

the year 1800, and it appears that the ratio of increase was 35 per cent. for the first decennial periods, and that it gradually diminished to about 32 per cent. in the last. From these data, Professor Tucker estimates that, in the year 1850, the population will amount in round numbers to 22 millions, in 1860 to 29 millions, in 1870 to 38 millions, in 1880 to 50 millions, in 1890 to 63 millions, and in 1900 to 80 millions.

The territory of the United States is said to amount to one-tenth, or at the utmost to one-eighth of that colonised by Spain on the American continent. Yet in all these vast regions conquered by Cortes and Pizarro, there are considerably less than two millions of people of European blood, so that they scarcely exceed in number the population acquired in about half a century in Ohio, and fall far short of it in wealth and civilisation.

We were perfect strangers in our tour through Ohio, and, when at inns and in public conveyances, had many opportunities of hearing lawyers, merchants, farmers, and labourers, conversing freely and unreservedly together. I have generally abstained from retailing such gossip, reflecting how small would be the value of the opinions which an American could derive from a similar source, or from talk overheard in an English railway or steamboat. I shall, however, depart slightly from my rule on this occasion, as my readers may, perhaps, be amused as I was, and will abstain from drawing general conclusions from the conversation of persons whom chance has thrown in the traveller's way.

As soon as we were recognized to be foreigners,