

Let mechanics improve their leisure in studying the science of their business. Many a sound, but uninstructed man is obliged to be a drudge through life as a subordinate in his trade, who by study might take a better rank in his business and as a man in the community. Any clearheaded carpenter may become a competent architect; every capable machinist may learn engineering; every seaman should try to understand the science of navigation; every merchant's clerk should study book-keeping and finance; and if they can never obtain a controlling position, they may at least secure success and respect in subordinate places. To be poor and dependent is bad enough, but to be ignorant also is unnecessary, and therefore disgraceful and intolerable.

### A LOVE STORY WITH A MORAL.

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I. ASKING PA. — "And so you want to marry my daughter, young man?" said farmer Bilkins, looking at the young fellow sharply from head to toes.

Despite his rather indolent, effeminate air, which was mainly the result of his education, Luke Jordan was a fine-looking fellow and not easily moved from his self-possession; but he colored and grew confused beneath that sharp, scrutinizing gaze.

"Yes, sir; I spoke to Miss Mary last night, and she referred me to you."

The old man's face softened.

"Molly is a good girl, a very good girl," he said,