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## PRAIRIE FOLKS.

### PIONEERS.

*They rise to mastery of wind and snow ;  
They go like soldiers grimly into strife,  
To colonize the plain ; they plow and sow,  
And fertilize the sod with their own life  
As did the Indian and the buffalo.*

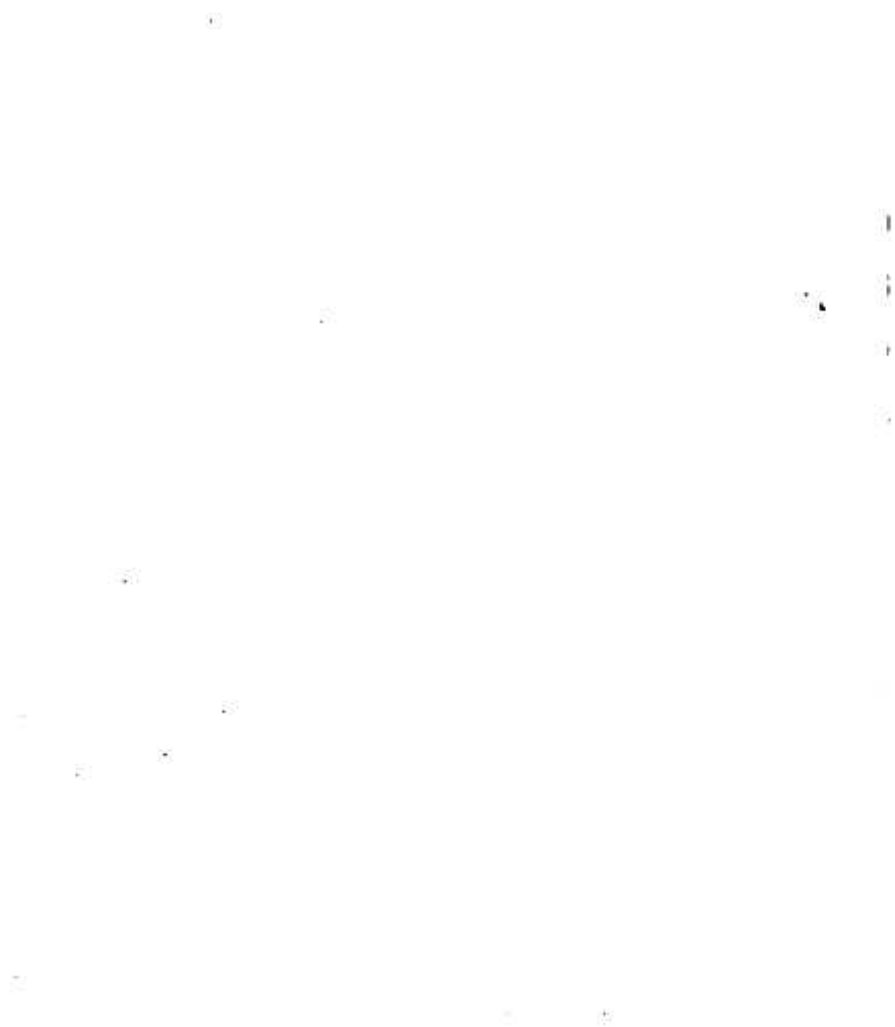
### SETTLERS.

*Above them soars a dawning sky,  
In winter blue and clear as steel,  
In summer like an Arctic sea  
Wherein vast icebergs drift and reel  
And melt like sudden sorcery.*

*Beneath them plains stretch far and fair,  
Rich with sunlight and with rain ;  
Vast harvests ripen with their care  
And fill with overplus of grain  
Their square, great bins.*

*Yet still they strive ! I see them rise  
At dawn-light, going forth to toil :  
The same salt sweat has filled my eyes,  
My feet have trod the self-same soil  
Behind the snarling plow.*

11/9/25 Earl C. Y. Buffalo, N. Y.





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UNCLE ETHAN'S  
SPECULATION IN  
PATENT MEDICINES

*A certain guileless trust in human kind  
Too often leads them into nets  
Spread by some wandering trader,  
Smooth, and deft, and sure.*