

overcharge, on every article he buys. The wheels of society, where such a state of things exists, must surely stand in need of repair; for what better name does it merit, than a preconcerted conspiracy of two parties to rob a third; and long before I left London, this was considered a practice almost invariably acted upon, and *systematized*.

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NOTE 4.—*Education and Prospects for Children*.—I need scarcely tell you that my wife is sufficiently talented to qualify her, not only to make her daughters accomplished, but also to lay the superstructure of a tolerably good education and religious principles in her boys. My own time, I need scarcely say, is unavoidably too much occupied by day, to admit of my giving them much attention, but of an evening, and as occasions offer, I contribute my mite to assist her. She finds the greatest source of her happiness in this occupation, and they repay her by all of them evincing considerable abilities, and (their ages considered) much attention and assiduity. Whether they hereafter become farmers, merchants, or traders, a tolerable education will not render them less likely to prosper, or less happy. I also find a thousand little things in which, as they are handy, they can aid and assist me, and which they consider play, so that between us, we take special good care they shall never be a moment altogether idle. Amongst other things, when not at their lessons, I have put into the heads of the boys, to learn a little of *turning, carpentry, netting, stuffing birds, gardening, &c. &c.*; and I should recommend all, contemplating coming over here, to cultivate well any mechanical turn that may shew itself in the family. At a proper age, and to finish, I shall most probably send them to the College at York, the capital of this province; but indeed, as the *old country*, as we call it here, is sending annually, not only part of her riches, but of her learning also amongst us, and as I have no manner of doubt, but that henceforward, we shall have no lack of schoolmasters or schools, I feel quite at ease on the subject.

As yet, it is too early for us to fix on their pursuits when approaching manhood, but as almost all who come to these provinces, have in view either *agriculture* or *commerce*, so I take for granted, will also either one or other be their destiny; but guided of course by the particular bent of their own inclinations. To establish them in the *former*, I need not go far from home, although the surprising rapidity with which land is rising all around me in value, makes me in some mea-