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Mistakes of Youth.

It is a grand mistake into which many a youth falls, that *manual labour is not honorable*. To be a merchant, a lawyer, a doctor, an engineer, a military or naval officer, or a ship-master is, in their esteem, much more honorable than it is to be a mechanic or farmer. It cannot be denied that all these other occupations require exertion. The doctor is oftentimes quite as weary when his day's work is done, as the farmer and blacksmith can be; but he is not half so sure of a quiet night's sleep as they are, and we all know to what hardships engineers are exposed, as well as persons who follow the seas.

We often see vigorous young men seeking places as clerks in stores. They all hope, (and generally expect,) some favorable tide in the affairs of life, which "will lead them on to fortune." Other men

have accumulated vast sums of money in buying and selling goods, why not I? is the language they use. They rarely consider that but a very small number of those who embark, ever complete the voyage. Where one succeeds—ten—fifty—perhaps a hundred fail.

But an industrious thrifty farmer seldom fails to secure for himself and family the common comforts of life. The skilful and practical mechanic, too, is generally sure of remuneration for his labor, and, with common prudence, he can provide a competence for the future. That princely fortunes can be heaped up by handling the plough, the jack-plane, or the sledge, we do not say; nor is it pretended that men are as likely to acquire fame at the work-bench as at the bar. But the history of the world will show, that the men who have done most for the welfare of their race, and