

account of the steepness of the river banks, it was necessary for us to walk in the water, whenever it was too shallow to float the canoe. Splashing along through the water with our burdens on our backs was a task both ludicrous and melancholy. So inured to wet and mud did we become, that it was no longer a matter of concern to us how much moisture we absorbed. Our only aim was to keep blankets and provisions dry, which effort was to some extent successful.

A log hut is a common, unattractive object at any time, but when we caught a glimpse of the rude chimney and moss-covered roof of one of the roughest of all shanties, our hearts were gladdened at the sight. The proprietors proved to be a family of Dutch settlers, who accorded us the greatest hospitality, generously placing their whole house at our disposal. You may be sure that we made the most of our opportunities. Soon our long delayed dinner was in preparation, while our dripping garments hung behind the stove. The Doctor distributed several small coins among the children and was amply repaid by the result. I never saw children so pleased and gratified as were these little Dutch settlers when they received the coins in their grimy outstretched palms. The mere sight of their recently acquired possessions seemed to be a source of continual delight. Poor little fellows! In all probability they had never owned a cent of money before, and considered their fortunes made. Soon after our arrival the old man came in from the field, bringing with him several of the older boys. He picked up our Winchester, took a sight with it, and pronounced it "*sehr gut*." One by one, he examined each article of our outfit, making appropriate remarks in his own expressive dialect. When the Doctor asked for information with regard to the remainder of our journey, he seemed very reticent, but he was persuaded to hold forth when we produced our map. This he pronounced a delusion and a snare. We assured him that it had proved so to us. Let me just say here that our map was one of that variety of charts which are "got up to sell" unsuspecting tourists. Beware of maps which are thus offered for sale!

Much as we wished to hasten on, we were obliged, out of courtesy, to wait for the old man to make numerous alterations in our map. When this task was completed, we heartily thanked