

There are rich farming lands in the lower districts, while the mountain regions are mostly given up to forests, or used as pasturage for sheep and cattle.

The Hudson is the most important river.



Locks on the Erie Canal, at Lockport.

EXERCISE. — (Open books to map of Middle Atlantic States.) Find the States, mountains, and rivers named in this lesson. What rivers do you see, about which you have read? Find James River. Find Lake Ontario; Niagara River. What do you know (pp. 51, 52) about them? Who made the first settlement in New York, and where? The picture shows you some "locks" in the Erie Canal: what have you read about this canal? The locks enable boats to pass from one level in the bed of the canal to another.

XXVI.—BUSINESS AND CITIES.

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This is a better farming region than New England; for there is more good land, and the climate is warmer. The four southern are chiefly farming States, raising grain, tobacco,