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Thus the author begs leave to direct the consideration
of the expense of building a cabin in a settlement
Alone that he is to calculate upon but the expense of boarding
all the time if it is in summer when the heat is an hundred
degrees above zero he can do but little if in winter the snow
will frequently stop his progress but he must persevere with
a good heart & will soon find himself possessor of a house of
his own independant of any landlord - the author built his
cabin 12 by 14 & 10 in height - he then cleared the brush or
young timber stumps &c that lay around the house which
after considerable difficulty he managed to convert
into a fine large garden were instead of Bush Weeds & Briers
would be found peas - carrots - parsnips - beets - watermelon
Newsh Melons - Squash Melons & tomatoes - Onion - with a
quantity of corn in the garden - & on the prairie before
the house was a fine patch of corn & such corn that
he have not seen any where in the states save the prairie

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The Nature of the soil

in describing or endeavouring to describe the nature
of such a soil as is found in Kansas Territory or especially
in Osawotamie it rich beyond description - Heavy
soils there is very little of in Osawotamie but what there
is much more than what there is will be found ac-
ceptable as the city advances in growth in making lime
walls roads & houses coal or sticks of coal have