

Pleasantly situated on the banks of Little Sugar river, on ground rising gently towards the west, and at the foot of a high ridge of hills on the east, the village lies in the midst of rather rough yet pleasing scenery. Pleasant valleys, dotted with good farm houses and spacious barns, greet the eye to the north. South and west, fertile hills and uplands, alternating fields and timber, are in plain view for miles.

The first sight from the top of the high hill to the east is a pleasant surprise: the whole village and surroundings lie spread out beneath your feet. The settlement presents a romantic and somewhat un-American appearance; there is something about its appearance that cannot well be described. Perhaps it is the diversified style of the buildings, perhaps the queer but plain old stone church-tower,—so unlike anything seen elsewhere in this country,—that causes it to seem different from the average Wisconsin country village. There are many fine dwelling-houses, but the common practice in New Glarus of building close to the edge of the streets detracts somewhat from their beauty. The village has about a hundred and fifty dwellings, a flour mill, a brewery, a cheese factory, lumber and stock yards, stores, shops, hotel, and saloons. The population is about six hundred. A physician, a preacher of the Swiss Reformed church, and three school teachers, reside in the place. There are besides, artisans, merchants, and laborers of all trades and occupations needed by

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hair and complexions prevail among the people; and numerous family names ending with *i* or *y*—as Marti, Klashy, Tschudi, Trumpi, etc.—indicate an Italian origin. Yet the blue eyes, fair hair, and complexion of the north Germans are by no means rare; and family names having an undoubted German origin,—as Schindler, Elmer, Luchsinger, and Schmid,—are plenty. Judging from these indications, the Goth and the Latin contributed in this borderland to the formation of the present race, and the result has been a people in whom the steady, honest purpose, industrious and frugal habits of the German race are blended with the impulsive, passionate, and enduring qualities of the Latin,—the mixture being the present persistent, enterprising, frugal, and industrious people of the region, of strong vitality and physique, and capacity for adaptation to all climates and conditions. From this source has sprung the healthy colony of New Glarus, Wisconsin, the subject of this sketch.