

second day after leaving the fort; but finding the ice running in the river, and the crossing impracticable, we continued along the east bank of the stream until we found wood convenient, and a good shelter from the wind, and camped for the night. In the morning we started on our return to the fort, and reached there next day.

We remained with Mr. Ubaldine about a week, and until the river closed sufficiently to cross on the ice, and again started on our explorations. Reaching the wigwams before mentioned, we struck across the south end of Dell Prairie, arriving at the Wisconsin River opposite McEwen Rock.

During our week's stay at the fort, there was quite a heavy fall of snow, and after leaving the Point Bausse trail we found the traveling both slow and difficult.

Before leaving on this second trip, mother Ubaldine handed us a bottle of *medicine* with the remark "*If you get frost bited, try this—it came from Ould Ireland.*" Feeling grateful for the kindly feelings which we knew accompanied the gift, we received it with thankfulness.

The first night, after leaving the fort, we camped about a mile from the east side of Dell Prairie. In the morning we again started, but now without a trail, snow two feet deep, and weather extremely cold. Proceeding a few rods we noticed a singular mound of snow, a short distance out of our direct course. Examined it and found a one-horse sleigh, left a few days before by Robert Bloomer, on his way to the Grand Rapids. In the sleigh we found a couple of smoked hams, some bread, crackers and cheese. Made a note of it as a good place to obtain a supply of provisions on our return, if needed.

Arriving at the edge of the prairie, and facing a cold west wind, we soon felt unmistakable evidence of the frosty atmosphere, so much so that we concluded to halt and try the remedy in the *bottle*, but here we found a difficulty—how to apply it. After mature consultation and reflection, we concluded to try an inward application, and I must say the result was equal to our highest expectations.

And here I will digress so far from the narrative as to say, that although we found repeated occasion to try the *medicine*, and