

## ALMUS A. KNOWLTON

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**D**R. A. A. KNOWLTON, or Dentist Knowlton, as he was long and widely known was born in South Stukely on the 8th November, 1822,—the youngest son of the late Judge Knowlton, of Newfane, Vt. His mother's maiden name was Charlotte Kinny. There were fifteen children in the family,—five boys and ten girls. Of the girls those most intimately connected with Waterloo and vicinity, were Mesdames Hezekiah Robinson, Rotus Parmelee, M.D., John A. Jackson and W. W. Willard. One brother, Hanson Knowlton, born in 1814 is still living at Osage, Iowa. The subject of our sketch received a good common school education, with such other advantages for improvement as the locality afforded in those early days, all of which were supplemented by general reading which made him a remarkably well informed man, with independent views as well, upon the leading questions of the day during his long and busy life. The Knowlton family, in all its branches, and with all its affiliations, was and is a large group in the population of this section of the Eastern Townships. Among their leading characteristics are what are called hard headed sense, industry and thrift, Years ago, in a lawsuit which involved the value of a murdered dog, a Mr. Knowlton, examined as a witness, was pressed by counsel to place a value on the dog and persistently declined. The Judge finally stopped the examining counsel with the remark that it was useless to question the witness further, for, said he,—“ the Knowltons' do not get their living with dogs.”

After following different pursuits,—among them being the taking of portraits by the old Daguerrean and Ambrotype processes which preceded photography,—Mr. Knowlton