

correct his error, and he must content himself with his lot in the best manner he may: at any rate, his past labour is lost, or nearly so.

This matter is so well understood and appreciated in the United States, that the greatest attention is paid to mapping, and the study of maps. The rivers and canals are laid down most conspicuously, with all the canals and rail-roads that are only projected; and even situations, where facilities present themselves for their construction, are pointed out. Scarcely any person is met on a journey without a map of the state in which he is travelling; and the cheap rate at which they are got up, and the portability of their bindings, speak forcibly of the universal estimation in which such knowledge is held.

It is not every American custom which is worth copying, but this one is founded in such good sense, and has so evidently arisen from the necessity of the case, that it would be unpardonable not to follow it.

~ In looking over the best maps of Canada, the inexperienced eye is bewildered by the multiplicity of water-courses over the face of the whole country. The great majority of these,