



MATTOLE RIVER AND VALLEY.—Mr. Hill, on his last trip down the country found a large river hitherto unknown to the people of this section—called by the Indians Mattole, which he says, is larger than Eel—Wecott River. The Indians had apparently never seen a white man before. Mr. Hill, had with him Indians from the Bay who interpreted for him; the Mattole Indians had no knowledge of any settlements below them: upon the assurance of the Indians he had with him, the wild ones came to him. Mr. Hill struck the river a few miles from the Ocean. He describes the valley of the river in glowing terms—the lands are rich with open prairie sufficient for a large settlement of farmers—the best of the timber is Redwood is the principal growth, but as you recede from the water, Spruce, Pine and Redwood predominate. The prairie is covered with the finest specimen of Clover, which grows to an almost

