

The great want of capital in this country is evinced by this circumstance: the growers of "corn" (Indian corn) and other grain, sell at this season regularly, under the knowledge that it will as regularly advance to double the price before the next harvest. We now have an offer of two hundred barrels of "corn," five bushels to the barrel, at a dollar per barrel, when the seller is quite aware that it will be worth two dollars per barrel at midsummer.

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## Pictures of Illinois

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Thus store-keepers, or other capitalists, receive as much for the crop, clear of expences, as the grower himself, who clears the land, ploughs, sows, and reaps it. We may judge from this consideration how much the farmer is kept back for want of spare capital; and what will be the advantages of the settler who commands it. The same remark applies to bacon, and every article of produce.

We must not suppose, that the poor farmer who is obliged to sell under such a disadvantage, is absolutely *poor*. He is, on the contrary, a thriving man. Probably, the person who now spares us from his heap two hundred barrels of corn, possessed three years ago, nothing but his wife and family, his hands, and his title to a farm where an axe had never been lifted. He now, in addition, has a cabin, a barn, a stable, horses, cows, and hogs; implements, furniture, grain, and other provisions; thirty or forty acres of cleared land, and more in preparation, and well fenced; and his quarter section in its present state, worth four times its cost. He is growing rich, but he would proceed at a double speed, if he had the value of one year's crop beforehand: such is the general condition of the new settlers.

A good cow and calf, is worth from twelve to twenty dollars; a two year old heifer, six dollars; sheep are scarce; ewes are worth about three dollars a head; a sow three dollars; a stout horse for drawing, sixty dollars or upwards.

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## Morris Birkbeck

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Wheat sells at 3*s.* 4½*d.* sterling, per bushel, Winchester measure.

Oats, 1*s.* 4*d.*

Indian Corn, 11*d.*

Hay, about 35*s.* per ton.

Flour, per barrel, 36*s.*; 196 lb. net.

Fowls, 4½*d.* each.

Eggs, ½*d.*

Butter, 6*d.* per pound.

Cheese, rarely seen, 13½*d.* per pound.

Meat, 2*d.* per pound.

A buck, 4*s.* 6*d.* without the skin.

Salt, 3*s.* 4*d.* per bushel.

Milk, given away.

Tobacco, 3*d.* per pound.

Our design was to commence housekeeping, but, being near the tavern, we continue to board there. This is more convenient to us, as there is but a poor market in this little town, and the tavern charges are reasonable. Our board is two dollars per week, each person, for which we receive twenty-one meals. Excellent coffee and tea, with broiled chickens, bacon, etc. for breakfast and supper; and variety of good but simple fare at dinner; about five pence sterling a meal. No liquor, but water is thought of at meals in this country, besides coffee, tea, or milk.

Travelling expences are very regular and moderate, amounting to a dollar per day, for man and horse,—viz.—