

and snow, rains and sleets, which prevail one and two hundred miles further south. Our autumns are bland, beautiful and mild, through nearly all of October. Spring generally breaks upon us at once—the transit from winter to summer being short. The consequence is, that the vegetable kingdom, whether wild or under the hand of the cultivator, changes the face of nature from the dearth of winter to the luxuriant growth of spring, much quicker than in more temperate latitudes. Most of the fruits, and all the grains of the Northern and Middle States, thrive well here. A fair specimen of dent corn was raised in this village last year.

Our two last winters have been unusually severe; but not more so for the latitude, (44 deg. 40 min. north,) than it has throughout the Continent. The Wisconsin usually breaks up, so that the rafting season begins in the month of March; and before the river-men get below Pointe Bas, the forests are usually clothed with verdure.