

*The Gold Region.*—It is astonishing to learn the quantity of gold which is already obtained in North Carolina, and the extent of country in which it is found. The spurs and ridges of the whole territory is more or less rich in golden treasures. The Salisbury Carolinian says, that it has lately been discovered that that county (Rowan) is as rich in the precious mineral as any in the state; and that at one of the mines a few miles east of their town, ore has been dug up so rich, that it is thought some of the earth produces at the rate of fifty penny-weights per bushel. Iredell, Cabarrus, Davidson, Mecklenburg, Wilkes, Guilford, Lincoln, Rutherford, Randolph, Chatham, Stokes, Rockingham, Surry, Anson, and Montgomery, all yield more or less gold. In Mecklenburg a Maj. Harris has discovered a mine on his plantation which yields about twenty-five dollars worth to each hand per day. Mecklenburg appears to be the richest of these counties, as far as discoveries have yet been made, and carries on the mining business most extensively. In that county it is said "rich veins are constantly opening, extensive machinery is constantly building, and large quantities of the precious metal are daily washed out, by steam, water and horse power."

This precious region is not confined to North Carolina. In South Carolina gold has been obtained in Spartanburg, York, Lancaster and Kershaw. Researches are extending on the north into Virginia, where gold is also known to exist. It is said to have been already found on eight different plantations in that state, on one of which, near Fredericksburg, about eight hundred dollars worth of surface gold had been obtained within a few months past. Agriculture in this country is in a great measure suspended—all are delving after the golden treasures of the earth.