

nature, that the waste of the soil is so nicely balanced by the supply from the disintegration of the upland rocks, which are worn and pulverized at such a rate, as to keep up a good vegetable mould on the surface of the earth. But each science teems with the like evidences of a devising and intelligent God; and when we view aright the many beneficent functions, to which, through the instrumentality of its surplus produce, the actual degree of the earth's fertility is subservient, we cannot imagine a more wondrous and beautiful adaptation between the state of external nature and the mechanism of human society."\*

\* Political Economy, in connection with the Moral State and Moral Prospects of Society, Chap. ii, Art, 10. In the appendix to this work, on the subject of rent, we have made further observations tending to prove that "there is an optimism in the actual constitution of the land, as in every thing else that has proceeded from the hand of the Almighty."

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