

if he lived *faithful*, however *lonely* his situation, there would be always a *friend* near, both willing and able to protect him!"

The writer having from a motive of curiosity expressed a desire to become better acquainted with the old gentleman's history, as well as the privilege of being permitted to have an internal view of his humble hut, his request was not only granted, but was very politely invited to walk in for the purpose that he had mentioned, and by whom, as regarded the latter, was found much more wretched than what he had anticipated. The only furniture which it contained, was a block of wood, which served the aged inmate for a chair, and his only bed a hollow log, filled with dry grass and leaves, and of a size so small as to be hardly sufficient to hold his body—and his only cooking utensils, &c. an iron pot, a small broken spider, a pewter poringer and a wooden spoon!—On the writer's remarking, that, "in the choice of his furniture he must have been governed more by the principles of *economy*, than that of *convenience*," "indeed I was, (was his reply,) and well I might be for when but a boy, I was like too many others of my age, brought to see the folly of *pride* and *extravagance*!—When but sixteen years of age, my parents emigrated from Holland to the United States, and with the small means that they then possessed, they rented a few acres of land in the western part of the State of New York, in the neighbourhood of a well cultivated farm of my uncle (my father's brother) who had emigrated to America eleven years before—by industry and frugality, in four years, the produce of the few acres of land rented by my father, was sufficient to enable him to purchase a small farm, clear of incumbrance, situated in the neighborhood of the Mohawk river, and about which time I became of age, and agreed to work for my father for the term of one year, for the consideration of receiving seven dollars per month, the highest wages then paid—I fulfilled my contract faithfully, as he did his, by paying me at the end of the year the very considerable sum (so then considered by me) of \$1 dollars in *silver money*; indeed scarcely had I seen, much less possessed so great a sum before! A sum which I then foolishly believed sufficient to enable me to live *idle* a few months at least—a sum which if prudently laid out would at that period, (as the western parts of the State was then rapidly settling,) have been sufficient to have pur-