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### FOUL WEATHER, AND FAIR; OR, A MASON'S TRIAL.

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Trouble rarely comes singly. Charley had an affianced, in the neighborhood, in the person of Miss Sarah Brownell, They were playmates in childhood; attended school together in the "old school house," over a mile away, and were engaged when he was nineteen, and she seventeen.

Her father, Azariah Brownell, or "Az. Brownell," as he was usually called, "for short," was under the complete dictation and control of the Rev. Mr. Allwise; and like the latter, was one of the most prejudiced and unreasonable anti-Masons, in all the country round.

The news that Charley had joined the Masons, soon came to the ear of his affianced, and her father, Sarah had been taught to conceive of Masonry as the embodiment of everything vile, wicked and criminal.

This impression had come of listening to the conversations had upon the subject, between her father and the Rev. Joseph Allwise.

How she was affected by the foregoing intelligence, may therefore be easily imagined. Had she heard he had stolen some neighbor's horse, set fire to his barn, robbed a traveler upon the highway, or even become intoxicated, and in a mad broil, murdered his antagonist, she could have felt no worse. She wrung her hands and tore her hair in very anguish; could not eat or sleep, and refused to be consoled by the only consolation her father could give, "that the best are liable to fall; and there are plenty more young men as good, if not better than he." She regarded him as lost to her forever: and when Charley Van Orden fell; when such as he could prove corrupt, and disappointed the hopes of his friends and admirers, for he was regarded by all as a most estimable young man, when he could prove false to her who had known him best, and loved him most of all, in whom could she have confidence? She was prepared to see her own father, and dear pastor, Mr. Allwise, go down next.