

are quite green yet. I have seen but few ever (24)
green in the Danube yet, Beech oaks, especially the
turkey are abundant, and all the mountains
appear to be forests where the rock does not forbid.
Abel is here and I think possible I may have mis-
taken some of it for the white barked buttonwood on the
alluvial above the Balkan Pass. I see plenty of Red
willow which I had before suspected might be birch.
The hills of Indian corn here fully as large and
high as a ~~box~~ 2 or 3 peck basket of ordinary pro-
portions. Stacks of corn ~~stacks~~ stalks, hay etc, are
built in the trees, generally 8 or 10 feet from the
ground. This is to keep them out of the very deep
snow of the ^{some} winter. The wind blown with great vi-
olence at that season, but the stacks are firmly
bound among the branches are rarely contaced, I
should think more than a ton. They are sometimes
on posts, and frequently supported by a tree on one
side and post on the other. In some of the orchard
a quarter of the trees have to bear a hay stack.
Some of them are hollow, and pears and apples
are stored in them for winter use.



Buffaloes are used as well as other cattle. The
Oxen are slow, but very ^{large} stout and gentle. They
are the native cattle, or rather were. The cows of
them are enormous in size (all are black, ^{most} I see)
afford very much rich milk, with vanilla fla-
vor much prized for coffee. These animals
bring 50 per cent more than the ordinary kind
of cattle. I think they might be worth importing
in America. The Wallachians are Christians but
wear turbans or rather a sort of handkerchief
tied like those of negroes about the head, but not so
nicely. They are a wretched looking race to be sure,
and said to be very drunken. Their villages
are far meaner than any plantation quarters
I have seen. Wretched little one story houses (of
dirt often) covered with cow-tails or hay for a dirt
on a roof and not looking like houses; scarcely
even deserving the title of hovels even. All make
pipes. They have the reputation of being very
kind. They are governed by an independent Prince
who is a Christian. The taxes are not heavy, and
are collected as to draw from the work, chiefly.
Each little community is divided into three