

ore of the same nature from its own neighborhood; and in the immediate vicinity of Baltimore, where it occurs in abundance, advantage is taken of the facilities of the Rail Road to convey it to the water side, whence it is exported to New Jersey and there exchanged for bog-ore.

On the Falls of the Little Gunpowder, at Joppa, and near Abingdon, in Harford county, there are extensive deposits principally of that variety called in the art Brown-ore, which is of the best quality. Along Bush river in the same county, the best quality of Hone-ore is raised. This latter variety is a mixture of carbonate and oxide of iron, and is said to produce the best foundry iron. Hone-ore, generally yields a more valuable metal for castings; while the Brown-ores furnish the best forge-pigs. The furnace of Bush creek is in part fed with these ores. Others, with which it is supplied from the upper part of Harford county, will be described hereafter, but it may be proper to mention here, that associated with what is obtained from Bush river, there is a mineral, apparently a ferruginous Jasper, which by some iron-masters has been termed Flint-ore. This is not an ore of iron; but on the contrary is a pernicious article when suffered to go into the furnace.

Such are the principal known localities of iron-ores in this section of the State of Maryland. There are doubtless others of equal extent and value; and it is known that ores of inferior quality, but answering admirably when mixed with the richer refractory ores, also abound. It is not deemed necessary to specify these at present.