

cleared spots are comparatively so small, so few, and in general so far asunder, that it may look like one boundless and unbroken forest; where man and man's labour are wanting; and the deer and its destroyer are its noblest inhabitants. All this forest, however, which you behold, has been measured and divided into townships, by surveyors employed on the part of government. These townships are again divided into what are called concessions, and these latter into lots, each lot containing two hundred acres; both are numbered, first, second, &c. and the boundary or divisional lines of the concessions, which are run perfectly straight, without diverging for either swamps, hills, or valleys, are formed by taking off with an axe a piece of bark on each side of the trees that stand where the line should be, and by cutting down an occasional small one. This mark is called "the blaze," and where recently done is generally sufficiently plain, but in townships that were surveyed some years ago, there is both risk and difficulty in endeavouring to follow it.

When a person has had the misfortune to get off the line or *blaze*, and fails, after a few trials, to recover it, his best and only rational resource is to endeavour, by the aid of a compass, the sun, or any other mode, to keep one straight course either to the east or west. As the concession lines run north or south, or nearly so, he will thus be pretty certain of coming on some one or another of them, and so may extricate himself out of a very alarming dilemma. I have been obliged myself to have had recourse to this plan on more than one occasion; and here I would strongly recommend the practice of carrying about with you a pocket compass, as it will show you the way when perhaps the sun may be taking a nap behind a thick curtain of clouds.

The prevailing trees here are maples, beech, hemlocks, cedars, basswood, and elms; pines and oaks are numerous in particular districts, but in general are only found scattered among the others. The maple, or Canadian sugar cane, is a tall and handsome tree: excellent firewood: but except when found bird-eyed, or with a curled grain, not in request for other purposes. The beech resembles that of the old country, and seems of a good quality; it also is fine firewood. Hemlocks