

estate to allow the poor boy (as she was accustomed to style him) the supreme felicity of occasionally breathing the same air with her without being tormented by the sight of half a dozen more favored rivals, by accompanying him on suburban drives of about *four or five dollars* length, a species of recreation which I felt almost remorseful at being an occasional partaker of, when I heard the loud, constant, and bitter complaints made against him by his good mother for his extreme ill-nature to herself; "he has never given *me* even a pair of gloves," she would say, since he came to Canada, although he lavishes his money so foolishly on those flirts of girls who are merely taking advantage of his boyish gullibility to get all they can out of him. I ventured to remonstrate with him now and then, on his want of wisdom, but to no purpose, it required a more severe lesson to open his eyes to the unworthiness of such fair objects as Miss Julia Youngster, a lesson which a regret to say I had to come in for my own share of before he had it learnt by heart.