

sixty acres, free of stumps, which most of the fields I have seen in this Pleasant Valley are. Mr Lenard told me that he had a natural meadow of wild hay of vast extent, about two miles, of which he permitted the neighbouring inhabitants to carry off as much as they pleased; that he had pasture enough in his woods for several hundred head of cattle, of which he made no use whatever; that he had 200 Sheep, twenty Milk Cows with their followers, some Mares, Oxen, and Horses, and that he thought these enough on one farm. This fine farm, and large stock of cattle, he would give on shares to any good man that would take it. What is meant by a farm given out on shares, which is customary all over America, is, The proprietor gives over a farm, stocked with all sorts of cattle, seed corn, and farming utensils, for a certain term of years agreed upon, generally three years; every thing given out in this way, is numbered and valued much in the form of still-bows in Scotland. At the end of the three years, or lease, of whatever endurance it may be, the tenant returns to the proprietor the same number and kinds of cattle, farming utensils, and quantum of sown land, with the buildings and fences in proper order. The produce of the farm, during that period, is equally divided between them; that is, the