1. **过得去**

 I am not in E. B. White's class as a writer or in my neighbors' league）as a farmer, but I'm getting by

1. **寻觅心灵的满足**

Found contentment

After year  of frustration with city and suburban living, my wife Sandy and I have finally foundcontentment here in the country

1. **一种自力更生的生活**

Tt’s a self-reliant sort of life.

1. **大地回暖的气息**

We love the smell of the earth warming and the sound of cattle lowing .

1. **艰苦的生活**

But the good life can get pretty tough.

1. **日常的家务**

Besides the ususl household routine

7. **正如老话说的那样**

There is, as the old saying goes.

1. **温馨快乐每一分钟**

We kept warm inside burning our own wood, eating our own apples and loving every minute of it.

1. **过冬**

The next year we grew even more food and managed to get through the winter on firewood that was mostly from our own trees and only 100 gallons of heating oil.

1. **常春藤联合会学校**

**Our oldest girls were attending expensive Ivy League schools**

1. **带着某人的祝福**

**With my employer’s blessings**

1. **总的来说**

But on balance things have gone much better than wo had any right to expect

1. **担任全职工作**

I’m not making anywhere near as much money as I did when I was employed full **time.**

14. **贷款按揭**

I generate enough income to handle our $600-a-month mortgage（按揭）payments plus the usual expenses for a family like ours.

15. **至于…**

When it comes to insurance, we have a poor man's major-medical policy.

16. **除…以外**

Aside from that and the policy on our two cars at $400 a year, we have no other insurance. But we are setting aside $2,000 a year in an IRA.

17. **外出吃饭**

We continue to dine out once or twice a month, but now we patronize local restaurants instead of more expensive places in the city.

18. **降低生活标准**

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20. **听歌剧、看芭蕾演出**

We still attend the opera and ballet in Milwaukee but only a few times a year.

21. **耐得住寂寞**

One is a tolerance for solitude

22. **手头紧**

on such a tight budget

23. **自给自足**

The way to make self-sufficiency work on a small scale

24. **抵制诱惑**

to resist the temptation to buy a tractor and other expensive laborsaving devices.

25. **怆然离去**

we'll leave with a feeling of sorrow

26. **自豪感**

but also with a sense of pride at what we've been able to accomplish.

27．**一旦形势好转**

Once economic conditions improve, however, demand for farms like ours should be strong again.

28. 赚钱

We didn't move here primarily to earn money though.