

estates are now broken up, and the use of anthracite and other coals for the furnaces and glass-works, and for fuel, has rendered their former business less productive.

The soil of these lands is good, a light loam, but easily cultivated; it can be readily fertilized by the use of marl, which is abundant in the immediate vicinity, and is worth from \$1 to \$1.75 per ton; lime, which is worth from twelve to fifteen cents a bushel; or fish guano, which is a very powerful manure, worth from \$15 to \$18 per ton. It will produce almost any crop which you may desire to cultivate, and yields fine crops of the cereals and Indian corn (thirty to sixty bushels of the latter), root crops, melons, market-garden vegetables of excellent quality, fruit of great excellence, and all the small fruits. Railroads traverse all these counties, and both New York and Philadelphia furnish excellent markets.

The climate is very mild, the mean annual range of the thermometer being only $43\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, the mean average being about 51° , and the extremes being about 90° and 15° Fahrenheit.

The rainfall is about forty-eight inches. Ploughing can be done every month in the year. The culture of the grape is a favorite industry, and the grape attains great perfection from the long season without frost. The region is remarkably healthy and free from all malarious influences. It is especially commended for sufferers from pulmonary complaints.

Here are glass-works, silk factories, iron mines, artificial-stone works, iron furnaces, and a great variety of other manufacturing and mining industries.

There are desirable lands at moderate prices also in *Central Pennsylvania*, *Northern Maryland*, and large tracts of some of the best lands the sun shines on, though now exhausted by the slovenly farming of the period before the war, in *Virginia*. These lands can be easily reclaimed, and can be bought at reasonable prices.

The lands in Eastern *North Carolina*, though fertile, are very often subject to malarial fevers. Where they can be freed from these by drainage or the extensive planting of the Eucalyptus, there are no better farming lands on the Atlantic coast.