

ducts annually obtained from this source is not less than fifty thousand dollars. The ore itself, too, is exported, and is understood to be in demand at the present time for the supply of foreign countries. The chief localities in Maryland are Harford county, at Coop town; Baltimore county, at the Bare hills, seven miles from the city of Baltimore, and at Soldiers' Delight, seventeen miles distant, and the northern parts of Cecil county.

The Serpentine Formation, which encompasses the chromiferous iron-ores, yields also another material for the preparation of a chemical of great value. This is the Epsom Salt, the base of which is derived from a magnesian mineral nowhere found in such abundance and purity as within the state of Maryland. The quantity produced annually is eleven hundred thousand pounds; valued at forty-five thousand dollars; the exports are valued at forty thousand dollars. It is believed that the production of this article in Baltimore has entirely superseded the necessity of its importation for any portion of the United States, and has also reduced greatly its former price.

Still another article, doubtless about to prove ere long a source of considerable revenue to the counties where it occurs, has been already alluded to; as having been found in Cecil and Harford counties. It is the mineral commonly called Porcelain clay or Porcelain earth. This material is regarded as proceeding principally from the natural decomposition of the coarse grained Granite, a rock very common in the state of Maryland.

For the Porcelain works at Philadelphia, it is derived almost exclusively from the neighborhood of Wilmington in Delaware; but an analagous forma-