

## CROSS VILLAGE, EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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### A Trip to Cross Village.

A few days ago business called us to Cross Village, and securing a span of quick steppers at O'Connor's livery, we were soon bowling along the State road in the general direction of the north pole.

The roads were in excellent condition, the team the same, and we have not often enjoyed a more pleasant drive. The cool, bracing air, with a fresh breeze from the lake rustling the freshly opened leaves, the bright sunlight of a beautiful day, and the changing but attractive scenery along the road was so exhilarating that we wished the thousands of miserable invalids shut in from God's light and air, and dosing themselves with nauseous drugs, might realize what health and strength awaits them in Northern Michigan. Could they fill their lungs with the life-giving air of this northern region; sharpen their appetites by a drive along our forest roads; and feast their eyes upon the panorama of farms and cottages, silent, leafy forests, deep and shadowy ravines, the everlasting hills, rolling back in billowy waves of tree tops, and then a glimpse of the broad expanse of Lake Michigan, they would feel their sluggish blood quicken into new life, and their pulses would leap "With the fulness of the spring."

First in order was an excellent dinner at the American House—and, by the way, we don't believe Mr. and Mrs.

Davis can make anything feeding people who drive from Harbor Springs; certainly they can not if they all possess appetites and appreciation of good victuals equal to ours.

We noticed quite a number of improvements in the village, and hope to see more this summer. Cross Village is delightfully situated for a quiet summer resort, and if the citizens could get sidewalks put down and the streets cleaned up—as they are in Harbor Springs, for instance—they would inaugurate improvements that would prove a grand investment.

Shurtleff Bros.' grocery and provision store was well stocked up, and everything evidenced a good trade. A. T. Burnett has his store room full of goods, and as many more stored in the boxes and cases up-stairs. He is the pioneer dealer, deservedly popular, and his business will soon oblige him to get into more spacious quarters.

Hough & Wagley have been working under difficulties, owing to litigation. Notwithstanding this fact they have gone steadily forward, increasing their business, adding to their stock, and making friends. When the trouble is satisfactorily adjusted, which it will be soon, they will do a rushing business.

N. G. Burt has just brought on a fresh stock of goods, including many of the latest novelties. Mr. Burt is a man that does not say much, but every word he utters can be depended upon. It is the certainty that everything bought of him will be found just as represented that has given him the large trade he now enjoys.

Jerry Wood has only recently started in the hardware business, but although he does not keep a large stock he endeavors to keep everything essential, and the people trading at Cross Village should show their appreciation of his undertaking.

Dr. Merrill has a good assortment of drugs and medicines in Hough & Wagley's store, and we are told that he is giving general satisfaction in his practice.

We did not see Dr. Baker, as he had gone to visit the sick, but we learn he is doing well.

There are few towns the size of Cross Village that have as many well stocked and well conducted stores, and this shows what may be expected when the resources of this new country are fully developed.

We were surprised to see what great improvement is being made in the farms along the road. Our farmers are now becoming independent, and from this time on the improvement of the county will be rapid and uninterrupted.