

doubt, very respectable and intelligent, but those ill-disposed *to work* or *suffer hardships*, which, as we have shewn, are absolutely necessary in the cases of those with no means, while their former comparative comfort renders their troubles more keenly and severely to be felt.\* Hence, a bad report of the Colonies from such persons, who declare them fit only for slaves, and not for their tender gentilities; while it is a commonly received fact, that none have done so well, or succeeded better, than half-pay officers who have emigrated, and can *rough it*. Talk of *roughing it*,—why, you have a rough climate in winter, and sometimes you find rough people; but we question whether there be not more real comfort in this roughness than is thought. What matters it, if one have a rough coat, of Joseph-colour even, provided it keeps you warm? You have no street-dandies to criticise *your* clothes, without paying for their own—if your home-made sugar is rather dark, it is sweet and good, and *your own fault* that it is not whiter. You are obliged, perhaps, to eat veal, or pork, or venison, for days successively, on account of having killed a calf or a pig from your stock, or a deer in one of your rambles up a river, where you have picked up

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\* Nine-tenths of those who emigrate have scarce an idea of what they are going about. Of the whole of the emigrant passengers, that sailed in the same ship with me, and all of whom were possessed of some means, from £200 to £1000, not one knew where he was likely to settle, or anything respecting the country or its productions. Others, especially young men, with no means but just enough to equip them against the severities of the climate, both in summer and winter, think there is little else to do than hunt and shoot all the year round; as, if where there were *no game laws* and *plenty of game*, such practices would be desirable or *fashionable*; or that it was probable that *hunting* was much followed in a country, the fields of which were completely studded with standing stumps of trees.