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the reporter.
"Why, this thicks: snap."
"Thistle snap?"

"Yes. Crowds on 'em go up every day to the 'prairie' and gather thick-sils—bushels on 'em—and lug 'em home; but I dunno what they do with the pesky things—bile 'em, mebbe, for the blood, or wash in the Whatever 'tis, there's slashsoup. ins on 'em up here every day."

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dry on the subject, and was prepar-ing himself for another effort on a less abstruse topic, the reporter left the car.

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