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well cultivated.—The stream flows from North Brunswick, through Franklin t-ship, by a W. course of about 6 miles, to the Raritan river.

*Slabtown*, hamlet of Springfield t-ship, Burlington co., on the road from Mount Holly to Bordentown, 4 miles N. of the former; contains a Friends' meeting house, and 10 or 12 dwellings, 1 store, and 2 taverns.

*Slab Cabin Branch*, of the Rancocus creek, rises in Monmouth co., and flows a S. W. course of 10 miles, to its recipient, the North Branch of that creek, on the south boundary of Hanover t-ship, Burlington co. Hanover furnace lies upon it, and it turns several mills.

*Slab Cabin Brook*, Dover t-ship, Monmouth co., a small stream about 3 miles in length, which flows into the south side of Toms' Bay.

*Sleepy Creek*, a tributary of Atsion river, rises in Hereford t-ship, and flows by a S. E. course of about 6 miles, to its recipient, in Galloway t-ship, Gloucester co.

*Smith's Creek*, a small mill stream, which rises near Herbertstown, in Hopewell t-ship, Hunterdon co., and flows S. W. by a course of 6 miles, to the river Delaware, at the foot of Belle Mount.

*Smithville*, village of Galloway t-ship, Gloucester co., 42 miles S. E. of Woodbury, and 2 miles E. from Leed's Point; contains a tavern, store, Methodist meeting house, and 10 or 12 dwellings; surrounded by pines, and near the salt marsh.

*Snake Hill*, a noted eminence of Secaucas Island, in the marsh on Hackensack river, and a very prominent object from the road, between Jersey City and Newark. Its formation is of trap rock, on sandstone base.

*Snover's Brook*, rises in Sucker Pond, Stillwater t-ship, Sussex co., and flows by a S. W. course of about 8 or 9 miles through the north part of Hardwicke t-ship, into Paulinskill, on the northern part of Hamilton t-sp, Warren co.

*Snuffletown*, a small village of San-

distone t-ship, Sussex co., at the east foot of the Wallkill mountain, and in the valley of the Pacake creek, on the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike road, about 15 miles N. E. of Newton; contains a Methodist meeting house, a store, tavern, and tannery, and 6 or 8 dwellings.

*Sodom*, p-t. of Knowlton t-ship, Warren co., on Paulinskill, 12 miles N. of Belvidere, 4 E. from Columbia; contains a grist and saw mill, tavern, store, and some half-dozen dwellings. Some smelting works have lately been erected here, said to be for precious metals, discovered in the Jenny Jump mountain.

*Sodom*, Lebanon t-ship, Hunterdon co. (See *Clarkesville*.)

*Somerset County*, was taken from Middlesex, by an act of the proprietaries in 1688. Its bounds were subsequently modified by the legislative acts of 1709, 1713, and 1741. It is now bounded on the N. and N. E. by Morris co.; on the E. by Essex and Middlesex; on the S. E. by Middlesex; and on the S. W. and N. W. by Hunterdon co.: greatest length N. and S. 28 miles; breadth E. and W. 20 miles; area, 189,800 acres, or about 297 square miles: central lat. 40° 34'; long. 2° 15' from W. C.

The whole county lies within the transition formation, if the old red sandstone be included within it. Hills of trap rock, upon the sandstone base, are scattered over it, as at Rock Hill, near the southern boundary, Rocky, or Nashanic mountain on the S. W., and Stony Hill N. of Somerville. The ridges N. of the last, contain grauwacke, and the valleys transition limestone, generally of a grey colour. The surface of the county is various: the N. W. section being mountainous; the S. and S. W. hilly, whilst the centre and S. E., the valley of the Raritan, is either level, or gently undulating. The soil varies with the surface: that of the hills is generally of clay and stiff loam, whilst that of the plains is a sandy loam, formed of the red shale; and the mountain vales, as we have already