

ception, he builds, and *plants* (after his *Midas*-blessed purchase has taken place) cows, pigs, horses, &c.—Money by this time is gone; in the course of two or three years he may have produce for market; he sends such to an agent, or consignee—is he paid in cash?—No. How then? Why barter. Thus it is he gets no money, and as they say, he wants no money. The implements or medical working tools I have prescribed, cannot be omitted, as agues and bilious fevers, &c. are certain, and often certain death too; and it would be desirable a farmer, previous to his *Illinois* visit should study pharmacy and phlebotomy. Such remarks I have heard made in a similar manner, by very respectable Americans, I therefore resign Mr. Birkbeck up to public opinion.

The fact is Mr. B. aspiring to the rank of a Western *Prince*, purchased a considerable tract of Land, then finding out his mistake, aimed at a *Retrieval*, wrote his *Letters* and (Angled) for “Lunatics.”

In the Western States, (Virginia, Georgia, &c.) they have a savage custom of “*gouging*,” that is, for any trifling offence, they will not resent it in a plain and manly manner, but the wretched victim is waylaid, and the knuckles are forced into the sockets of the eyes!--thus the blessed orb of light is for ever removed and extinguished.

Provisions of all kinds are much cheaper than in England; spirits, wine, &c. and clothes, furniture, &c. equally as cheap; house-rent in the large towns is very