

in Mexico; but very considerable progress has also been made in other branches of industry dependent on luxury and wealth. Chandeliers, and other ornaments of great value, were recently executed in gilt bronze, for the new cathedral of Puebla, of which the bishop possesses more than 550,000 livres of revenue\*. Although the most elegant carriages driven through the streets of Mexico and Santa Fe de Bogota, at 2300 and 2700 metres† of elevation above the surface of the ocean, come from London, very handsome ones are also made in New Spain. The cabinet makers execute articles of furniture, remarkable for their form and the colour and polish of the wood, which is procured from the equinoctial region, adjoining the coast, especially from the forests of Orizaba, San Blas, and Colima. It is impossible to read without interest in the gazette of Mexico‡, that even in the *provincias internas*, for example at Durango, two hundred leagues north of the capital, harpsicords and piano-fortes are manufactured. The Indians display an indefatigable patience in the manufacture of small toys, in wood, bone, and wax. In a country where the ve-

\* £22,448.

† 9,387 and 11,020 feet. *Trans.*

‡ *Gazeta de Mexico*, t. v. p. 369.