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was never to keep company with any one under five years unless I ment to have them, and I knew I did not want her (although She was a respectable girl) and refrained my correspondance with her as much as possible, and never have I staid with a girl since I was one and twenty, and in fact I feel contented to live perfectly virtuous untill I see the one that was born for my companion.

After my school was out, I tried for an other and many gave encouragement, and the young Ladies did not attend because they thought some others would not attend of as good quality, and I went and gave 6 the privilege of attending for nothing to start the rest, and immediately they came, but I found I was not agoing to meet with success, and I told them they might go back, for I should not keep unless some would come that would pay for their schooling, and I quit my school.

Now I says if I cant get some of your money learning of you something, I will in drawing likenesses. Now I drew about 30 which brought me in some thing. A short distance from this village was a sulphrus spring where the gentry usd to resort for their morning walk, and often did I usd to spend my time at this spring in contemplation, thinking how I must work it. I wanted businefs that I could depend on, for I thought that my writing was of no consequence in this country and drawing their faces was not agreable.

A young Lady who had her likenesf drawn Said she would not have it, for I asked to much. Very well you may do as she please. She wanted it for half price and I would not let her have it, so I drew a long tail to it, and put it on the sign post and wrote these lines: *Ladies and Gentlemen, to the I do these lines addrefs, Who do your profiles wish to see. Since I the art profesf, As natural as life I did this take, And she the pay denied, Likewise a tail to it I mak, that she may never again serve me so.*

Uppon this I started on for the west and came to onondagua. Here I began my school in the institution for the Students. I obtained a decent school and boarded at the boarding house. Here they seemed to be the cleverest folks that ever you see ever so composite untill I got through and made a sittlement.

He has a Sittlement

They found I had lent them more money than enough to pay my board. Then they mad another charge. They charged me 25 cents

for candles, and I had not had but to pieces, 25 cents for an ink bottle which I borrowed, and they say I lost it. The bottle when new could not be more than one shilling and this balanced the account they say, but I told them I had been to clever. I had let them do just as they pleased with me, and because I let them take an inch, they thought they would take an ell. After I gave you your schooling which was 12/ the young Lady that lives with you wanted I should let her go for 10/ very well call it 10/ shilling, then after she had got the money to pay me, she thought one Dollar was enough. Very well one Dollar, and now I have lent you money, and you want to cheat me out of that, and now if I can satisfy you by paying a decent sum and be relieved from difficulty, I will do it.

Well, says the old man, I am so pinched for money, I dont see as I can pay you unlesfs you take it out of the store; and rather than have any fufs, I took it out of the store. This is the way I am served by lending money, and this is not the only time I have been served, so every time I lend money and am bothered, I think I will do so no more, but when a man comes to me with looks of friendship and wants a favour, I grant the request before I reflect on the consequences. Other places where I boarded seemed more friendly in settling and wished for no more than their just due, but I am to Clever to live in this country. I have not a concience to injure or wrong any person If I have a chance. If I know my own heart, I know that it is my wish to do good to others and and live on my just due.

His School Soundes like Bedlum

After this I started a school on the hill, and the first night I got twenty schollars, and the most of them ware young Gentlemen and Ladies. I began to handle them over and such a noise you never heard. It Sounded more like bedlum than school. I new I had got to show some of my Yanke. I immediately told them they would receive no instructions from me untill thier was lefs noise. I commanded silence and in a short time got the room still, and told them that I should adopt Such measures as I did in other places, that was if they ware to old to obey the orders of school, they ware two old to come to School, and my rule was that no Schollar Should even whisper in School hours. Now those of you who wish to have the School constructed in this way may make it manifest by holding up the righ

hand. It was an universal vote. Now I requested every Schollar to write alone, that they may know their improvement after they had all wrote a line. There was one young man who wanted to criticise me in penmanship, bothered me Sometime. I asked him Some questions covering the rules of penmanship and he could not answer one of them. And then I told, Sir, You Say you know the System of writing and this is all. You know nothing about it and if you attend my School you have got to Submit to the rules of School and dont you never bother me with your nonsense, and now Sir I have one word to Say, and then I'll attend to my School. If you are pleased to comply with the rules I have laid down you are welcome to Stay; if the reverse, I ask no favors but take your book and leave the School. The young Man Saw I would Show him no favor and he cleared out and never came there more.

He Invents a New Stile of Writing

After my School was out I went to Scaneatelas. Here I started a School and taught a term of three weeks copy hand. Now for Some time I had been deeply engaged in inventing a new Stile of writing for businefs, for I found I was often chastened for not learning Schollars to write a businefs hand. While here there was two Dutchmen came to my School and they wanted to write nothing but a running hand So as to be able to write a note or letter and to try new fashion Stile. I granted them the privilege of writing a running hand, and I found they improved So much faster than I expected, I told my Schollars if they was a mind to try one term of twelve days in writing a running hand and not write any corse hand, I would teach them for a trifle. They ware well pleased to try, and they improved remarkably. Although the plan was entirely new, yet it pleased them well, but I had been So little in the habit of writing, I was troubled to give it a good Stile, and I had some opposition a man by the name of Sherwood. I was in his tavern one day and to impose uppon me Says, you tell So much about your writing, I can beat you. Well, Sir, I will bet as much as you can drink that you cant write your name, and let me write it under and you write it again and come as near your first as I will. He took me up and we tried it, and I beat him. Now, Sir, when you can write your name nearer alike than I, you may be the best writer.

From this I went to Scaneatelas. Here I Started another School

where there was two Dutchmen, who did not want to write any thing but fine hand for business. I thought this would be a good time to try my New System which I had been long engaged to invent. Experience had told me that a cobby hand would never learn a man to write a good running hand. This System which I long been inventing was not to write any coarse hand with these Dutchman. I tried my System and they improved So much beyond my expectations it set me all ahue, and after this term was over I proposed teaching 12 days on my new System. The Schollars was very much in favor of learning a business hand, and I improved 12 days to try my new plan, and in that time I mad a countift bill on Auburn Bank which many people would not detect, and my Schollars improved much beyond my expectations. I had formed very strong attachments to the family I borded and they Seemed So to me, but the best friends must part. After I had got through here, I went to Auburn. When I came here I had great confidence in myself. I feared no one. I began to make inquiry about my School but found no encouragement. They all said that the patient writing would never fit a man for business.

Then I told them that I had a new System for business and I could learn Schollars to write a good running hand in 12 days. When I Said this, they Say a running must be required by near practice. I had all the Schoolmasters against me and all the first familys would not encourage me. In this Situation I was determined to keep whether I made a Cent. I had just got me a new Suit of clothes and felt rather large when I walked through the Streets. I was Sure not to walk only with big careters and put out advertisements in the papers that I would keep. I got in with one of the first families to board and proposed opening a School on such a day. When they saw the notice there was much enquiring about the writing master. He advertises he is a going to learn them every thing in a fortnight. When they would criticise me, I would Shew them the bill I made with my pen and told them if they wanted to try me I would write any time. I told them that I could write nearer their own han than they could themselves. This mad them Stare and one nigh they Saw me comming, and they agreed to all try me and see if I could perform what I said. When I came to them they tackled me, and I told them I was ready, and I beat the hull number, and went on and began my School, and all the Schollars I could get was Six, but I invited all the first people to give me acall and See how my

Schollars improved, and in a Short time my fame began to rise, my school began to recruit, and I began to feel a little more encouraged. My School continued 3 month and I had the respectable number of 115 Schollars.

While I was hear I had many things to trouble the mind. I was in a land of strangers and no former acquaintance to chear the drooping mind. My leisure time was Spent in improving the mind and hand writing, and often in walking the Streets to See what was going on, but I found although I could enjoy good Society, my labour not hard and but profitable. Still I felt the lofs of my former companions. I met with no peculiar misfortunes while here, and now I'll pass on to Geneva. From this I went to Geneva.

When I came to their, I found the people ware a proud hauty set, and I feared I should meet with little or no encouragement. However I dashed round amongst the big caricters and dashed out an advertisement and began my School. I had not a large School but what they ware learn as well, and people began to Speak much in favor of my School. I Spent 6 week in this place and enjoyed myself very well, but I found I had Some opposition. Those who taught the Schools ware not in my favor because they taught by the Scholar, and it would injure them, but without much difficulty I got through with my School, and pased on to Goram. Here I found my Cousins which the year before they flattered me to let them have fifty dollars, and they ware all broke down as to property, and all I could gain from the note was an old horse which in the end proved to my great disadvantage.

After this I wen to Canandaigua. Here I found the people was much more popular than they had ever been in any place I ever traveled before, but I was furnished with the first Stile of drefs and good recommendations. In first place I went to Judge Howel and Shew him my recommendations and writing. After viewing them, he Sat down and a line to the preseptor of the Academy Stating he had view'd my credentials and felt disposed to help me, and if he thought it would not intrude upon the Studies of the Students, he would wish him to arange his hours of School so that I might take the Schollars at 4 ock PM, and he woul send his children. This being accomplished, I began my School and had thirty Schollars. Their was likewise a Ladies academy where there was about fifteen Young Ladies of the first respectability, and I had an invitation to call and see the young lady who taught the School. I caled and Shew her any

specimens of penmanship and obtained a school of 15, Scholars. I had to throw Gim Guile aside and put on the real Stile. Now was the time I studied my own ignorance. I thought that if I did not say but little and be careful how I spoke, they would not mistrust that I was nothing but a plowboy. After I had continued my school about one fortnight, the forth of July came and there was much account made of it.

He Attends a Party

The Students had made calculations for a party in a beautiful grove, and the Ladies were to wait upon the Ladies, and the Gentlemen on the Ladies. There was a number of gentlemen picked out that Should wait on the Ladies of whom I was one. I found that I was taken notice of by the Young Students which gave me much confidence to go forward and do the best I could. I told Gim to stand a little back, for he could see just as well, the stile of the day. In first place, the morning Gun, then meet at the hotell and form posesion and march after a band of music to the Church, Sermon delivered and return back, 21 Guns fired, anon their toasts. After this the Young Gentlemen to meet in the Grove for a tea party, the tables furnished by the Ladies with all kinds of cake that could be mentioned, and the young men to wait on the Ladies. Now Guile shew his best talents. After tea the Gentlemen was to walk round the grove a half hour after the band of music with the Ladies. I considered myself one of them and introduced myself to a couple of the Slickest Ladies I could find and waked in stile. After this wait on the Ladies to the hall. I wen with them, but my love for religion gave me no peace, and I mad my excuse and returned to my closet and sat down and contemplated the profit of the day, and after casting up the profit of the day, I said to myself, all is vanity, I aspired not after popularity. O said I one good friend in whom I can confide in, love is better than a multitude, but alas I am deprived of father and friends in a strange land, O let me cleave to solitude, O solitude where are thy charms, let me flee from the bustle of the day, and think on my god and learn to cultivate the mind in the path way of duty, and learn that her paths are peace.

Now after a nights rest, I got up in good chear and in a short time my school was over, and I settled up my bill and started on my journey.

I notice a few particulars as it respects my board. I boarded at a boarding house where the people kep bording for money and begrutched them the least favor. I not being in good health wished for milk for diner. After having it granted once or twice, they thought they would not indulge me any longer. I sat down and said I should like some milk, but no milk came nor no answer. I kept caling for milk. Soon the man says, why dont you get this gentlemen some milk? The reply was he has not asked for any yet, he has only ordered us to get it. This raised temper and I told them that if I could not have some milk without getting down on my belly and crawling after it, I would get it some other way. The old woman snaped up, O dont threaten, perhaps you will not get any. O I thank you, I do not expect to get any here. I am agoing I can get a plenty. The man see I was a little spunky and spoke up in a ruff manner, Get this man some milk. After this I had milk enough. Many pleasant and very unpleasant things took place which I shall not mention. I now mounted my horse and on, to Batavia. When I came to Batavia, I began to enquire concerning my school, and proposed opening my school, and without much difficulty I got my school started but some unpleasant things took place while here.

He Meets a Young Lady too Old to be Governed

After I kept a short time, a certain young Lady who felt to old to be governed began her insults, and I though I would be my own master and the master of my school. I sat down and wrote a copy for her. She turned round and with disdainful look said I do not like that copy. I want another. I told her if She would write a few lines I would set her another copy. Then she was very angry and set and pouted a spill and kep caling for a copy. I told Her I shoud not write her another copy untill she had written a few lines of the one I sat her. She turned around and tore out the teaf out of the book and caled for a copy. I then told her my mind, which was that she should behave decent untill School was out, and I would acquaint her parents of the matter, other wise she should leave the school before. After school I told her parents of her conduct, they disaproved of it and took her out of School. After my School was out I wint to painting profiles. I met with much encouragement and spent a weak in this businefs, then went to settling up.

When I come to settle my school bills, one was a tailor, anoth a

painter, another a poor mans dauter, another a hatter, Shoe, maker, and 10 of a similar maner who ware journeymen. They would reply, my hofs will make up the bill. Come to ask him, the reply is, I never told him to go to your school. I shall not pay you for his schooling, and I had to loose about 10 dollars in this same way. I then got their names and I would bother them a little. In a similar maner one in Auburn served me the same trick. I thought I would, after I got on a head & up a packet of letters and send them, that paying the postage my cost them as much as the school bill.

He Goes to Buffalo

After I came to Buffalo I wrote the letters and sent back to them. Now I went on to Buffalo. When I came here I found there was people of all clases some dutch, some Irish, weich and Many Indians, and prepared myself to meet them all without much difficulty. I Started my school and taught one term, and people all apeared to be well pleased with their improvement. In a few days the news came to that my horse was stoicn. This made me feel some disagreeable but said to myself this is one of Guiles misfortunes. It does no good to worry and when there was any thing said to me about my horse, Oh there is no good Lofs without Some Small gain. I have now got a saddle and bridie to sell. I made some efforts to gain my horse but to no avail.

I now began to feel as though my pentmanship was not worth as much as my painting, for I had very bad luck at Batavia and at Buffalo a very Small School. I quit my Schools and went to painting profiles and made out very well. Now I had lost my horse and my health was very poor, and I thought I take a wride in the Steemboat. I packed up my duds, started for Ohio when I went aboard the Steemboat. It was the first time I had ever been aboard the water and after viewing the curiosity I sat down in a retired part of the boat, and thought to myself, O what a life I live some times in the Stage, some times a foot, sometimes on the water, and all to waft me far from my friends, who Seem near and dear to me, but Said I to myself Oh why do you grieve for your friends, for you have no home, and all you have got to do is to go to work, and get a little money, and make yourself a home.

Now in a Short time we came to Erie. Here I Stopped, and I found the people ware allmost dutch, and I did not like the looks of

them an went on foot through a piece of woods 7 miles through. Going through these wood just before I got through I came to house where there was only a few Stones for the chimney and a few logs piled top one other and a few bords up end ways to prevent the smoke filling the room, and a large watermelon lay on a Shingle Side the house. I asked the woman if it was for Sale. She said yes. I gave her Six pence and Sat down and made way with most ali of it and asked her if She had any more. She went and picked another, and I stuck a Stick in it an took in on my Shoulder and went on. After caring it along about a half mile I let it fall and broke it in pieces and picked it up and went into the Shade, and waited for room to eat it.

Now, I traveled on but found it a solitary rode. In a short time I found I had a large Bile coming on my hip which troubled me very much, and I came acrofs a pennsylvanian Dutch man, and I made a bargain with him to let me ride in a one horse waggon loaded with furniture. This was a hard passage, but it was better than none, but such rodes and inhabitants I never see.

A Dutchman Meets a Yankee

When traveling with my little pack I saw a number of Pennsylvania Dutch men by the way side. One says I will have a caper with that fellow for he is a Yanke. When I came up with them, one great stout fellow says, are you a yanke? I reply yes full blooded. Well I want to see a Yanke dance. I told him I could not dance, and with all my excuses nothing would pasify but I must dance. I told him if he would not excuse one, I would dance and went at it; and after I had danced a short time, he said he would excuse me. I thanked him and started on, about a rod and puled out a little pocket pistol, and pointed it at his breast and told him, that I wanted to see a dutch dance, and they all seperated from him and the old fellow had to dance. I then excused him and went on.

He is Homesick again

O what lonsome hours I spent in these woods! Often I would, after I getting very tired, go into the woods and seldom and say to myself, Oh my friends, now I know how I love you, now is the time I can recall to mind the former opportunities of pleasure I have had with you, but now I am far from you traveling through the wildernefs

without a friend to cheer the gloomy mind. After contemplating in this way I said to myself, now you are grieving to see your friends when perhaps they do not think of you, for when you left your friends their was only one little stripling, left the numerous band of friends and it is not noticed by them, but O I have left them all and have them all to think of. Good by thou fair solitude, let me try my fortune with Stranger. Now on Goes Guile and came to Ashtibula. Here I went to painting a short time, and then went on to Grand river.

Here I found fever was very prevalent. I went into 8 houses in one day, (I made the inquiry, is it very sickly?) the reply was Oh, people are complaining, but they do not die off, though if that was the case I would not stay their, and went down to the mouth of the river. And I found it was so bad here some with feverague some with other fevers, and others expecting every day to share the same fate, for the weather very hot, such weather I never see. I then took a walk down the river to wait for the Steamboat. Now I found myself very much fateagued I felt as though I was agoing to have the fever. Sometimes I would sing and sometimes sit and grieve at the lofs of my friends and many things I thought of that no man knows. Then I went to the tavern and I sec 7 or 8 great ruff looking Chaps all lay Sick of the feverague.

I caled for a quart of milk and a half glafs of whiskey and sweetening. This I had to pay 25 Cents for. Dear living this for Guile. Now the Steemboat aproaches, and I got on board and went to Cleveland. When I came here I found I had a ruff peopple to deel with. When I came to learn the state of religion, I found there was only 15 professors, and no preaching only once in 3 weeks, and the first clafs of people was some presbeterian, some deiest, some one thing and some another, and if a man would not drink gamble pitch quates and play ball & he was not considered one of the first. Often when there was agoing to be a meeting you might see them running through the streets, Crying out there is a going to be a meeting to night as true as hell, and one says we must have a dance before long, people are getting to be religious as hell, if they do not stop dying off soon we will go to the funerals to dance. I spent one fortnight and found no pleasur only in Solitude. I was now in peach time and they usd to laugh at me. They said the last thing they could hear when they went to bed was me whistling under the peach trees, and the first thing they could hear when they got up in the morning.

He Returns to Buffalo

I then made my calculation to return to Buffalo in the Steamboat which was hindred to days before she could start on the account of the severe gale. Then I came to Buffalo. This was the time that many vesals was cast away, but the Boat met no harm. When I came to buffalo, I began my School again and had 40 Scholars. This was doing businefs. I had one school at Black Rock and an other at Buffalo. As I was going down to my school one rainy day I Borred an umbrella, very nice worth 5 dollars. Going down to my school I saw a Porkepine crofs the road. Knowing they could not run very hard, I oñ and after him, finding my umbrella troublesome I throw'd it down and after giving up the chace returned but never could find it again. This cost me five dollars and the woman said She was very glad for She could then buy her a new gown.

In the mean while I became acquainted with a fine young Lady, and having a curiosity to see the Niagara falls invited her to take a ride with me. She said she would be pleased to go, but not knowing my caricter refused. A short time after she told me she was sorry She refused and wished I would pardon her, and if I would accept she would go accordingly. We appointed a time to go with her, but when the time came I went not nyhir because she refused once, and I though I could retaliate. The next day I went and see her and met her blushing face and she said I do not blame you for retaliating, it is no more than I deserve. I told her I thought we was abut even, but if she would then consent I would go with her. Accordingly we had a very pleasant ride.

After my school was out, I came to Auburn and taught school 6 weeks. Then I came on to Eaton and Sangerfield. Here I had good sucefs in my businefs. When I was in Sangersfield after teaching a school, I then went to painting profiles, and often gentlemen would ask me if I could not paint minatures. O yes but the profile comes much cheaper. O never mind the price, and having great confidence in myself, I thought I would try although it was the first time, and I made him a very good miniature. This gave ne encouragement to pursue it.

I then swaped horses with a man who had a very elegant Indian horse, but he was so bad nobody dare ride him, but I told them I could break him. I then left this Town and went to Clinton. On my way my horse thre me off and after a long race I caught him and

started on again, and after he had throwed me off 5 times I had broke him.

He Calls Himself a Miniature Painter

Then I came to Clinton and obtained a school, and I so much confidence in myself that I cald myself a minature painter with all and found a good deal of encouragement, and after my school was ended I got a good Recommend from the president of the Coledge in which I taught. I then came to Utica and a School there and found very good encouragement, and it so happened that I had one of the best of homes, a good mother and Sister as I used to call them, and pased my time very agreable, and in the meantime became more acquainted with miniature painting, but there was another difficulty in the way. I could not paint on Ivory. It seemed as though I never would be satisfied with any business I undertook. My life was not sweet to me because my education was not like those whom I associated with. My life was a roving life and my companions strangers which caused me many hours of grief. Much of my time was spent in my closet contemplating on my misfortune. When I lay down on my pillow with grief, the night would often be almost spent ——— However, after getting a new suit of clothes, I started for Vermont.

He Starts for Vermont

Not being used to riding, it made me very tired, and I went into a tavern and about 12 ock lay down to rest while my horse was eating. I fell a sleep and never awoke untill almost sunset. I came down, and put the Landlady in a great passion by telling her I never wished to Sleep on her bed again, for it was not fit for a traviler to lay on. My bed is as good as any bodys, and it is good enough for you. That is very true, it is so good that when a man lies down he will almost sleep himself to death before he wakes, & I came on to Galaway, and put up to stay for a few days while a sever snowstorm was over. I was fond of showing the folks what I could do, and the next day I painted six likenefses at a dollar a peace. In the mean time I showed a merchant my writing and he being much pleased with it asked me how many scholars he must obtain to start a school. I told him if he would get 12 signers I would stop on. In 24 hours the number was obtained and I began my school. While here I enjoyed myself well, the best of society a pleasant school, and all seem to learn well.

After my school was about half out I had an invitation to go about 20 miles to take another school where they had the number of 30 schollars subscribed. This likewise was very pleasing to me. I had fair prospects before me, a good horse, and at my leisure. I could ride out with the Ladies who was very fond of that kind of recreation. After my school was out, I went to this other place, and after my term was up I settled of, with all my schollas, all seemed to be well satisfied, and after improving myself a little in miniature painting, I Started for Vermont. The first day I rode about, 15 miles and became very tired and went into a tavern, and lay down about one oclk and never woke untill about sunset. I came down and told the land Lady her bed was not fit for a traveller to rest himself on she flew into a passion an said my bed is as good as any bodys but Mifs you do not understand me, it is so good that when one lies down he is sure to be there untill a late hour. On I went and came to Middleborough. I got to here about 11 oclk an it looked lik rain, but I did not want to stay here on expence and started to crofs the green Mountains 25 miles. After I had got about 7 miles it began to rain and there being no house near I got wet as I could be, and this was a tedious day, for it rained the most of the time all day, but about 9 in the evening I came to rochester, and put up at my friend tracy, and the next day went on to Mr Backus, where I was as pleased as though I came to my fathers house if I had one. When I came here, they all seemed so glad to See me. I love them, I cannot describe the feelings I have for them when I think on them, it is like thinking on my most dear friends, and I take the same satisfaction in visiting them that I would Father and Mother Brothers and sister.

He is Home Again

After making them a visit, I went to Tunbridge to see my old home. Now I return to the Spot where I usd to toil and tup at the hoe & when I meet them I feel, as though it would be the happy fying of my days to return and live with them, but when the idea of working for a living would dispill all idear of living in Vermont, for I could not get enough hardly to live on in the country, but in the City I could live in Stile lik a Gentleman, and can only leave them while making money and return to Spend it. Now for about 3 months I spent my time in visiting and wridcing about and being very much out of health I could not enjoy life as I would if I was well.

After I had been home about 2 months I went to docktering and after applying myself about 3 weeks to medicine, I found myself unfit for any business and worse than ever. I became as it were discouraged. When in company I would try to be lively but feeling the reverse it seemed like a silly conversation. Some times in Tunbridge, Sometimes in Hartford or Quechy, where I had friends I loved as I love my life, but I could not enjoy them. When in ones Society uneasy to go some where else, finding myself unhappy even among my friends, how could I be happy among strangers?

He Goes Southard

Then I made up my mind to go to the southard. I said to myself I will go and either make something or nothing, either gain my health or lose it.

Now I had a Sister whom I loved ah, yes I loved to dearly. She was the only Sister I had, and when young our father left us, and if I could assist her it was my great pleasure. After getting her a crape gown and a new bonnet & I then must leave and my dear Mother to wander again in the Land of Strangers, and with a heart full of grief not only for my connections, but I had left a friend who seemed nearer than connections. For particular reasons I have strove to drive her from my mind, but time will decide all all those difficulties. As it is not my object to put down love affairs, I will pass on. Now I came to Charleston where I was sick for a weak, and had a little money stolen from me, and after going to Walpole found it necessary to go back and make him appear guilty. Then I came on to Brattelborough and in a weak made \$23. Now I had a good horse and fifty Dollars. Then I came to Albany and sold my horse which was worth \$80 for 40. Then I had \$90.

I found my health was asusal very poor, and wishing to gain some knowledge in painting I would play truant for awhile, for all the practice that I had had in miniature was when I was at Charlestown. I been in the habit of painting on paper and a Gentleman says, cant you paint on Ivory? Oh yies but I am out of Ivory. Very well I have a piece and you may paint my mineature, so for the first time I attempted Ivory painting and went so much byond my expectations that I thought I soon would be a dabster. I then came to Albany. I then dashed about in this City and to gain information in painting, I visited all the different painters and learnt all I could and then started for New York.

He Goes to New York and Philadelphia

The steemboat left me behind and I took a Sloop where there was about one Dosen Ladies and Gentlemen. We left the wharf with the prospects of a fair wind but we had 6 days Passage. When we had got within 70 miles of New York there came up a September gale. The gale struck us just after we had got out of the high Sands, and we anchored. We found our selves in danger expecting every moment to be dashed to pieces, the women crying the Lightning flashing, and the Storm tremendous. After the storm was over and we came on board we saw the danger we had been in. Two vessells drove up high and dry, two in distrefs and two sunk all in sight. We then had a fair wind and came down to New York and found much damage done. Here I dashed around visiting the different painters and getting all the information I could. Then I started for Philadelphia. Here was sick for awhile, then I went to litlle York where I kept school and painted miniatures three months, mad \$200.

He Meets a Pull Back

I then thought I had improved enough to go to Baltimore. I then came to this City and got one of my best miniatures and being stranger, I did not know to start better. I drew up a subscription paper and wen round the City stating if I could get 12 engaged I would take them for half price in order to get start ed. I soon got the number and meet with very good succfs. I got just started in painting and my health failed. I grew very poor and thought I was going into a consumption. I lost my ambition my pride and perseverance was lost. No society was pleasing. I could take no pleasure in the finest society and sought solitude, but soon found I should die in this situation. I could not bare to have my ambition lost. I had made a little money and thought I would make or brake what I had (the latter I soon affected).

I had an opportunity to go in pardenship with a Scotchman whom I though was worth money who told me many fine tales, persuaded me to put what I had and goin partenship. This I done, But Oh how soon did I find my self in a pickle. I found that instead of his being worth money, he was \$1000, worse than nothing. His father in law arived from London and siezed the thing and just before he lay an attachmen on them, I got wind of it and mad him draw writings that we are disolved and that all debts contracted before our par-

tenship he was responsible &&&. After aranging businefs as well as I could and getting clear of this fellow, I found I was in debt \$25. This was another pull back for awhile.

I was down in the mouth, out of money and in debt was a greivous thing to me, but I soon found I must not loose my ambition but tak to the fence again. I then went to painting and after a little time I made money enough to pay my debts and have \$60, in my pocket. I enjoyed myself very well as it was always my rule to keep good company or none, and fortunately I had the good luck to always have that, let my situation be what it might. The people in Baltimore are generally familiar and hospitable, take much notice of strangers, particular if they have a genteel appearance. The Ladies are fond of parties, and spend much of their time in walking with the Gentlemen in the park, & this Gentleman (or scoundrall perhaps is more proper) whose name was Robert Crofford deceived me in every thing that I trusted to his honor. He was the greatest liar I think that I ever knew. He had neith principle or judgement to carry into efect what he undertook. In lefs than six month after I entered into pardonship with him I found that we ware loosing money very fast and that our debts ware more than we could pay, for he had previous to my partenship borrowed about \$600, from one place and and another, and about \$800, in debt to his father in Law.

For about three weeks I was in low spirits and sought solitude. I found my health impairing very fast and to grieve about spilt milk would only shorten my days and deprive me of that independant spirit and ambition which I had to shine in the world. I was and alwas was unhappy because I could not obtain a furtune. I thought that I Should be one of the happiest fellows in the world If I could only be rich, and I thought as others had began with nothin and became men of fortune that I might I threw asside all my dull notions and went to painting and paid off all my debts and a little to clear out. I then left Baltimore and came to Norfolk.

He Makes \$300 in Norfolk

Here I said to myself that I will make money. I hired me a room and adver tised to teach writing, and painting miniatures. I had in a short time 40 schollars and as much as I could do in painting. I painted for \$5.00, each. I spent six months in this place and made \$300. Just beginning to get a better start again, I just got started in

business and four or five painters arrived, but as I had got the start and they found but little to do except one portrait Painter which did not hurt me much. The inhabitants were formerly wealthy, but owing to the change of times they were many broken merchants people who had been in the habit of high living, and it is hard for people to give up their pride and stile even rather live poor, than not stilish. Society was very much broken up and family visiting was their greatest amusements. The habits of young men were very much corrupted. A house in the place was kept where they used to spend their time in gambling etc. From excessive habit they seem to be more fond of this blackard company than that which was more refined.

While I was here there was a gentleman from curatuck visiting Norfolk. He was introduced to my room and being so well pleased with me he had his miniature taken and said that he would get me work if I would come to curatuck. Not knowing him to well, I thought the sure side was the best. I said to him if he would draw up a subscription paper and obtain 20 subscribers I would come. In a few weeks I received a letter from stating that he had got the number. I then considered myself under a pleasing obligation to go from this I went to Curatuck and from thence to Candin and to Elizabeth City. This was about thirty miles from Norfolk. I enjoyed myself very well and mad about \$300 in three months, returned to Norfolk to spend the fourth of July, and from thence to N. Y. I left Baltimore in Sept, and now it was July. I had made six hundred dollars. After I failed in Baltimore I would not write to my friends to proud to own that I had been taken in and lost all my money. I said to myself money I must and will have. I found I lacked very much for instruction, and I made up my mind to go to N. Y. and receive instruction from the first artists and then take a trip to the south, and when I can go home in Stile then will I go but in any other way I will not show my face.

It now being fourth of July I was invited out to dine where there was a jolly sit. After diner the Ladies retired and then went round the flouring glass. I formed the same resolution as I always had not to get to much. I drank as much as I knew I could carry and did not like to refuse, so when the glass came round I would fill it up and drink the last. I could hold a glafs in my mouth an in opening it I would let it all run into my pocket hankerchief. I drank 7 glasses and spit three out of the windo and three into my hankerchief. The

rest of course must have drank some thing like 14. They ware all as drunk as coots but myself, and they all wonderd how I came out so sober, but they attributed it to being more usd to it. I did not undeceive them ———

How often do I think of the famous writer when he was asked what was the greatest thing for a man to learn when he replied one's self; he was asked the second time what was the next, he still replied ones self, and the third, ones self. How true it it man must study himself and practice self denial and if he wishes to be respected, he mus respect himself. How have I learnt human nature by carefully avoiding all those vices which naturally had a man to ruin.

He Starts for New York

Now I started for N.Y. and wishing to appear well in the City, I did not wish to soil my close knowing not who was on board. I fixt myself up in some old duds and looked more a clown than a Gentlemen, but I did not care. I wanted to tumble about the deck. After having got on board I observed four young Ladies, will dressed and of imporment manners. They being a little better dresed than the rest of the company ware disposed to treat them with contempt. When dinner was ready I considered myself as good as them and took my seat at the table, but these Ladies would not sit down although the company was all well behaved. There was about eight or ten other Ladies of the middle Class of people judging from their appearance.

When I found they ware disposed to treat us with so much contempt as to have another table sit for them, I took it as an insult and went to the captain and told him I did not like the appearance of those Ladies. They are more trouble than all the rest of the passengers, said he. Well, said I, let us have some fun with them; I will act the part of a Country fool, not a Soul on board will know to the contrary. He said he had no objections if I would get in no quarrel. I asured him I would not, and I commenced with all my awkwardnefs, and they soon began to laugh at me, and the more they plaid their pranks, tie more I plaid the fool, and in a short time they began to ask me questions such as, was you ever in N.Y? I informed them that I was raised in the back country, never saw such droll things before. In this way I amused them for two days. I then went and dressed up in my best close, fixt up in the best stile, and gave the captain the wink as we had all things pland.

The captain then informed them before I made my appearance that instead of my being the fool, I was a Gentleman and they were fools, that I considered it an Insult they refusing to eat at the table. He knew that you took him for some country fellow from his dress, and he has given you a specimen of that character, and now he will give you a specimen of a City Gentleman, for such he is. They are all astonished and asked why he should not dress like one. Because he thought it not necessary board a vessel, I think, said he. The best way is for you to fetch forward some wine and after this treat him with respect.

At this moment I made my appearance as polite as you can imagine. My appearance was so different they called for the wine and exclaimed, they never would know it for the same person. I told them that I had been used to sitting at the table with Genteel people so long that it mortified me when they refused to sit with me. They acknowledged their error and we made friends, and before we arrived at N. Y. those who insulted me was my warmest friends. How easy it is to Quarrel and how easy it is to let it alone. Strive to live in peace with God and man.

He Arrives in New York

Soon we arrived in N. Y. after having 11 day passage. I became sick just as I arrived and turned in at the boarding house I found and got in to my room. I had informed them I came from Carolina, I had taken medicine but without effect, being all laid up by the voyage. They thought I had the Yellow fever and then I was without any assistance, for they feared to go in my room. I begged them to go and get me a Doctor. After a long time this was done. I recovered and then my object was to improve myself in painting, for my ambition was to go to the South another year that I might be enabled to go home to my friends in good style. I gave a Mr Inman a very fine miniature Painter \$30, to paint my likenesses that I might see him. This improved me very much. I spent 3 months in the City, Exerting myself every way I could to improve myself in Painting. I was writing to sacrifice every pleasure for the sake improvement.

I felt as though I could abandon all society, and be very prudent in my dress that I might only get a thousand or two Dollars a start, then take some satisfaction making a genteel appearance. All this I did. Money was my chief aim. After preparing myself I went on board the Matilda, Capt Cowon for Newburn. I as usual put on my