

was done toward their extraction under the slavery régime. A quickened industry under the stimulus of free labour promises a brighter future to the Old Dominion.

One of the grandest sections of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway is that through the winding valley of the Greenbrier and the New Rivers. The Rhine owes no little of its attractiveness to



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the battlements on its steeps. The New River is not indeed like the Rhine in depth or breadth; but it has features of its own. Now it is a broad stream leisurely chattering to the woods that overhang it; anon it is in a narrower bed scolding the rocks as large as houses, that have intruded themselves upon it from the hillsides, of which they grew weary. But for giant cliffs—Eagles' Nests, Lovers' Leaps, Drachenfels—and mountain fastnesses in ruins, the New River can compete with any stream of travelled lands. As one is whirled along, it is difficult to say what challenges most admiration—the river below, the cliffs above, the graceful lines of the hills, the moving shadows over the green