

wife's brother that I would make a move after dinner, and when he found the first man getting displeased with my speech, he was to get his attention directed to the timbers. We could not put the building up until we could get a break in the monotony and a stir amongst the neighbors. It so turned out that in my address, I touched some sore spots in their makeup that provoked one or two of the more energetic, and in a short time I succeeded in getting all hands employed, as was my business. At six o'clock we had our building up, the rafters on, and so far as the neighbors were concerned, completed, when an old nag came in with a bottle swinging at each side, and the toppers had the privilege of imbibing to their hearts' content,—the building was up.

We completed that building and turned our attention to a fine farm dwelling house. The man was not at all unprepared for us, for we found siding which had been dressed and stored away for twenty years, ready in his shed, for use with other timbers, the age of which I had not learned. In due course, and with a very pleasant time with our friends and acquaintances, we completed the building and received our contract price. We were then called across to another building some six miles on the western side of Grand Rapids, also a farm dwelling house, to which we applied ourselves with considerable zest. In the early days of December, we had that also a completed contract and received our full contract price.

Another brother of my wife's who had been closely connected with us for a short time before leaving the home, had come out to that country, and landed in Muskegon, Michigan, some fifteen miles northwest from Grand Haven. He wished us to go to that place; the man he was working for was in need of just such help as we could give, and we were offered the highest that was then going for a couple of weeks. It was my intention to remain for two weeks and assist in the putting up of a large boarding house connected with one of the larger timber mills of that section. I remained for two weeks. In the meantime I had some experiences. Up to