

we were following the right course, until about 2 P. M. we came to a farmhouse where we drank buttermilk again, and by signs asked the lady of the house to give us some dinner, which she promptly did and prepared us a good meal; we had Coffee this time and also Salad. In our Glarus land there is many a so-called hotel that could not entertain and provide as well as is the usual custom in even the poorest loghouses here. After we had refreshed and rested ourselves we sought to go farther, but it is tiresome to travel over fields where for miles there are no houses or shade trees to be seen. No water to quench our thirst, and for many hours meet no human being who might give us information, and those we meet we cannot make understand us; it is difficult to find out the names and distances of the different places. Some of them appear stupid to us. The oft-praised enterprise and activity of Americans seems to be lacking here; the people are said to work only  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the year, half of which they plant and hoe and the other they harvest and gather their crops; the remainder of the time is spent in hunting or other favorite enjoyment or they lay on their backs and smoke cigars. The cattle cause them no care. They come towards the evening to the dwellings and if milk is needed so much is milked as they need, and then they are again driven off to the woods or prairies. Sheep are kept mostly for the wool, the yield of which every year pays the value of the sheep, for it is as dear as with us. The flesh of these animals has little value. We again reached the Illinois River and were ferried across into the village of Lacon; here we inquired of three Bavarian Jews how far it was to Peru, and who showed us the house of a German; he was from Alsace, named Schwarz, who had a large family, some grown sons, who were all very friendly and received us as if we were relatives and fed us well even to cooking an omellette in the morning. These people are only in this country four years, but have very much cattle, sheep, poultry and three horses, 100 acres of Land; it is 35 miles to Peru and we decided to get a teamster to take us the rest of the way even if our money was all to go, and