

determination, however, in his dark eyes and commanding tone, that told what he resolved he would as certainly execute. But his conduct was always perfectly gentlemanly and pleasant, and his companionship was eagerly sought for, and always welcome in the few families he occasionally visited. His sister, as she was supposed to be, was a tall graceful woman, with pleasing countenance and refined and fascinating manner. She was still apparently young, and her face had that sad patient expression, which speaks of much suffering, whose memory if not its actual cause is ever present. She bore a strong resemblance to her brother, but more in person than in manner, for while hers was all gentleness and endurance, his bore the impress of impatience and soldier-like vehemence. They were not often seen together, as she seldom left her own room; so few could judge of the state of their affection, or imagine way they had forsaken home and friends, to be solitary companions to each other in a country, which then had but little to attract the intellectual traveller or the social resident. Miss F—— was frequently left alone at her lodgings, while her brother made short excursions into the country settlements, evidently with the view of procuring a more suitable and retired residence than the hotel of a small town could afford to them. Many a cottage was visited in his brief perambulations and many enquiries made, but for some time nothing satisfactory attended his researches. But at this time, either from application or interest, the Government then in the habit of granting tracts of land in new countries to military men, bestowed a lot of land on Captain F——, in a portion of the the country near our village, a lonely and secluded spot, though rendered attractive by nature's fairest beauties. This then was chosen by the Captain as the site for a dwelling house, which he immediately commenced building, superintending the work in person, which progressed rapidly under the hands of efficient workmen. Soon a small but neat cottage was erected, which was simply and comfortably furnished; but before taking possession the Captain with his sister left for the West Indies, where the Regiment to which he was attached was stationed. They remained there for several months, but either the climate did not agree with Miss F——'s health, or she preferred the more quiet abode awaiting her in Nova Scotia, for she returned to Halifax under her brother's care in the spring of the ensuing year. They immediately removed to the cottage he had erected the summer previous. The situation, as we before remarked, was pleasant, almost beautiful. Nature had been lavish of her ornamental aid, and the tiny dwelling bore the appearance of comfort and refinement, imparted to it by the presence of artistic and literary works, which adorn and perfect the most humble home.

A change has passed over the scene in later years. The cottage has been displaced by a substantial and handsome house, and is now the summer residence of one of our city merchants. Pleasure grounds have been added to the domain, and wealth and cultivation have made great alterations, since it was