

settlement—in cases where it has not been made the first erection. Log-houses, in general, are comfortable, or, at all events, are capable of being made so.

Illustration No. 3 will give an excellent idea of a "log-cabin as it is." When it forms the first erection, it is put together roughly, but solid; and by plastering with clay, such houses are rendered as warm as any stone house. The logs, being notched at each end and placed crosswise on the top of each other, are fitted in, and will withstand the heaviest storm of wind, rain, or snow. There is, however, great room for improvement in the erection and comfort of such houses.

The cost of such erections may be set down as nothing, the timber being taken off the emigrant's land, or supplied along with the labour free, by his nearest neighbours.

The illustration No. 3 faithfully represents the log-houses in general use in all parts of America; there being seldom more than one small window and a door at the front, with another small window and the fire-place and chimney at one end of the house.

In some few cases, log-houses present a very different appearance, more like our illustration No. 4, of a "log-house as it might be," with a veranda in front, and vines or other plants creeping up the rustic pillars in front, as well as round the doorway and ends of the projecting roof, presenting, sometimes, pictures of rural neatness and comfort.



No. 4.—A LOG-HOUSE AS IT MIGHT BE.

While the log cabin like No. 3 are composed of sometimes only one apartment, we give a ground plan where four apartments might be made with great ease. (See illustration No. 5.) After the settler has made some progress, and begun to add to his means, he is probably desirous of abandoning the log house, or the settler, with means at starting, may choose to erect a cottage after the style of illustration No. 6, which is a style of cottage, very generally to be found in districts which have been settled some time, more particularly in the Western States. It is made of sawn lumber, for the most part, with shingles for the roof.



No. 3.—A LOG-HOUSE AS IT IS.

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