

A good idea will be given of the richness of the Brazilian Flora by the fact, that when mounted in the tree-top, he collected specimens of three flowering trees not before seen, and three species of mistletoes.

The same afternoon they reached Estrella, but found their guide had not procured any passage for them. They, however, succeeded after some difficulty in procuring one, set out before sunset, and reached Rio the next morning by three o'clock, having been greatly tormented by the musquitoes, and a minute fly, which was even more troublesome.

Finding that the repairs had not proceeded so rapidly as I anticipated, I readily gave permission for a second jaunt, which they undertook in the direction of Piedade. Piedade is on the eastern side of the bay, nearly opposite to Estrella. On landing, they proceeded to Trexal, at the foot of the mountain, sixteen miles from Piedade, where travellers may get good lodgings, &c., for Brazil. The next day they took the route by the pass to Mr. March's. The summit of this pass commands a magnificent and extensive prospect, and is called Buena Vista. They reached the Fazenda of Mr. March about midday. It is situated in a beautiful valley, immediately behind the main ridge, and between two mountains. The houses were overflowing with visitors, who had assembled to pass the holidays. This estate is large, embracing some thirty miles square, but only a very small proportion of it is cultivated. A large number of negroes were about the establishment, and every thing is kept in perfect order. It is a place of fashionable resort for the inhabitants of Rio, especially the English. The houses were comfortable after the Brazilian style. The garden and grounds are laid out on the English plan, and well stocked with very fine fruits, peaches, apples, pears, plums, gooseberries, all of which come to perfection. Of vegetables, they have potatoes, cabbage, turnips, carrots, beets, onions, parsnips, celery, and lettuce. Bananas will not ripen, the temperature being frequently as low as 40°. Mr. March said his houses were situated three thousand one hundred and fifty feet above the level of the sea, and the peaks in the vicinity are about one thousand feet higher. To the westward he pointed out a peak said to be eight thousand feet in altitude, and which is the highest of the range. So far as is known, no one has gained the summit, although Mr. Gardner, an English botanist, by following the tracks of the tapir, had reached within a few hundred yards of it, after two days' hard labour, and found that the vegetation resembled that of temperate climates. Time did not admit of our gentlemen making the attempt. All that could be done was to ascend the hill pointed out by Mr. March, in the vicinity of his house, as never having been ascended, and which is one thousand two hundred feet above it. This was accom-