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Two people stand talking in front of a log cabin surrounded by pine trees. Pigs roam freely in the yard where two children are playing. A pelt hangs on the wall of the cabin. Another person, possibly a slave, is working in the woods nearby. Illustration by Fredrick Law Olmsted (1822-1903). From his book, *A Journey in the Seaboard Slave States; With Remarks on Their Economy*.

Olmsted was a famous landscape architect and antebellum traveler. Olmsted traveled South in 1852. In his book Olmsted discusses the low quality and number of roads and travel accommodations in the area. In general he is happy with Raleigh and its architecture and evergreens. Olmsted also talks about the turpentine and rosin production, naval stores, tobacco and tar industries. Olmsted was also concerned with the lack of urbanization, manufacturing, and agricultural diversity in the South. He also concluded that slavery was damaging towards Southern economy and social growth.

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