

the South mountain, is the first of the range, then the Blue Ridge, and further on, the Allegany mountains, beyond which, we reach the western limits of the state. There are several fine rich vallies west of the Allegany mountain, particularly along the courses of the Youhiogany. Upon the mountain regions, are situated considerable tracts of level country, denominated *glades*, which afford excellent pasture for herds of cattle, which are merely marked by their owners, and driven here to subsist until they are fit for market. Between the Allegany and the Blue Ridge, lies a rich fertile limestone valley.

Turning to speak of the United States, Malte Brun, in his excellent modern geography, says:

“ We now approach a more genial climate, where the forests put forth a vigorous vegetation and the fields are covered with abundant harvests. In this region, man is every where occupied in building houses, in founding cities, in opening new lands, and in subjugating nature. We hear, on all sides, the blows of the hatchet, and the blasts of the forge: we see the ancient forests delivered to the flames, and the plough passing over their ashes. We observe smiling cities, temples, and palaces, rise up within a short distance of cabins inhabited by Indian savages. We now tread the soil of federal America, that land of liberty, peopled by numerous colonies whom oppression and intolerance forced to leave the British isles, and the other parts of Europe.”