

or variegated marble. But when the charges and blasts are properly adjusted, it is white as snow, and like the most exquisite moss suddenly petrified.

The ore remains in the furnace some twelve hours. Then from the bottom of the great crucible it pours a red glowing stream into moulds of sand, where it hardens into "pigs." The workmen guide these dazzling currents of liquid fire into their proper channels with long-handled hoes.

By night the furnace buildings, with their brick arches, blackened roofs, clouds of smoke, fiery torrents, and sooty workmen darting hither and thither, catching lurid gleams on their dark faces, are grotesquely suggestive of Pandemonium, and contrast sharply with the white villages and dark wooded hills.

Shepherd's Mountain contains rich ore, but has been little mined.

All these iron hills are of volcanic origin. The State geologist reports in this vicinity sufficient deposits of ore near the surface to yield one million tons per annum of manufactured iron for the next two hundred years.

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THE PITCH LAKE OF TRINIDAD.

WE were, of course, desirous to visit that famous Lake of Pitch which our old nursery literature described as one of the "Wonders of the World." It is not that;