

“Truth is often stranger than fiction.”

She found her brother at S. He had been in the poor house, and afterward was transferred to a store as errand boy, and we have seen that Annie was the same as the little Rosa whom she left so many years before. She recognised her from the strong resemblance Rosa bore to her mother, whose memory Eveline ever cherished with tender sorrow.

Reader, I have arrived nearly at the end of this leaf, I will just add a word or two of explanation, and you have it complete. I saw the home of the Enfield's in the “Old Dominion,” and became well acquainted with Mr. Stanley, whose staunch principles, and noble mind are appreciated by a fine circle of friends of true Virginia character.

Eveline, and Rosa, and Stanley, are very interesting persons. I speak from a knowledge that a near acquaintance of some years admits.

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BAROMETERS.

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The word barometer is of Greek extraction, being compounded of *Baros*, meaning weight, and *metron*, signifying measure. These words explain its meaning, as this instrument is used for the purpose of finding, or measuring the weight of the atmosphere—of foretelling the changes in the weather, and of telling the height of mountains. It consists of a glass tube, which, being hermetically sealed at one end, is then filled with mercury. The finger is then placed at one end against the mercury, so that the atmosphere shall have no admittance whatever. The tube is then inverted and plunged in a vessel containing mercury well freed from air. On removing the finger, the quicksilver in the tube will join that of the basin, and the mercury will then subside in a column of 29 or 30 inches. Its height entirely depends on the state of the atmosphere at the time.

This instrument is said to have been invented by Galileo, in the beginning of the last century; however, it was Torricelli who improved it considerably at a later period, and it was not until sometime after this, that it was used for the purpose of prognosticating the changes of the weather. After it had been agreed that