigenous grasses which afford almost all the year a good pasture for cattle and other stock.

The market and garden vegetables are, onions, cabbages, peas, carrots, parsnips, tomatoes, asparagus, turnips, cauliflower, egg-plant, oyster-plant, beans, peppers, Irish and sweet potatoes of great excellence. The finest watermelons, musk melons and canteloupes, and many others, too numerous to mention. All of these embracing many varieties, suitable for early, medium and late planting, grow in the first degree of perfection.

The fruits are, peaches, apples, pears, apricots, nectarines, strawberries, grapes, plums, figs, pomegranates, and many others of all varieties, giving an abundant supply from the earliest part of the season to the latest; and I have frequently seen contrasted the apple which had been kept through the winter with one fresh plucked from the tree.

The garpe vine flourishes most exceedingly well here, as a *prioria*, might be known from the soil and climate.

I have, as a general thing, seen better fruit and vegetables here on the table of the farmers and planters of Maryland than is shown and rewarded by prizes in the Exhibitions North and West of us; and we have very many here which