

tively lonely Mississippi. I had been so often told that Sambo wouldn't work, that I had almost come to believe that Sambo couldn't work if he would, without the intervention of a little rough training, (a theory long prevalent with trainers of other colts that are taken green), when I find myself shaken almost to a jelly by an English gentleman ("Burly Briton cotton buyer," in the language of Hiawatha), who maintains that the poor fellow will work if but time is given to get an observation through his wool, and to pick up his carpet bag and things that have gone astray in the Freedmen's Bureau. My companions met a gentleman of their acquaintance, who, with an associate, had a year ago gone down from Chicago and purchased a sugar plantation of 2,700 acres in the parish of St. Marys, on the west side of the Mississippi. He stated that they had secured and retained labourers during last season, and were satisfied with the result of their experiment. Another gentleman from Chicago has just purchased an extensive plantation in the same neighbourhood. It is, of course, readily apprehended that the labour question between these gentlemen and the labourer is approached as a simple matter of commerce, and without many difficulties that are presented to those who have so long stood in different relations. It may be stated, also, that these gentlemen expressed much contentment with the fine climate and good shooting, and being full of money were probably less exacting in the financial test of the investment. Sugar estates, with buildings and fixtures for work, have been sold as low as \$30 per acre, and there are yet many more on the market.

The Custom House (in which is also the Post Office) presents to the street view a magnificent exterior. It is built of Massachusetts granite, nearly square, and about 300 feet on each side, but it terminates, under a temporary flat roof, with the third story, and is quite unfinished within.

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