

selves upon the open prairie. We were on the southern border of Wisconsin and Illinois, and the air of the wide open country was fresh and exhilarating. There were some large brick-fields here, from which the town of Dubuque was principally built ; but it is progressing so rapidly that they are now found to afford an inadequate supply. Lead-shafts and furnaces were numerous, and betokened the abundance of the ore, which is found throughout a great portion of south-western Wisconsin, as well as in Iowa. No man who visits America should leave it, if possible, without taking a run upon "our pereras." They certainly contribute in no small degree towards enabling "our country to whip creation." And there is an expanse and freedom about them which accords well with the spirit of the people who occupy them. We galloped over the grass, flushing prairie chickens, and cracking our whips about our nags' ears, to whose credit it must be said that they did not need any such admonition to do their duty, for in two hours and a half we had rattled over the first twenty miles, and stopped to bait at a neat village, where we were tenderly cared for, and regaled with excellent fare, by a German housewife, who was as primitive and simple in her manners as if she was still in some *Thal* or other in her fatherland ; then we "inspanned," and passed thriving farms and stacks of hay, and here and there enclosures where the harvest had just been gathered, every now and then meeting more families