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**H**AMBLETON, OSBORN—Section 11. One of the neatest and best farmers in this section of country is the subject of this sketch, O. born Hambleton, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 13th day of June, 1818, at which place he lived with his parents until he was fifteen years of age, when he was sent to the West Town Boarding School in Chester county, Pennsylvania, which school was under the management of the Society of Friends. After remaining there about two years he returned to his home in Ohio, where he remained until the year 1855. During the greater part of his younger life in Ohio he engaged in the millin business; but for about two years he was engaged in peddling, which business did not prove congenial to his disposition, and he returned to his former business, and rented the mill property of his father, which consisted of a grist and saw mill, turning lathe and carding machine, all of which was run by water and steam. He continued to run the business for about thirteen years; after which he came West and settled in Forest Home, in this county, where he erected a steam saw-mill, which he continued to run for about three years, until the spring of 1858, when he removed to the farm which he now owns and occupies. His farm is a model of neatness, good fences and good buildings, and everything kept in good repair. He has his farm well stocked with horses, hogs and cattle, and has a portion of his

farm seeded to grass, and has a good bearing orchard. He was married on the 24th day of March, 1842, to Miss Phitena Cooper, who is still living, and is a woman of intelligence and fine taste and a most excellent housekeeper. By this union they have had two children, who are both living: Angella H. (who is now the wife of the Hon. Samuel Craver, of Grinnell) and Lorilla A. (who is still single and lives with her parents). Mr. Hambleton is a man of very decided opinions of his own, and during the early excitement in regard to human slavery in this country he adopted the sentiments of the Abolition party, and suffered many indignities at the hands of some of his neighbors who held different opinions. Notwithstanding Mr. Hambleton has but one arm, he has accomplished more than most men of his age who have enjoyed the use of all their limbs.