

Not that we are mere copyists. All are original. Yet thinking out for ourselves, the problem of our existence, through the same well worn channels, we arrive at the same great truths.

Although we boast of the surpassing grandeur of our present age ; laughing at the vague rumors of the giants of early times ; those were indeed giant men. With no inheritance, making the best of their great unmoulded untutored mind, they prevailed against vast odds. Heroes too, men who struggling for very existence, rose in civilization ; aye, and in this struggle upwards bore us, rather all their posterity, a step nearer the coveted summit of perfect civilization. Why ! all our great strides towards this summit are simply improvements on their grand fundamental inventions.

Then, giving these fathers in invention, all that is asked for them in the legends of Heroes and Giants, knowing that our possession is our inheritance, rather than our works, let us bequeathe to our posterity this rich legacy with, if possible, a tithe of usuary.

MAKING GREENBACKS.

THE general public, says the *Philadelphia Times*, while capable of recognizing any flaws in the impress of bank notes or fractional currency, know very little of the care exercised by the government in protecting itself against their fraudulent issue, or of the many safeguards thrown around the various stages which greenbacks undergo before they are placed in circulation. Every possible contingency is so surrounded with strict enactments, and so much red tape is necessary that the expense of printing Treasury notes is enormous. In the first place the manufacture of the peculiar paper used