

inferior to ours ; as beef, mutton, lamb, veal, &c. ; the oxen are, by labour and neglect, brought to mere skin and bone, then prepared for market, by the application of Indian corn, which (being of an oily nature) hastily loads them with fat ; the meat looks uncommonly fine, thus *fed*, but in the cooking one half is waste, the other sinew and gristle ; mutton, &c. becomes dry and insipid ; but pigs and poultry it suits, and they are indeed luxuries.

The State of Ohio has been pointed out by such writers, (or rather literary gentlemen as Mr Palmer) as a peculiarly favored portion of the American Continent, because of the great advantage arising from the *prairies*, (as they are termed) which means an extensive boundary of land without timber---a sort of marshy plain. Now in order that we may come to something like correct demonstration, by the power of ratiocination, let us enquire and consider how far such recommendations to Europeans, (expressly Englishmen) accords with humanity, or tantamount with policy, compared with the other divisions of the Union, or Canada.

Those *prairies*, being swampy, or in plain English, boggy land, exhale agues and fevers innumerable, and such are rather formidable and unprofitable associates, and this *seasoning*, (as it is very properly termed by the Americans) is a kind of human ordeal (unavoidable,) and such plagues are inseparable in all the Western States.