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Cover: In 1856, British-born Thomas Phipps moved his family to Jo Daviess County, where he worked in various flour mills. Brian P. Birch of Southampton University relates the joys and sorrows of this immigrant family through Phipps's letters to his sister in England. The grain scene is from Benjamin Butterworth's *Growth of Industrial Art* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1892), p. 57.