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PICTURESQUE PENNSYLVANIA.

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THE State of Pennsylvania is formed by nature in a grandly picturesque mould. Towards the south-east it is generally level, but in the interior it becomes rugged and mountainous, and in the west rolling and broken. It is traversed by the parallel ranges of the Appalachian or Alleghany Mountains, and by a continuation of the Blue Ridge of Virginia, which heave their summits far into the sky, and support upon their mighty flanks vast forests and broad sweeps of arable land. In their bosom they conceal the treasures of iron and coal which constitute so largely the wealth of the State. The broad, deep valleys which stretch between the mountain ranges smile with well-tilled farms, and fruitful orchards, and comfortable homesteads. This fair and fertile State is drained by large and beautiful rivers, which still bear the descriptive and musical names which they received from the Indian aborigines—the Susquehanna, the Juniata, the Schuylkill, the Monongahela, the Alleghany, the Ohio,

* *The Pennsylvania Railroad, Historical and Descriptive*, by William B. Sipes. Large 8vo, pp. 281, with 113 engravings. Price \$3.00. Upon this admirable volume we are dependent for much of the information given in this article. We are also indebted to the courtesy of L. P. Farmer, Esq., General Passenger Agent of the road, for the use of the fine engravings by which it is illustrated.

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