

The Lake was very rough & many of the lady passengers especially was
dreadful sick & confined to their berths we was 20 hours crossing the Lake
& at length arrived at the city of Detroit a large & fast improving City when
I arrived the railroad Depot I perceived on the white walls in large
black letters beware of thieves & pickpockets I had not been there 5 minutes
before a friend touched my arm & said look I said so & I perceived the
porter an Irishman ^{had} cutting open the lid of a French redicule basket & was
taking out its contents I says to him Oh there what are you about
you consummate scoundrel you rob a man before his face in broad day
light you have placarded over your walls caution to the publick to
beware of pickpockets & thieves when they appear to be born & bred on the
premises the only answer I had was a broad laugh - after a much trouble
& difficulty we got our Luggage on the rail again bound for Chicago
we found the prairie over which we travelled very many miles very low
but very rich & fertile & appearing capable of producing any kind of
root vegetable or fruit that can be found in any other part of the
State the soil for a considerable depth is black the ^{which we passed} country through
presented to the eye of the traveller very many lovely & interesting
landscapes frequently we beheld on a fine elevation a noble &
substantial mansion tastefully surrounded by a variety of shade trees
with a beautiful Vista in front of the mansion then there would
be a fine park studded over with many large noble patriarchal
looking trees of different description enamelled with a ~~with~~ a rich
green sward of superior character most interestingly dotted over
with the finest specimens of cattle when to put a gloss on the
whole landscape would be seen a beautiful silver stream by
moon light & under & under the midday ^{beams} of the glorious ^{sol} streaming
forth like a serpentine sheet of gold & here you behold a beauteous