

ment, for which he had to fly the land, leaving his dear incumbrances *attaches* on my purse.

I could fill your paper with further particulars, but that might not be so agreeable to your readers. I will only say, in regard to hard times, let every man exercise the ability nature has given, in his prescribed sphere; let contentment reign within the breast, no envy reach its threshold. Regard not the apparent glitter of thy neighbor, nor aim at an equality beyond your comprehension; live more to please yourself, and less to please other people; be frugal, industrious and just; bring your ideas down to a level, nor let them be disturbed by bad example. So shall you avoid the mishaps I have experienced in family matters, and rejoice in old age over a life well spent, with just hopes for years hereafter.—*Western Farmer and Gardener*, December 16, 1846, Vol. II, No. 24, p. 380. Published at Indianapolis, Indiana. Henry Ward Beecher, editor; S. V. Noel, publisher and printer. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

HARD TIMES

Complaints of hard times are heard in every quarter of the globe. Among us it is the general cry, yet we believe that when our condition is contrasted with that of our eastern brethren, save that of eastern traders, it affords nothing to complain of. Our citizens who have recently returned from a visit to their former homes represent the eastern states in a deplorable condition. Money is scarce every where, yet with us no shinplasters or the notes of picayune institutions are in circulation, while east of us in Ohio, in particular, shinplasters are all the go. By this method of supplying a circulating medium thousands of honest and industrious farmers and mechanics in the east are swindled out of their dues, while with us accounts stand against our creditor, or our pay is good. Then let us learn to bear well our misfortunes, reflecting that we are not the only people suffering, but on the other hand we should rejoice that we are among the most favored of the land. Times with us are good considering that we are under a Whig administration, therefore we should not pine, but rejoice that we are not under the dominion of Banks, and the swindling operations that flourish in their rear.—*Bloomington Herald*, Bloomington (Muscatine), Iowa, November 26, 1841. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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