

needy, it presages inestimable blessings, in pleasant independent homes, replenished purses, bounteous stores, and boundless freedom. The oppressed of every land, sigh for the wings of a dove at the sound of a word so prolific of happy suggestions. How full and fraught with meaning must be a word, the sound of which sends a thrill of pleasure to the hearts of the lofty and the lowly, from the prince to the beggar, of every land in every clime! Thousands are cheered by its sound, and inspired with a hope of better days. See the hordes who have fled from starvation and despotism, under no other impulse, but that imparted by the word West written in their hearts, stamped on their minds, and guiding them to the land of promise!

If Americans are charmed and led captive by it, we wonder not that it fascinates the less enlightened sons and daughters of other lands, forced by tyranny to hate the country of their birth, whose soil reluctantly yielded them only a scanty subsistence.

If *we* look with rapture on the broad, fertile acres of the West, with what ecstasy may they be permitted to behold this prairie land, teeming with wealth, and rivaling Eden so strongly in beauty, that the inhabitants of that paradise below, might be supposed to regard us as the most favored of the two.

“But let us try these truths with closer eyes,
And trace them through the prospect as it lies.”

We will endeavor to give the emigrant a general description of the country at large, in the first place; and then lay before him a view of their different divisions,

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