

of germination, called for the whole powers of the proprietor to disarm it of its evil. When an enterprise has been proved for a time without any draw-back to its prosperity, it attains an eminence in public opinion, which enables it to successfully combat future adverse circumstances ; but it seldom happens when such beset it its beginning, that it can make head against the current of distrust engendered, and when this does occur, it must be owing to extraordinary innate virtues. Happily, the short trial which had been made of the Caledonia Springs had established them a reputation no casualty could overthrow. So convinced of this were the visitors there, at the time of the fire, that they chose rather to remain, and put up with such lodgings as could be hastily prepared, than forego the benefit of the waters, by returning to their homes.

The old hotel was therefore put in order as quickly as possible, and its accommodations increased as much as practicable for their reception ; but its capabilities were inadequate to the necessities of a very large number of visitors, and many persons were compelled by this knowledge to defer visiting the Springs this season.

Preparations for the construction of a new hotel, upon the site of the one destroyed, were commenced without delay, and scarcely were the ashes of the first cold, before the second began to rise above them ; and when winter set in, the whole frame was completed.

But the large sums already expended, and the partial failure of the season, had exhausted the resources of the proprietor ; and in order to acquire the means to finish this building, and continue the necessary improvements, he de-