re were eight cows to milk, strain, skun, churn, or make I nothing but the simplest t with A cloth held over ed for strainers; the pails were heavy wood; the pans ie of them leaky, the holes with tits of rag often to be The milk room was in the against the chimney, that it reeze there in winter, and by one small slatted window. was an old wooden one with nd even the "spaddle" with worked her butter was at of a maple knot by Amasa id was heavy and rough. her belonged the feeding of

aunt, lean animals, with sharp lzy backs, long legs and thin ep set eyes that gleamed with malice, and never-sated hunilthy grew almost afraid of n they clambered up on the e pen in their fury for food, d their pointed ears at her, and fighting for the scant she brought. For Amass and overworked everything ged to him

here were hene to look after: shiened barn-door "creepers," ted food too, yet catered for es in a great measure, and made barn and wood-shed for want wn quarters, and were deevery season by hawks, owls, reazels and foxes, to say nethlittle chickens on which cows worked their will if they dared beyond the ruinous old coops for them by Amass's inventive it of sticks and stones.

this cooking, washing, baking ing : the insufficient supply of tatoes, and tough pies; the inners," whose strength lay in stables rather than the small fat pork cooked with them, of masa invariab'y took the lion's hese accumulating and neverabours all were day by day on ity of Mrs. Tucker, and when to as added an annual paby, life burden and a terror to the poor

hat did Amasa care? He, too, frem "sun to sun." He farmed ard, old fashion with rude imple-.d no knowledge, butather done it afore me, so I'm

do it new ; no use talkin'." y one the wailing, puny children d away in the little yard on top thill, where the old Tuesers and f-dozen infants lay already; a aclose, full of mullens, burdocks, stles, overrun with low blackines and surrounded by a rail It had been much handier for kers to have a graveyard close to travel five miles to the Mills ery funeral, and they were not y public opinion in regard to ents : they all lay there like the hat perish, with but one slant ne to tell where the first occut his tired bones.

children of Wealthy's survived. and Lurana, the oldest and it of seven. Amass was a con-, intelligent bey, who thought nd said little ; and Lurana, or as her name was usually given, ievous, self-willed little imp, the and torment of her worn-out Young Amasa was a boy quite

his father's understanding. As he was old enough he began to s mother in every way he could and when his term at the village was over, to his father's great he trapped squirrels and gatherenough to earn his own money cribe for an agricultural paper he studied every week till the s were thoroughly stored in his

began that "noble discontent" philosophers prize. The elder d ne peace in his old-world ways; py waste of the barnyard was an to this "book-larned feller," as er derisively called him, and the f the woodpile were saved and d like precious dust, instead of into a big heap to edify the wanhens. That desolate garden was ed, fertilized, and set in order at ad the great ragged erchard d, the apple trees thinned and d and ashes sown thick over the ssy sod. Now these things were is in a day or a year, but as the w older and more able to cope s father's self-conceit, more was innually, not without much opand many hard words, but still

came a heavy blow ; Laurana, a ifteen, fresh and pretty as a wild id tired of the pinching economy, notonous work and grinding life arm, ran away with a tin-peddler ke her mother's heart; not in sicial sense that hearts are someroken, but the weary woman's is set on this bright winsome id her life lost all its scant savor he blooming face and the clear roice left her forever.

n't blame her none, anyway,' she out to her boy, new a stout feltwenty-two, raging at his sister's I can't feel to blame her : I know re'n a girl can bear to live this

ful hard. I've wished more'n once I we'll buy necessities. could be laid down along with the little

a spell; but there was you and Lury at s needful, whether or no, do kinder Don't grind her down to skin and bone, like me, dear ; 'taint just right, I'm sure en't, never to make no more of a weman than if she was a horned critter, and was not fleeded; but there was a new don't do it.'

son, as energetically and solemnly as if inventions to make the work of a woman he were taking his oath.

But Wealthy was nearer to her rest dirt, neglect, poor foed, constant drudgery, and the want of every wholesome and pleasurable excitement to mind and a happy woman, crowded the over-full body, and when least expected swoops down and does its fatal errand in the isolated farm-house, no less than in the England-typhoid fover-broke out in

Wealthy turned away from her baking one Saturday morning, just as the last pie was set on the broad pantry shelf. and fainted on the kitchen floor, where after, muttering, delirious, and cold. What he could do then, or the village of water. doctor, or an old woman who called herself a nurse, was all useless. But the ed to see what was about her once more; you'll have an eve on, and the chickens, she looked up at her boy, laid her wan if you're a mind to; I'm going to build

away under the mullens and hardback, the chickens; and I want you to promise when her husband came in from the hay- if any time the work gets a mite heavy field smitten with the same plague. He and worries you, you'll speak right out. was harder to conquer; three weeks of I can afford to have everything worn out alternate burning, sinking, raving and rather than my wife." chills ended at last in the grey and grim repose of death for him, and another Amasa Tucker reigned alone in the old kindly word new and then ; if you had house on the hill.

CHAPTER II.

It is not to be supposed that in all these years Amasa the younger had been blind to the charms of the other sex; he had not and see. 'been caught with' every girl who went to school with him, or whom he he had seen his mother suffer, and learnhad met at singing schools or spelling ed a lesson. Mary never pined for matches, or who smiled at him from her kindly appreciation of her work or help Sunday bonnet as he manfully "held up in it. When she had a deor cut through his end" in the village cheir.

ed to take a farm on sharos the next lay two weekly papers and a magazine had his hundred acre farm, and to his real sitting room, who gan at once to get his house in order; about again, it added another pleasure he longed to build a new one, but Mary's to have the old cradle beside them all advice restrained him, so he did his best | the evening, with its sleeping treasure. with this. The cellar he cleared and | Can I tell in words what a sense of little way from the back door over a tiny aged. brook that ran down the hill north of the house, and under the slated floor kept and as Amasa heard the aweet laughter air and light. A new stove with a set his ewn sense of justice and affection. boiler filled up the hearth of the old fireplace, but further improvements Amasa left for Mary.

spring day as Wealthy came there. The necessity of being good to your wives. phere freshly sweet, and the fire was laid ready for her to light, the shiny tea-kettle alled, and the pantry held abundance; and no feast of royalty ever eczems, etc., that break out on the skinthe effect of disorder in the blood, caused by sea-diet and life on board ship. guests than the hot biscuit Mary made and baked for their supper, the stewed, dried apples, the rich old cheese, and

thing is wanting, and we can't lay out for finery, but first of all get what will make your work easy. Your wedding all druggists.

way. I've had to, but it's been dread- present will come along tomorrow; today

Mrs. Peet had not sent her only gir babies out there on the hill, so's to rest empty-handed to the new home; a good mattress, two pairs of blankets, fresh wanted me, and so my time hadn't come. light comfortables, and some cheap, neat If ever you should get married, and I white spreads, a set of gay crockery, a s'pese you will, men folks seem to think clock and a rell of bright ingrain carpeting had all come to the farmhouse soon make it easy for her, poor creetur! after the bride's arrival. Her ample supply of sheets and pillowcases, strong towels and a few tablecloths had been sent the day before, so this sort of thing churn bought, and altogether new 'Mother, I never will !' answered the furnishings for the dairy, several modern easier, a set of chairs, a table and an easy loun. for the parlor, some cretone than she knew; the enemy that lurks in covered w. a apple blessoms and white thorn clusters, and pails, brooms and tinware that would have made Wealthy

wagon before they turned homeward. erewded city slums, the scourage of New and the w mistress smiled too. lifted the heavy palls of milk to strain into the bright of pars; he filled the woodbox by the stove twice a day, put a always just, unselfish, to do always the Amasa the younger found her an hour into a sink set in the woodshed, and so the largest amount of happiness, both after, muttering, delirious, and cold, put an end the drawing and carrying for himself and all others concerned."

The fat, round, placid pigs that new enjoyed themselves in the new pen, he N.Y.: best skill of any kind would have been equally futile. She was never conscious again for a week. Then her eyes seemequally futile. She was never conscious women folk,' le said. 'You've got cheek on his hand, smiled—and died. | a hen house and a yard to it right off. Hardiy had her wasted shape been put that'll be good enough for you as well as

Really, it paid. It does pay, my mas culine friends, to give any women done it oftener-or your friends hadin the past, the rights of women never would have angered or bored you as they de new, or unsexed and made striden and clamorous that half of creation which is and always was unreasonable erough to have hungry hearts. Try is

Amasa was wise above his generation into the parleur, the stiff chairs and sofs He had been faithful always to the banished, the flowery curtains hung at shy, delicate, dark-eyed little girl who either window, the gay carpet put down was his girl sweetheart, and new it was and the new furniture set in place, with Mary Post that he hastened to ask to her wedding present-an easy, stuffed

share his life and home. He had intend- rock r-drawn up to the table, on which summer, and work his way slowly up- she had still sense enough left to make ward to a place of his own. Now he this hitherto sacred apartment into a great surprise he found \$3,000 laid up in she and Amasa rested, read or talked the bank at Peet's Mills, the slow sav- over the day's doings; and when the ings of his father's fifty years. He be- first fat, rosy baby came, and Mary was

whitewashed with his own hands; clean- peace and cheer pervaded this household, ed its one begrimed window and set two in spite of some failures and troubles ? If more, so that it was sweet and light ; the the rye did blast one year, the two best house was scrubbed from one end to the cows die another; if a weasel once inother, a benfire made of the old dirty vaded the new and wenderful hen-house comfertables and quilts, the kitchen and slaughtered the best dezen of Plyrepainted a soft yellow, and new win- mouth Rocks; if sweeping storms wet dows, with clear large glass set in place | the great crop of hay on the big meadew of the dingy old sashes. The woodhouse or an ex broke its leg in a post hele, still was filled with dry wood, and a good there was home to come to, and a sensi store of pine cones and brush for kindl- ble, cheerful weman to look on the bright ings, a new milk room was built but a side of things when a man was discour-

But, on the whole, things prospered up a cool draught of fresh air; a covered of his happy children, and met the calm passage connected it with the kitchen, smile of his wife, he could not but look and a door into the eld milk-room made back at his mother's harrowed and sad of that a convenient pantry, while the experience, and he gave a heartfelt sigh ramoval of the eld one from the kitchen at the difference between the two Mrs. corner gave to that apartment more room, Tucker, unawares how much was due to

There are two merals to this simple sketch, my friends; one is, the great A different home-coming from his use and necessity of taking a good family mether's she had, indeed, on just such a paper, and the other is the equal use and kitchen shone clear and bright, a bowl Accept which you like or need mest. of pink arutus blessoms made its atmos In the language of the ancient Romans,

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