

Water-Power.—This requires a special passing notice, as it conduces to the material prosperity of an agricultural community in a very great degree, by inviting the employment of capital and the presence of a large class in manufactures to be supported by the agriculturist. As we are at present situated most of what we use for almost every purpose will be of home manufacture, and the natural advantages for this, will, therefore, bear a value far greater than when foreign fabrics were consumed.

The large cities and towns in, or immediately on the border of this division have for this purpose the easiest access to the best coal in the United States for manufacturing purposes, whilst the country portion has in addition to this an unlimited supply of water-power. Nothing save a disturbance in our political affairs, can prevent this whole Division from being the seat of great and varied manufactures, as it combines a healthy climate with the essentials of cheap and easily acquired power, abundant agricultural resources, and a contiguity to the chief raw material, cotton, an advantage superior to all the country north of us.

It has the command of all the chief raw material required in manufactures, and a monopoly of some, and the natural means within its borders of converting them into mercantile fabrics and afterwards the readiest and cheapest means for their conveyance to the markets of the world.

CECIL.—*Blue Ridge portion.*

A description of the tide-water part of this county has already been given, it remains now only to notice that part of it lying west of the P., W. & B. Railroad, and between the Pennsylvania line and the Susquehanna River.

This portion of the county is distinguished for its great and widely-spread water power, its large and flourishing manufactories, the great value of its mineral wealth, particularly of chrome ore, from which is made the most beautiful and permanent paints, and from which all the civilized world is to a great extent supplied. In addition to vast and extensive manufactories of iron, cotton, wool, paper, and, indeed, of the chief substances that are required for domestic use or exportation, long persistent efforts are now culminating in success to make Port Deposit on the Susquehanna in this county the source of supply for all the plank, scantling, &c., that is used on the great Atlantic border.

This is to be effected by means of booms, contrivances to catch all the floating logs, millions of which come down the river every year, and then to convert them into such forms of lumber as industrial wants may require.