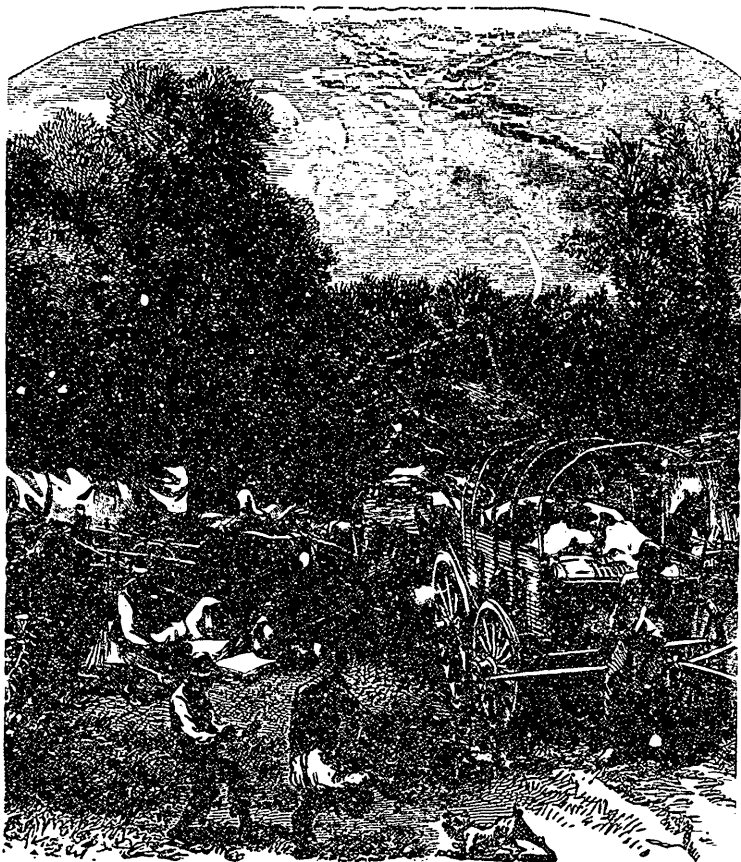


Of those who waited in her hall,
And laboured in her lands.

Long since beyond the Southern sea
Their outbound sails have sped,
While she, in meek humility,
Now earns her daily bread.



RURAL LIFE IN THE OLD DOMINION.

A feature of especial interest to the social philosopher will be the opportunity of studying the habits and mode of life of the negro race, emerging from a long period of servitude and tutelage into the estate of free citizens. There is still much of the happy-go-lucky unthrift of the ante-war days. But under the stimulus of fair day's wage for fair day's work, even the light-hearted, frolicsome negro is developing a sedateness and frugality of character which are the best augury of his future prosperity.