

suppose), that two of our cities should be moved to unite by the iron bond of a Railway, which in its course will traverse the district just described. Excitement prevails in the "Hollow;"—sleep has deserted her peculiar people—the livelong night has passed in mutual contemplations of farms "cut up" or covered over,—visions of bloody skirmishes between "Far downs" and Corkonians,—of rifled gardens and orchards, of plundered poultry yards and abducted pigs. The probable mother of a possible child bewails her future offspring "drawn and quartered" on the rail by the terrible locomotive, and a whole hecatomb of cattle, pigs and sheep, are devoted by imagination to the insatiate Juggernaut. The Engineers who come to spy out the land are met with curses both loud and deep,—the laws of property are discussed,—the delinquent Member for the County denounced,—until a handsome Rodman, by well-timed admiration of Eliza Ann, the rural spokesman's daughter, succeeds in obtaining comfortable quarters for his party, with board, lodging, and washing, at 12s. 6d. per week. The work has commenced; the farmer is offered better prices for his hay and grain than he ever before received:—even milk and vegetables,—things he never dreamed of selling,—are now sought for; his teams, instead of eating up his substance as formerly in winter, are constantly employed, and his sons are profitably engaged in "getting out timber" for the contractors; he grows a much larger quantity of oats and potatoes than before,—and when the workmen have left, he finds to his astonishment that his old friend the storekeeper is prepared to take all he can spare, to send by the Railroad "down to town."

And now some of the "city folks" come out and take up a water privilege, or erect steam power, and commence manufacturing. Iron is bought, cut into nails, screws and hinges. Cotton is spun and wove, and all the