THE SCOTTISH PINE.

Erect he stands, 'mid scenes so wild, On Naturo's bulwarks grey; His plume wavec in the northern breeze, The shadows round him play.

The blacken fern and blackberry Spring up about his feet, While heath-crowned rocks, or heary crags, O'er head oft nearly meet.

The storms that blow so fierce and strong. Round many a summit bare, Sweep down upon him. Yet he steads Unvanouished monarch there.

O'er many a gien his sceptre sways; Le no Rannock, wild Bracmar, The banks of Spey, and crooked Glass, Lochiel, Glenroy, Cromar.

Although he loves his Highland hills, 'Mong purple heath to stand, Yet we oft meet his stalwart form Far from his native land.

Give him the welcome he deserves, Ho's always brave and true: Where others fall, victorious he, Shall save his bonnet blue.

A DURABLE WHITEWASH.

To the Editor of the Scientific American.

In regard to the query of C.B.C., in your last number, in relation to whitewashing, I believe I have tried every known wash. The so-called White House stucco wash is no better than any ordinary whitewash. No brick wall that ever is intended to be painted should be whitewashed. All washes absorb water, and in damp weather lose their color.

The best wash that I have ever heard of is made as follows: For one barrel of color washhalf a bushel white lime, 3 pecks hydraulic cement, 10 pounds of umber, 10 pounds ocher, 1 pound Venetian red, quarter pound lampblack.

Slake the lime; cut the lampblack with vinegar; mix well together; add the cement, and fill the barrel with water. Let it stand twelve hours before using, and stir frequently while putting it on.

This is not white, but of a light stone color, without the unpleasant glare of white. The color may be changed by adding more or less of the colors named, or other colors. This wash covers well, needing only one coat, and is superior to anything known, excepting oil paint.

I have known a rough board barn washed with tuis to look well for five years, and oven longer, without renewing.

The cement hardens, but on a rough surface will not scale.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July, 1881.

Population and Temperature.

A consus bulletin shows the distribution of population in the United States in accordance with temperature. Arranging it in groups by 5 degrees of mean annual temperature, it is found that no less than 98 per cent. of the total population live between lines marked by 40 and 70 degrees Fah. The cotton region is above 55 degrees, sugar and rice above 70 degrees, and tobacco between 50 degrees and 60 degrees. The prairie region of the Mississippi valley almost entirely below 55 degrees, while the great wheat region of Minnesota and Dakota is mainly below 50 degrees of mean annual temperature. The highest maximum temperature is in southwestern Arizona and southeastern California. Of the entire population, 89 per cert. are found in the classes which have maximum temperature between 95 degrees and 105 degrees. In considering minimum temperature, it is seen that 95 per cent. of the inhabitants of the United States live between the lines of 35 degrees below zero and 10 degrees above, for extreme onld.

From this it is evident how population tends to increase in regions rather north of medium temperature; or, more correctly speaking, between isotherms of low degree.

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