

don dismissed her scholars to their pleasant playground.

A large old-fashioned dwelling was the one in which she resided, situated in a stirring part of the city, the front windows looking out on a busy thoroughfare, where pedestrians seemed to emulate vehicles in the rapidity of their motions.

Parallel with the opposite side of the street, ran the placid waters of a deep and capacious harbor, in which many a stately vessel found safe anchorage and welcome haven, from the fierce storms that threatened to engulf it, fathoms deep, in the Atlantic billows, that lifted up their mighty voice beyond.

The busy war of trade rendered the apartments thus situated, not so agreeable to a lover of quiet, one, who—

*"By Nature was averse to noise,
Hating the bustle half the world enjoys."*

but the school-room looked out on a very different scene. Its pleasant windows opened on a spacious sloping garden, not perhaps kept in the very best order, for this would have required time and means far more than the inmates possessed; but a charming place, nevertheless, for childhood and youth to spend in pleasant recreation.

The part nearest to the dwelling was cultivated as a vegetable and flower garden, in which Alice's choicest plants bloomed gaily; but the more elevated slope terminated in a grassy lawn, interspersed, here and there, with apple and cherry trees,