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lowing account, which he received some years since from Mr. Boardley, of a family in Maryland, afflicted with this idiosyncrasy.

"A. B. of the State of Maryland, has had six children, four of whom have died of a loss of blood from the most trifling scratches or bruises. A small pebble fell on the nail of a forefinger of the last of them, when at play, being a year or two old: in a short time, the blood issued from the end of that finger, until he bled to death. The physicians could not stop the bleeding. Two of the brothers still living are going in the same way; they bleed greatly upon the slightest scratch, and the father looks every day for an accident that will destroy them. Their surviving sister shows not the least disposition to that threatening disorder, although scratched and wounded. The father gave me this account two days since, but I was not inquisitive enough for particulars."

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ARTICLE II.


The town of Kinderhook, in Columbia county, State of New-York, is situated on the east side of Hudson River, 42 deg. 36 min. N. lat. It is 13 miles N. from the city of Hudson, 204 miles S. by E. of Albany, 25 W. by N. of Stockbridge, in Massachusetts, and 140 N. of New-York.

From almost every spot in Kinderhook, the Blue Mountains† may be seen; and every beholder must be delighted with them. Sometimes the whole range appears tinged with the colour of a delightful blue. The appearance is variegated and irregular. In winter the reflection of the sun, reverberating from the snow which covers them, has a grand effect. Sometimes their tops are veiled in a cloud. The people prognosticate a change of weather from the mist or fogs which appear

* These observations apply, with the requisite allowance, to all the interior, and middle parts of the State of New-York, and the corresponding parts of the adjoining States.

† For a description of these mountains, see the report on the mineralogy of New-York, in our vol. i. p. 295.