

kind of clans, the manners and customs of the mother country have been but partially obliterated in their descendants, by the collision of a social intercourse. In this western country, the settlers being more promiscuously located, will form an identity of opinions, of manners and customs. Each emigrant retaining and giving up a part of what is peculiar to himself, a new character will be produced from the various materials constituting the compound, which may with propriety be denominated national. Hence will eventually be formed a more distinguishable nationality of character. From such a combination of characteristic peculiarities, a selection of the best modes of pursuing the useful arts, and of those practical inventions that subserve the grand purposes of sustaining and adorning human life, will naturally follow. By such efficient means of exciting laudable curiosity, and of imparting a fresh impulse to enterprising industry, most skilfully bestowed on useful mechanical labors; on multiplying the conveniences of good living; on developing the resources of a new country; and on exploring the latent recesses of virgin nature;—may we not confidently hope, that the arts which abridge manual labor will be improved—that the stock of useful knowledge will be increased—and that the condition of man will generally be ameliorated?

In these western states, nature has offered to the skilful industry of man abundant resources for food and raiment; and she has also supplied him amply with the means of national defence against foreign aggression.—The soil and the climate combine to provide him, by a moderate portion of labor, the various materials that constitute a palatable and nourishing diet, to a degree that might be considered luxurious. Flax, hemp and cotton