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notice as the aliments of the famishing fellowcreature, with whom their instinctive feelings must perforce sympathize. When parents who have left home comforts and all the ties of gentle kindred for the dear sakes of their rising families, in order to place them in a more independent position, it is well if those young minds are prepared with some knowledge of what they are to find in the adopted country; the animals, the flowers, the fruits, and even the minuter blessings which a bountiful Creator has poured forth over that wide land.

The previous work of my sister, Mrs. Traill, "The Backwoods of Canada, by the Wife of an Emigrant Officer," published some years since by Mr. C. Knight, in his Library of Useful Knowledge, has passed through many editions, and enjoyed (anonymous though it was) too wide a popularity as a standard work for me to need to dwell on it, further than to say that the present is written in the same *naïve*, charming style, with the same modesty and uncomplaining spirit, although much has the sweet and gentle author endured, as every English lady must expect to do who ventures to en-

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