

While the others, being better informed, took out quite a venture in different articles of merchandize with which they made out but indifferently, escaping, however, with less loss than could have been anticipated, from their ignorance of mercantile affairs and matters of business.

The voyages of both parties were prosperous, nothing having occurred but what is common to all such adventures, and we reached our several destinations in safety.

Our small patrimony was not sufficient to enable us to live together at home ;* the education we had received, through the industry and good management of our worthy parents, although better than befitted our rank in life, was not such as could be turned to a profitable account, but only tended to render that kind of employment we must occasionally have been subjected to, in some measure degrading, and, consequently, more irksome and laborious : whereas, by coming to America, we could unite our little funds, purchase a good farm, and cultivate it together. How soon, in the cold realities of after life, are the Utopian schemes of youthful visionaries thwarted and forgotten ! Two of our number, after losing their little all, in some speculation in the lead mines, in the far west, fell victims to those fatal diseases, so common in that climate. Of the others, one pitched his tent on the Mississippi, another in the Ohio country, a third in Upper Canada, and myself in Lower Canada ; not nearer than from four to seven hundred miles to each other. I am thus particular about our dispersion, not for the sake of troubling the reader with circumstances, in which he can feel but little interest, but for the purpose of conveying to him, in a short history of each, some idea of the comparative claims these different

* This endearing term is always applied by the emigrant to his native country.