

Now with a few benches or stools and a table of split basswood logs, the furnishing was begun. Often too it was furnished by the addition of a bedstead built of boughs and laced with elm bark. One settler laughed at the memory of early furniture, "But of all the contrivances of those days," he said, "the most comical appurtenance to a log house was a one-legged bedstead. Stout green poles from the woods were inserted in holes bored in the house-logs at one corner of the house so as to answer for bed rails, then there was only one corner of the bed which needed the support of a leg."

Dishes were mostly of pewter having been brought from the homeland beyond the seas. Spoons were of horn, knives and forks had horn handles.

The diet of those days was plain yet wholesome, bread, milk, potatoes, porridge, pork and beans and at some seasons, venison and fish. Bread was baked in kettles in the fireplace. The kettles had an iron lid and the live coals were placed above and below to bake the bread. These kettles were also used for all cooking and for baking the delicious meat pies popular in the early days.

Cornmeal which was much more easily ground than wheat was used extensively for porridge which was eaten with plenty of maple sugar. It was also used for