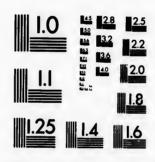


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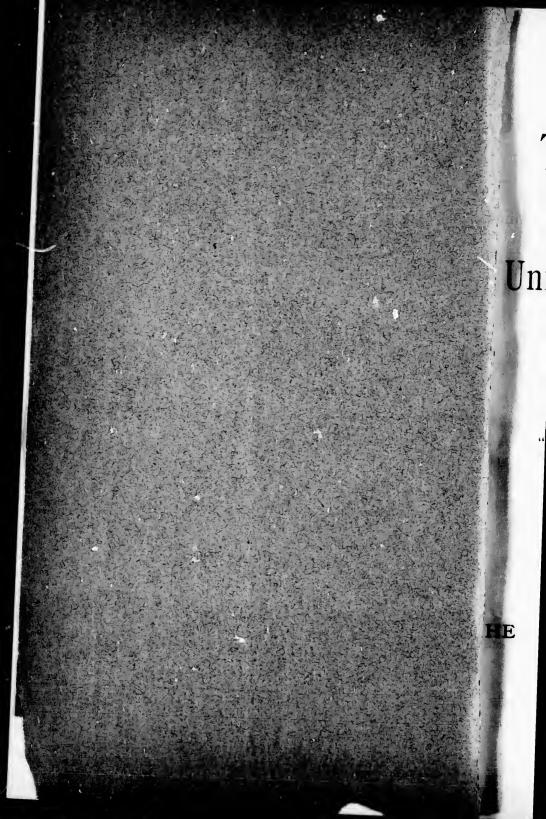
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Introductory.

THE following pages are based upon several years' practical experience of American Farminga qualification of the first importance in those vho undertake to advise others as to the training, apital, etc., necessary to success in that occupation.

It will be observed further that THE UNIFORM PREMIUM OF £30 CHARGED BY THIS AGENCY IS VERY SUCH LESS THAN IS USUALLY REQUIRED FOR THE SAME We believe, however, that an intimate ERVICES. State of Minnemowledge of America, and extended business conlections with that country, will enable us to place young nea satisfactorily on terms much more convenient to nany parents; and at the same time to offer a large hoice of positions on the best class of Farms both in he United States and Canada.

> We wish it also to be clearly understood, that we indertake, through the gentlemen who represent us on he other side, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A CAREFUL UPERVISION DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS (OR LONGER, S THE CASE MAY BE,) OF TRAINING.

> Pupils are invited to communicate also freely direct vith ourselves, and we shall be ready, at all times. o give to clients here the benefit of our experience

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and advice in the arrangements for the future sement of the young men sent out through this Agen

We do not guarantee in every case pays from the start for the work of a Pupil in addition (4) board, lodging, and instruction in Farming. obvious that untrained lads, fresh from other purs can be, for some months at least, of very little Our arrangements are that Pupils shall be brough degrees into the full work of the Farm: that, at: they shall only be employed for a few hour the day until they have acquired the knowledge nable physical capacity to do a full day's work. system they will not be placed in a false positionstable receiving more for their services than the valuxpens the farmer—at their parents' expense, in much hecess premiums paid in this country. And the latter will 500 the satisfaction of knowing that the first few month a of their sons' pupilage are spent in LEARNING TO With t instead of working, probably, beyond their strengted and learning very little. When he has gained a experience the Pupil will have become worth to acl Farmer more than his mere board and lodging. He. then receive such amount of monthly pay as atlet. services may warrant. In all suitable cases, however, stem ment will commence after a month's trial. obat

In what follows, we design to present to y Col Englishmen who wish to settle in the United Shore or Canada—

(1) As faithful a picture as possible of the trasactronecessary to success;

(2) The kind of life they may expect on an Ame on the homestead;

ne future seghthis Agent case pays il in addition Farming. In other pursurery little ll be brought

(3) The prospects open to them when they have gained a competent knowledge of American agriculture; and,

(4) Some definite information as to what they can do with the capital subsequently at their

command.

The Necessity for Emigration.

m: that, at! We might almost take this for granted. The great a few hour najority of middle-class parents find themselves quite knowledge nable to bear the cost of educating their sons for 's work. By ne of the liberal, or quasi-liberal professions; of false positionstablishing them in business; or of giving them the an the valuxpensive training which severe competition renders in much hecessary for positions in the Civil Service. From e latter will 500 to £1,000 may easily be spent in these ways first few month a result by no means certain, or commensurate EARNING TO With the outlay. It is not every young man who is d their stream for the drudgery of desk-work, or is content nas gained a ith the poor prospects in life offered by the position me worth to a clerk in an office. For such the British Colonies, lodging. He. some of the States of the Union, are the natural thly pay as thet. But unless they proceed there under a proper cases, however, stem, and undergo, with suitable guarantees, a obationary training for the life of an American present to y Colonial farmer, and are not supplied with capital he United Store they have learnt how to use it to advantage, e enterprise will, in nine cases out of ten, end in le of the trassitrous failure. Young men fresh from school or isiness are no more fitted to undertake the managect on an Ameent of a couple of hundred acres of land in Canada the United States than they would be in Lincolnshire or Norfolk; and this point cannot be too strongaste insisted on to their friends.

Learning to Farm.

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e four Perhaps the best way of illustrating the system nd the LEARNING TO FARM recommended by us is to sketch his faithfully as we can the probable experiences of a you not u Englishman placed as a Pupil on an American, arm, Canadian Farm. We shall take, by way of exam the case of a young man of fair education, gle wil physical health, and steadiness of character—a p qualit The erhap: which cannot be too strongly insisted on. instances do occur where the fact of being thrown a the new surroundings, and compelled to adopt habits of ad he reliance and self-help, has worked a wholesome chamilian in those whose career at home has been troubles ouring and unpromising, yet the exception does little he than prove the rule. We shall endeavour, for istom reason, to discourage young men with unsatisfacinself antecedents, from attempting a life where habitho, for sobriety and steady industry are the very essenciate success. Careful arrangements are made by the Age to secure the safe conduct of the Pupil during outward-bound journey, and to prevent his stayir The large towns on the road and falling under ill be influences, or among bad companions. Arrived ae sta destination, he will be as much surprised, perhaphis w pleased to discover, that he has to make his homeeakfa house not inferior to English farm-houses on holening of similar extent. He will find in the Farmer, taug for the next twelve months, is to be his instructonat is

e too stron ASTER—let him not forget this—a man probably of uperior education, and he will at once be made welcome 1 a friendly and sociable household. There will often e found piano and books to beguile the winter evenings, the system nd the Pupil is sure of some fishing and shooting s to sketch his few leisure hours. He will be regarded with nces of a you not unkindly curiosity, and, if placed on an American American, arm, will do well not to commit the common mistake ay of exam vaunting the superiority of everything British. ducation, gle will find, both in Canada and the States, a social ACTER—a puality prevailing on the homestead, which will, on. Thourhaps, be new and surprising. The hired men ing thrown the Farm will sit down to table with the family, pt habits of hd he need not fear that this will lead to any undue olesome chamiliarity. They are probably the sons of neighen troubles ouring farmers, and it will be well for the new comer loes little he has the tact to express no surprise at any eavour, for stom which is strange to him, and to accommodate h unsatisfacimeelf as quickly as he can to the habits of those where habitho, for the next few months, will be his daily very essenciates.

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Farm-Work.

ent his stayir The work to which an untrained young Englishman ing under ill be set on an American or Canadian Farm will, at Arrived ae start, probably be to assist in the care of stock. ised, perhaphis will usually occupy an hour or more before ake his homecakfast, and the same time after the six o'clock uses on holening meal, there called supper. By degrees he will the Farmer, taught to plough. This work is frequently done by his instructorat is known as a Sulky or riding-plough. Driving

a Seeder in spring, and a Mower and Hay-rake hired summer, learning to "cultivate" Indian Corn throuffere the early summer months, to pitch hay on to a wagon win rather laborious work for a beginner—to spread day evenly on the wagon or stack, to "husk corn" irge" fall, to help in some post suited to his strength ahe wo capacity at "threshing time," indeed to share w. If the farmer, his sons, and his hired men, in every th operation of daily farm life; all this will busily occu year Any young man with ordinary quicknect b and intelligence will find that his health is rapiccur improving, and his strength becoming more vigorountry He will feel that while leading an enjoyable, somewhat hard-working life, he is acquiring not or the power of doing every kind of farm-work sai In factorily, but learning to understand the whole system be of American agriculture as well as of stock-raisead and management. He will rapidly acquire a feel acre of self-reliance as the time approaches when he nd ce become his own master and undertake the managemover of a Farm of his own. If he has conducted him ve ye during his brief term of pupilage with diligence, sa the restraint, and self-respect, he will find that he ter t parted from with regret, that he has made friends w will not forget him, and who will be glad to welco and assist him in the future. Such are perhaps In the least advantages of the preliminary training hacts recommended.

After the expiration of the twelve months, ptair young man of average physical strength ought to capable of earning the full rate of wages of a skill strength of the twelve months, ptair young man of average physical strength ought to pair the full rate of wages of a skill strength of the twelve months, ptair young man of average physical strength ought to pair the twelve months, ptair young man of average physical strength ought to pair the twelve months, ptair young man of average physical strength ought to pair the twelve months, ptair young man of average physical strength ought to pair the twelve months, ptair young man of average physical strength ought to pair the twelve months, ptair young man of average physical strength ought to pair the twelve months are the twelve months and the twelve months are the twelve months and the twelve months are the twelve month

Hay-rake hired hand." Though that rate varies somewhat with Corn throuifferent localities, it will average at least \$10 a month to a wagon winter, \$20 in summer, and as much as \$2 and \$3 -to spread day during harvest, besides board and lodging; while usk corn "irge winter wages may be made by "lumbering" in strength ahe woods.

to share w. If a young man's friends can do no more than demen, in every the cost of his passage, outfit, &c., and give him busily occu year's training on a Farm, this is practically the prosary quicknect before him, if we except chance openings, which alth is rapiccur much more frequently in America than in this more vigorountry.

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Ways of acquiring Land.

HOMESTEADING.

rm-work sa in most of the Western States 160 acres of land e whole systian be "entered," as it is called, under "The Homeof stock-raisead Act," beyond 10 miles from a line of railway, and equire a feel acres within those limits. A residence of five years when he nd certain improvements made entitle a settler to a he managemovernment deed or patent, at the expiration of such ducted him ve years' residence, and at a cost in fees of £2 to £3. diligence, stree Canadian North-West a patent may be obtained nd that he ter three years' residence at about the same cost. de friends w

PRE-EMPTION.

lad to welco are perhaps In the States, as well as the Dominion, (where large ry training hacts of land are open to entry,) a settler may comute his five years' residence, and within twelve months e months, stain his patent and title, if six months after taking th ought top his "claim," and building his house, he chooses to ges of a skilly 5s. an acre for his land. This enables him to claim

a second, and often adjoining, 160 acres, under what known as "The Pre-emption Act," at the same price After a residence of two years and a half the Pre-emptyear, becomes the freeholder of 320 acres at a uniform ramou of 5s. per acre. The provisions of "The Timber Acon fa designed to encourage the planting of trees on the prairies, enable a settler to acquire a third 160 acr on payment of about £3 in Government fees, abecau setting out annually a certain number of trees. he S that in many thinly-settled districts, such as Dakot necessary for instance, it is easily possible to become, in eigons t years, the freeholder of 480 acres of land for £50. :hen capita

RAILROAD LAND.

Many railway corporations in the United States alelus Canada have received from Government large tracts uart land, usually alternate "sections" or miles along benisch sides of their lines of railway, in belts 24 miles s qui width, the alternate sections being reserved for "Homtead steading" or "Pre-emption." Railway lands vary to LA price from those of the Canadian Pacific, which aard offered at 5s. an acre, inclusive of rebate for cultivatioarve with payment spread over five years, up to £1, or "b and, in some localities, £3 and £4 an acre. Deferand a payments, at a moderate rate of interest, are universaelves eavin accepted. or

IMPROVED FARMS.

These vary widely in price, and no precise inform rule tion is practicable. In the newer Western States, the co to \$20 an acre may be taken as a fair average, while ble such old-settled States as Kentucky, a fairly equipprosp farm is worth \$60 to \$80 per acre. arms

Necessary Capital.

ne same pric The prospects open to young men who have had a he Pre-emptyear's training on an American homestead, and the a uniform ramount of capital necessary to start them successfully Timber Acton farms of their own ought, in our judgment, to be f trees on the learly explained to parents at the outset.

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hird 160 acr People often fall into the error of supposing that nent fees, abecause land is given away to every applicant, both in of trees. the States and Canada, little or no amount of capital is ch as Dakot recessary to farm with. Parents who send out their come, in eigons to be trained for a year on an American Farm, and l for £50. then expect them to make a start as farmers without capital, will find that such expectations will prove a ited States adelusion. Representations made to that effect in any t large tractsquarter whatever are, (we speak from much experience,) iles along benischievous and misleading in the highest degree.

ts 24 miles s quite true that many Americans do acquire a "Homeved for "Homtead" with little or no capital; but such men are BORN y lands vary: LABOUR, and are compelled to live hard and work eific, which aard for several years. They must hire themselves out in for cultivatioarvest, and at other busy times; undertake ploughing

up to £1, pr "breaking" for other farmers, often at a distance; acre. Defemnd at the approach of winter, frequently betake them-

, are universaelves to the "woods," there to work as "lumbermen," eaving their farm and stock to the care of the family.

for such a life as this, a young English settler is, as precise inform rule, obviously ill-fitted. Our experience leads us to tern States, the conclusion that unless some small capital is availverage, while ble for the future advancement of young men, the fairly equipprospect of their attaining positions of independence on

arms of their own is very small.

For this reason we have thought it well to devo some space to the important question of Pound Shilling and Pence.

We estimate that about £50 will defray the cost of young man's passage to the United States or Canad and provide him a good home with a year's practic instruction in Farming, as well as fair money remun ration for his work, certainly for most of that period.

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To give him anything like a fair start on a Far. his friends should, at the end of a year,* be prepared advance him from £100 to £150 more. With that can take a "Homestead," erect a few inexpensive built ings, and purchase the necessary implements, stock, & ables

"Farming on Shares" is practicable in solough districts, and about the same amount of capital wor Sod enable a young man to become a tenant-farmer on she "Share" system.

The following Tables suppose a larger amount capital. Land is here taken at an average of £11 acre, and a family of five persons is calculated for ont average. It might often be found convenient for t or more young men to join in the purchase of a Far thus reducing the necessary capital and hired help.

† This estimate is based upon extended personal experience our own, and is confirmed by those of Bishop Ireland, who colonized large tracts of land in Minnesota, and of the princh according to the States and Canada

^{*}Our arrangements with Farmers cover a period of Twelve Mon only. In ordinary cases a sufficient practical knowledge of Fair will then have been acquired. But if, at the expiration of that per the Pupil's youth or inexperience seems to disqualify him • Landau experience seems to disqualify him • Landa starting on his own account, we shall be ready to arrange for warts

Capital
160 acres* of land at £1 House (5 rooms), £80;
well, £ 10
Furniture, say £20 Two horses, £40; wagon
Sulky (riding plough), £20; hay-rake, £5;
harvester or self-bine
100 sheep (\$2), £40; pigs, £5
Living for 12 months, £5 Occasional "hired help"
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Furniture, say £20	. 20
Two horses, £40; wagon, sleigh and harness, £20.	. 60
Sulky (riding plough), £17; seeder, £10; mower £20; hay-rake, £5; other tools, £10 (must borrow harvester or self-binder)	۲,
100 sheep (\$2), £40; buck, £5; two cows, £10	;
pigs, f_0 :	. 60
Living for 12 months, £50; feed, £20; seed, £20.	. 90
Occasional "hired help" in haying and harvest, £20.	. 20
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ed that calculation is made in these izing no crop whatever the first year, land, such as is here estimated for, a fair return, are usually realized, nt-farmer on t shown at page 16.

TABLE II.+

Capital of £1000.

House (6 or 7 rooms), £100; stable, £20; building	S.
£50; well, £10	180
Furniture, say £40	. 40
three norses, £00; buggy, £20; saddlery, &c., £10.	. 90
	. 50
Sulky plough, &c., as in Table I	. 62
300 sheep, £120; 3 bucks, £15; (or equivalent in cattle)	;
3 cows, £15; pigs, £5	. 155
Living for 12 months, £75; feed, £60; seed, £30	. 165
Hired man, with board and lodging in house, and extra	a J
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e same remark applies of course to Tables III. and IV. Payment land can also invariably be spread over a term of five or seven irs at a moderate rate of interest.

TABLE III.	or
Capital of £1500.	or
320 acres at £1 per acre	230 Pro 50 Sta 50 Sta 50 Sha 255 220
$\overline{\pounds}$	1377
Capital of £2000.	
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Furniture, say £100 Five horses, two wagons, sleighs, harness, &c Two self-binders	100 150 100
Implements (about double those in smaller farms) 500 sheep, £200; bucks, £25; 4 cows, £20; pigs,	150
£20 (or equivalent in cattle)	265 270
and harvest	180 2205
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Estimated Profits.

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WHEAT.

All authorities concur very closely in placing to cost of wheat-raising in the West at about \$7 (28s. 30s.) per acre, no account being taken of interest land, buildings, farm-capital, &c. Taking an avera deduction for freight to New York or Montreal, the case may be, and a low average price of 80 cen

or 3s. 4d. per bushel, a profit of something	like	\$10,
or £2 an acre, may be anticipated in second	and	sub-
sequent years, wheat not being a "sod" cro	p.	

For full information as to other crops, readers

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SHEEP FARMING.

Estimate of the profit on a flock of 1000 Sheep: --

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5 lbs. unwashed wool per head, at 9d. per lb	£187	10		
of the flock	150	0		
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EXPENSES.				
Hay, £50; oats, £45 Wages, £60; shearing, washing, and	£95	0		
salt, £20	8o	0		
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CATTLE BREEDING

Is estimated to give the following returns:-

Cost of raising a fat steer, Value at 3 to 3½ years old	, inclu , £6 t	ding p o £8,	urchas say	e of cal	f	£3 7
Three years' profit	••	••	••	••	••	4
Thus 100 head of stock in	three	years	cost	• •	••	300
And are then worth	••	• •	• •	••		700
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DAIRY FARMING.	S
Gives the following results:—	vear
Cow is worth on the average £ Besides raising a calf yearly, commencing with two year old, she will give for 5½ months in summer 10 lbs. o butter per week, worth on the average 5d. per lb., o about £4 8s. The calf is usually considered equivalent ther keep.	of rusbors of rusbors or on m
Thus showing a profit on Dairy Farming of ne	ealetai
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The estimated expenditure on a Western Farm of 640	umn
amounts in first year to £2,205.—Vide Table IV., page	
(Subjoined are the results of the first two years.)	£
FIRST YEAR.	£
crop; the yield, according to Allen's "American Farm Book," being 15 to 30 bushels of seed to the acre, but which we estimate at 10 bushels only, would, at the ordinary average price of 4s. 6d. per bushel, give a gross return of	Footate
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stock of f. Though the above estimates have been based on years to fix and Wheat alone, similarly favourable results could readily be shown in first year from several other "sod" crops, as Beans, Peas, Indian Corn, &c.

Something must, of course, be allowed annually for vear and tear of machinery, repair of buildings, bad with two years leasons, possible losses in stock, and unskilful nmer 10 lbs. of usbandry, &c., as to which no precise calculations can ed equivalent to e made.

We have not thought it necessary to work out the rming of nealetails of probable profits on the smaller Farms

Tables I. II. III.), but they may be roughly

ummarized as follows:—

ble IV., page 1.	O					ESTIMATE	ED PROFITS.
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:wo years.)	£500 to £	G 600	• •	• •	• •	£100	£200
	£1,000		• •	• •	• •	£200	£420
od ''	£1,500	••	• •	• •	••	.€440	£680

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Where to Settle.

For the TRAINING of young men, some of the older rage turn o ostates of the Union and Provinces of Canada are to be ··£720 160 o oreferred to the more newly-opened districts of the £560 o Nest, though it may perhaps often be desirable for 93 15 0 hem to settle ultimately in the latter. We should o oelect for this purpose such States as Ohio, Illinois, .. £718 15 0 Visconsin, Connecticut, Michigan, Missouri, and Virginia, and the Province of Ontario in Canada. n long-settled districts will be found a much more ...£960 o omfortable class of houses, better social surroundings, clip 93 15 0 s well as a more thorough system of farming, than revails in the more newly-settled regions of the West £1,053 15 0

and North-west. The stock there is also of a mu superior character.

Outfit.

All that need be said on this point is, Do not ou To ! burden yourself with a costly outfit. Plenty of war under-clothing, durable Tweed suits, &c., it is desiral conce to take, such articles being high in price and inferi in America; but beyond a few books, an inexpensi gun, and some fishing-tackle, nothing should be taker

Cost of the Journey.

This, of course, must vary somewhat with des to one The expenses of saloon passage to Ne may 1 nation. York, or Montreal and Quebec, average 10 to. guineas, as a cheaper or more expensive line of steame it.... is selected. Half those rates, or less, would cor of.... "steerage" or "intermediate" passages. The Inla journey would not exceed on the average £7 to { first-class.

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The following are the Forms adopted by the American Farmers' Agency.

is, Do not ou	Application for position as Farm Pupil.
enty of war	Dear Sir
, it is desiral ce and inferi	Farm Pupil in
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ould be taker	Name and Address in full.
	Farmer's Application for Pupil.
	I am willing to receive a Pupil on my Farm for One Year, and agree to furnish him with regular instruction in Farming, comfortable board, lodging and washing, (bedroom to himself), and to pay him at such rate per month as he can earn, subject
	to one month's trial. I engage, further, to require from him, at first, such amount of work only as may be suitable to his age and strength, and to bring him by degrees into the full
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rage f 7 to f	Name and Address in full
	Farmer's Contract with Agency.
	I agree to receive

Receipt by Agency.

We agree, further, to exercise, through our local Agent, a general supervision over his welfare, and to attend to any reasonable causes of complaint; but we are not responsible for the consequences of misconduct.

BOOKS ON AMERICA.

- The following recent publications may be consulted wit advantage by intending Settlers:—
- Appleton's "Guide to the United States and Canada."—Sampson Low & Co.
- Marshall's "Through America."—Sampson Low and Co.
- King's "Southern States of North America."-Blackie & Sons, Edinburgh.
- FINLAY DUN'S "AMERICAN FARMING AND FOOD."-Longmans & Co.
- Allen's "American Farm Book."—Sampson Low and Co.
- FARRAR'S "FIVE YEARS IN MINNESOTA."—Sampson Low & Co.
- "LETTERS F :OM A YOUNG EMIGRANT IN MANITOBA."W. R. C ambers, Paternoster Row.

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