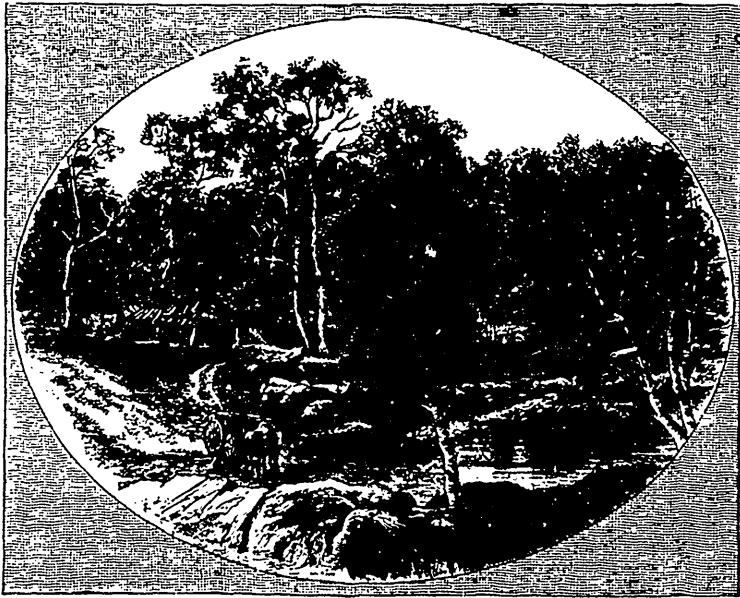


for raising cattle and sheep, and growing corn and fruit. If Australia had better rivers, it would be another America; unfortunately, it lacks water and hands. Its rivers in summer are mostly trickling streams or empty ditches, and the hands are not there to overcome the difficulty by irrigating the land.

The town of Bendigo produced in a few years £65,000,000 of gold. Ballarat ran this performance very

fond of drink, a devoted keeper of Saint Monday, a spendthrift, who thinks only of his pleasures, and takes no interest whatever in the development of his country. He will throw up the most lucrative job to go and see a horse-race a hundred miles from his home.

Of all the achievements which Australia can justly boast of, there is not one which surpasses what she has accomplished in the way of journalism. One wonders with



SUMMER HILL CREEK, AUSTRALIA.

close. Broken Hill produces 300,000 ounces of silver per week. Mount Morgan, in Queensland, is a mountain of gold. To get at the precious metal, the miners only have to cut into the mountain as one would cut a slice of cake.

The sovereign ruler of Australia, says Max O'Rell, in free and easy way, is the working-man. The Australian workman, still less interesting than his English cousin and confrere, is lazy,

amazement how a country so young, can keep alive, and even richly-flourishing, such daily papers. The Melbourne Age was printing a hundred thousand copies a day when I was in Australia.

The greatest event of the year, in colonial life, is the Melbourne Cup race. The prize is worth ten thousand pounds sterling; and such is the betting done upon this race, that, when the winning horse