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**A Select Tale.**  
**I SHALL BE A FARMER'S WIFE.**  
"O, you eaves-dropper!"  
"Beg your pardon, Mary, but I am not guilty of that."  
"Now tell me, Warren, haven't you been hearing what we girls have been talking about?"  
"Yes, I heard something, but let me promise that I was not eaves-dropping—but, as I happened to be in the piazza here, unconscious that I was in the vicinity of such a party, I stopped to examine this beautiful plant, and heard some one say she never should marry a farmer—and another, 'I shall be a farmer's wife.'"  
"Well, what of all you heard?"  
"That was enough to interest me, you know, Mary, since I am to be a farmer, and of necessity will want a wife, and one of the right stamp, too—one not above the business—but, who were those who were deciding upon their future? I am interested to know, and I may make of my informant, since you are disposed of, so much to the dismay of all our hearts."  
"Warren!" said the maiden, blushing—but let me introduce them.  
Warren A.—was a young man of good character, education, family, &c., a young farmer, and a favorite among those with whom he mingled—possessor of a beautiful farm, but without a helpmate. Mary G.—was a pious, warm-hearted girl—one of those who can keep a secret for each of her friends, and one whose hand had been sought for by many of the young men of her acquaintance, but only one had obtained her heart—of him we are not to speak.  
Warren A.—and Mary G.—had always been friends from childhood, and had perfect confidence in each other. The gossip all said they were engaged, but it proved otherwise, and the gossip were at fault. Mary G.—was a girl that could be trusted, however, and Warren knew it.

"But I shall not tell you what I thought." "No, perhaps, you will give your opinion yet?"  
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"Told me so! then you believe I cannot keep a secret, do you? Do you think she instructed me to tell you she loved you?"  
"Oh, no, of course not," said Warren, abstractedly.  
"Warren," said Mary, "you love that fair Lois S., and you may as well acknowledge it to yours-elf, and to—"  
"Well, Mary—sister—dear—!" said he, grasping her hand, "I rather think she shall have an opportunity to become a farmer's wife."

thoughts in mind, I should be down there listening to some body else, and not up here, being partly listened to. But the work has been undertaken, and shall be performed after a fashion, no matter at what sacrifice of convenience or reputation to myself.  
When the Creating Spirit of the Universe, in a manner that our little earthly minds shall never comprehend, made the world, he robed it in beauty, endowed it with the elements of fertility and filled its teeming breast with the germs of life. From its mountain sides flow streams to enrich the valleys. From its valleys spring up herb, tree and flower, vegetable, grain and fruit—its waters bring forth fishes, its plains yield birds and beasts; and every animate and organized thing, clothed with the power of reproducing its kind through countless, varying generations forever.

This abounding earth, with its infinite variety of rich and beautiful things, as a perpetual inheritance, God gave to man. He, he gifted with brains to comprehend its resources, and hands to bring them forth. The fullest exercise of Hand and Brain, is the true source of human happiness, the only road to man's highest condition on the earth.  
While society is divided into many callings, and while most of them are promotive of its comfort or convenience, but one is essential to its existence;—of course, that one is Agriculture. Being so essential then to our existence, it is a wonder that men of all vocations, all positions, all grades of intellect, turn to it with interest and delight! Is it a wonder that Judges, Lawyers, Doctors, Preachers, Mechanics, Farmers, Laborers, 'All the world and his wife' have gathered here these last two days, to render homage to our kind and fruitful Mother. The speaker is feeble, but the occasion is great. Our presence here implies enterprise in improvement, energy in progression, devotion to science, gratitude to the Creator.

When Rome, afterwards the mightiest city of ancient times, was gripped by her foes, when the conquering armies of the Aequi and Volsci were pressing her to the verge of destruction, she summoned a plowman from his plow, and invested him with more than royal power. That plowman's word became the absolute law of the Republic. The conscript Fathers bowed to his dictation, and proud patricians obeyed without questioning. The jeweled fingers of Rome's loftiest nobles were pointed not in scorn, but admiration at the broad brow of the sun-burnt farmer. By his wisdom and courage the Republic was saved, and Cincinnatus returned from victorious arms—and shouting multitudes, to his crops and his cattle!

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Dec. 13, 1851.—4f.

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December 4, 1852.—4f.

**DOCTOR I. W. HUGHES,**  
Office on Broadway, near the Episcopal Church, Sunbury.  
Sunbury, May 14, 1853.—4f.

**SLAYMAKER & HASLETT,**  
**Columbia House,**  
Chestnut Street below 7th,  
PHILADELPHIA.  
Board \$1.50 per day.  
Plans, May 28, 1853.—

**Dilworth, Branson & Co.**  
IMPORTERS OF DEALERS IN  
**Foreign and Domestic**  
**HARDWARE, CUTLERY, & C.**  
No. 59 Market St., 1 door below 2d St.,  
PHILADELPHIA.  
Where they always keep on hand a large stock of every variety of Hardware, Cutlery, &c.  
Wm. Dilworth, Henry D. Landis,  
Samuel Branson, James M. Vance.  
October 16, 1852.—1y.

**THE DEAD BROUGHT TO LIFE!**  
Old Sunbury rising out of her sleep of many years.  
The iron horse snorting and blowing has aroused her sleeping energies and infused new vigor into her prostrate system. One of its first effects is seen in the vast amount of new and fashionable goods, just now arrived at.  
**I. W. TENER & CO'S STORE.**  
Their stock is elegant and varied and well worth seeing; and buying too at the prices they offer them all are respectively invited to inspect and purchase.  
Sunbury, Sept. 10, 1853.

**WM. McCARTY,**  
**BOOKSELLER,**  
Market Street,  
SUNBURY, PA.  
JUST received and for sale, a fresh supply of  
**EVANGELICAL MUSIC**  
for Singing Schools. He is also opening at this time, a large assortment of Books, in every branch of Literature, consisting of  
Poetry, History, Novels, Romances, Scientific Works, Law, Medicine, School and Children's Books, Bibles; School, Pocket and Family, both with and without Engravings,—and every variety of Binding. Prayer Books, of all kinds.  
Also just received and for sale, Purdon's Digest of the Laws of Pennsylvania, edition of 1851, price only \$5.00.  
Judge Reeds edition of Blackstone's Commentaries, in 3 vols. 8vo. formerly sold at \$10.00, and now offered (in fine binding) at the low price of \$6.00.  
A Treatise on the Laws of Pennsylvania respecting the Estates of Decedents, by Thomas F. Gordon, price only \$4.00.  
Travels, Voyages and Adventures,—all of which will be sold low, either for cash, or country produce.  
February 21, 1853.—4f.

**NOTICE.**  
The Directors of the Bank of Northumberland give notice that they intend to apply to the next Legislature of this Commonwealth, for a renewal of its charter with the same capital, and with its present title, location and privileges. By order of the Board.  
JNO. TAGGART, Pres.  
June 25, 1853.—6m.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that application will be made to the next Legislature of Pennsylvania, for the incorporation of a company, with discounting privileges, to be located in the borough of Sunbury, in the county of Northumberland, with a capital of One hundred thousand dollars, to be called the "Sunbury Savings' Institute."  
Sunbury, June 25, 1853.—6m.

**LEATHER.**  
**FRITZ & HENDRY,**  
Store, 29 N. 3d Street,  
PHILADELPHIA.  
Morocco Manufacturers, Curriers, Importers, Commission and General Leather Business.  
**WHOLESALE & RETAIL.**  
Manufactory 12 Margarett Street,  
Pisa, August 20, 1853.—1y.

**JEWELRY.**—A nice assortment of Gold and Silver Pencils and Pens, for sale cheap by  
**G. ELBERG & CO.**  
Market street, opposite the Post Office  
Sunbury, Oct. 8, 1853.—

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