

place in the customs and mode of life of the people. It was made more marked by the introduction of great numbers of poor and ignorant emigrants from Ireland, who were employed in building the railroads and performing the labor not requiring intelligence and skill, while many of the young men of New England descent left their homes to seek a wider field for the use of their educated and active brains in the great West.

As an indication of the simple manner of life of the farmers of New England, in the period referred to, we give the subjoined copy of an account of William Burrage, of Lynn, with the store in Leominster, during the first three years of his residence in that town. The account is now in possession of Deacon Emory Burrage:—

1767.		DR.	MR WILL ^m BURRAGE TO JAMES RICHARD JUN.		
May	14	To 1 Gall. N. E. Rum	£0	2	8
		½ peck Salt			7½
		2 pipes			1½
		1 pr Sleeve Buttons			6
"	27	2 Qts. N. E. Rum		1	4
		1 Skillet		1	10
		¾ yd Tammev		1	7½
		¼ " Ribbon			4
June	3	2 Qu ^t N. E. Rum — Del'd his Boy —		1	4
"	11	7 Lb White sugar		4	1
		1 scain Thread			1¾
		½ Lb cbalk			1
		1 yd Taffity			10
		1 Pall		1	4
		1 pece Tape		1	0
"	13	1 Gall ^o . W. I. Rum		3	8
		1 peck peas		1	4
		1 cheese tub		4	10
July	9	7 yd Dowlas		2	
		1 scain Silk			7
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>			£1	19	5¼