

performed it with pleasure. Frederick's character did not develop as much in childhood. He was one of the still ones, rather selfish ; but on the whole might be called an obedient child. Samuel was different from either ; he had a mind of his own ; he was not disobedient, but would generally have his own way, either by argument or by teasing, and he would also tease for his brothers, as well as for himself. Consequently he was sometimes called " the tease." They were all very industrious, and their father thought this was of more consequence than acquiring an education. He was willing they should have the advantage of a country district school, and this was all he thought necessary ; this was all the privilege he had received, and it would do very well for them ; but Samuel managed, somehow, to obtain an education superior to the rest. He afterwards became competent to teach a village school.

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## CHAPTER II.

### THEIR DAUGHTER.

Ordelia toiled excessively, with her household duties, not thinking that her unceasing labors were gradually breaking down her strong constitution, and that eventually she would suffer the consequence of so doing, Alas ! as the worm commences at the root of the plant, and in an invisible manner hinders the progress of its