

while to labour. The soil in some parts is very good, and there the vine is cultivated to a considerable extent, but much of it is exceedingly heavy clay, and its tillage is an unmixed toil.

You will find here every variety of climate, from the salubrious



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temperature of sunny Italy, where oranges and figs ripen in the open air, to the region of eternal frost. Of every one-hundred square miles of surface, thirty are occupied by rocks, glaciers, and water, twenty by hill pastures which are reached only in sum-