

and offered her the use of his. At first she declined it, but finally permitted him to accompany her home. She appeared to him as one having a superior education for the position she held in the store. In her younger days, he subsequently learned, she had attended one of the numerous convents so common in Quebec, and there had acquired a first-class education. It was not of any pecuniary service to her, in consequence of these numerous establishments, for all classes sent their children to them, and none employed private or public tutors.

She lived on the west side of the city, at St. Rochs, a suburb of Quebec, which was reached by descending a long flight of stone steps. The house she and her widowed mother occupied consisted of only two rooms; they were kept scrupulously clean. She had several brothers, but they were residing in different parts of the United States, and she knew not if she should ever hear from them again. They had enlisted in the northern army, and possibly may have been slain in battle, for she had not heard from them for a long time, or prob-