

Selected Miscellany.

From the Philadelphia Press.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Since the establishment of the Press we have seized every opportunity which we could snatch from editorial occupation to visit the interior of our grand old Commonwealth.

Without travelling far, we have within the last few years seen the men and manners of other communities; the representative men of every region of our vast and vastly diversified country, and in these reflected lights we have seen and studied the Keystone State, and still our pride stands well warranted by the comparison.

The notion exists that because Pennsylvania has no dazzling reputation, she can have nothing marked or grand in her character. But it is just because her character is so even-balanced, well-rounded and complete, that she is not strikingly distinguished in the common apprehension.

In the map of the sisterhood of States which have grown up to maturity, Pennsylvania is centrally situated; and in climate, productions, population, character, and movement, she has a corresponding centrality.

The agricultural productions comprise all the varieties of the temperate climates; her minerals all that are fundamental to civilization and inseparable from its growth; her rivers and mountains, her plains and table-lands, of medium rank, give her all possible variety within the limits of practical utility; and her industry, like every other quality and condition, is happily diversified and symmetrical.

The agricultural capabilities of the State, alone, might be made able to sustain a tolerably dense population; but she is rescued from such slavery to trade by the tempting abundance of her minerals, inviting to all the forms of manufacturing production.

which traverse the leading routes angularly, putting the North and South into direct relations with each other, and as numerous as a necessary intercourse of trade and travel demands.

In this enterprise of internal improvement, neither mountain chains, river courses, nor the rugged declivities of the numerous ridges which roughen the surface of the State, have hindered a successful achievement, and the interest of the debt contracted in the construction of canals and railways, large as it is, is ever promptly met by the State treasury.

But we are running into statistics, though we began with the purpose only of glancing at the grounds of the warm approbation with which we regard the character, natural and moral, of the State and its people; and it is best to close this hastily scribbled leaf of what threatens to be an editorial treatise upon a subject which demands the talent and time of a dozen variously qualified authors, and for which we have scarcely any fitness except such impressions and impulses as spur us to the endeavor, or materials except the crude and undigested knowledge which one gains by every-day observation, lacking, as is usual with the most familiar experiences, the system and the logic required for presentment and demonstration.

Trace Style of Hoops.—A writer in the Newburyport Herald says: "So, we will say a few words on hoops. Don't call us a bear, fair readers, nor throw away this paper in disgust, for we are not to join our brother knights of the quill in their crusades against crinolines; but, Don Quixotte like, we will espouse the cause of distressed lambs, though we face a frowning world."

The only skirt that looks uniformly graceful, is that made of a series of rattan, whalebone or brass hoops, extending from the waist to the feet, gradually increasing in size with that graceful swell that gives to the dress the airy contour of a blue-bell; preserving that golden mean in regard to circumference that modesty and good taste will ever dictate.

THE WEDDING RING FINGER.—This is the fourth finger on the left hand. Why this particular digit should have received such a token of honor and trust beyond all its congeners, both in Pagan and Christian times, has been variously interpreted. The most common explanation is, according to Sir Thomas Browne, "presuming therein that a particular vessel, nerve, vein or artery, is conferred thereto from the heart," which direct vascular communication Browne shows to be anatomically incorrect.

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