

leading to the Atlantic, which the railway crosses into Florida. More pine woods, much of it cut off for timber, and growing out of a sandy soil as level as a floor, in which every depression and fissure is full of water, is then crossed; and the balsamic odours of these pines, combined with the mildness of the climate, are the attractions that make Jacksonville such a popular health resort. The line finally comes out upon the broad St. John's river, and the train lands us at the Florida metropolis, which has grown from 1,000 people in 1850 to 7,600 in 1880, and probably, under the recent stimulus, to 18,000 now—a Northern city set upon Southern soil, 900 miles from New York, a distance that is traversed in about 30 hours by express trains now, and next season will probably, by increasing speed and making better arrangements, be run in 24 hours. Jacksonville has been built by Northern capital and is a watering place with fine hotels, and a fashionable Northern society in the winter, when many thousands come here from the North, seeking gentler air and a balmy climate. The negro seen here is a different type from the listless "darkey" of the Carolinas and Georgia. Contact with the energetic men of the North has infused life into him, and the hotels, which are conducted by Northern landlords, are managed on an improved plan compared with those of the other Southern seaboard towns. Here, with the large influx of whites, the Irishman also reappears among the laboring class. The "cracker" wanders into town in his dilapidated cart, plodding slowly with his mule or ox along the heavy sandy roads, and is astonished at the progress a few years has made. The streets show a Northern population, and here in our Southern journey we first experience the revival that has come from the investment of so much Northern and European capital in Florida. This process has already done much for the State, and will before long make a complete change in its character and position, as a large immigration is coming in, and in many respects this land of the orange and the alligator is looked upon as a new American agricultural El Dorado.—*Quoted from London Times.*