



Steam-boat loading with cotton.

## ALABAMA.

1. ALABAMA is remarkable for its rapid growth in population, wealth, and general prosperity. In the year 1810, its inhabitants were less than 10,000 in number; and now the State contains nearly seventy times that amount.

2. Cotton is the chief agricultural staple; in 1840 upwards of 117 million pounds were produced. Corn is the principal grain, but wheat and rice are also raised. Tobacco is cultivated in the northern, and sugar, in the southern counties.

3. Gold, iron, coal, and lime, are the principal minerals found in this state. The coal is of excellent quality, and is used both for fuel and in making gas. Manufactures are established in various places. Prattville, on the Alabama river, is noted for its cotton fabrics.

4. The various rivers which traverse both the northern and southern sections of Alabama admit of an extensive steam-boat navigation, by which the valuable productions of the

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*Alabama. Q.*—1. For what is Alabama remarkable? How many inhabitants were there in 1810? How many now? 2. What is the chief staple? What are the other products? 3. What is said of minerals? Coal? Manufactures? 4. For what are the rivers well adapted?