

their estimate, according to their ideas of what constitutes *comfort*. With a hundred dollars clear of expenses, wherewith to commence territorial life, a person of good moral habits, and reasonable and moderate desires, should be able always to keep above want, whatever pursuit or avocation he may follow, whether that of a farmer, mechanic, or laborer; provided he is blessed with ordinary health, and proves active, energetic, and industrious. One having a family with him will need additional means, varying in amount, with the number and efficiency of its members.

FAMILIES.—Whether or not to take one's family along, or go ahead and prepare the way for it, depends on many circumstances, varying greatly in different cases, a knowledge of which is essential, satisfactorily to decide the question. Where the wife is feeble, has an infant, or several young children, or from any cause cannot lend a helping hand, *she had better remain behind, until the new home is provided for her*; or, if taken along, she had better be boarded at the nearest convenient place to the spot selected for a location. If, on the other hand, the woman is the man, or is in truth a *helpmate*, and *can cheerfully submit to roughing it for a while*, if the children be of an age and character suited to prove serviceable, *let them be taken along*. If families remain back, it will be unnecessary to return for them, as there will always be some one going out under whose charge they can be placed.

TEMPORARY SHELTER.—The quickest, cheapest, and most comfortable way of securing shelter, at the outset, is to take along tents. These should be procured on the way out, at St. Louis. One of sufficient size to lodge four or five individuals may be had for from \$8 to \$10.*

Colonies are earnestly advised to take with them, and families who settle in the same neighborhood to club together and procure, at least one *portable house* for

* See further on page 35.