

Marcellus Hull:

OR "WORTH MAKES THE MAN."

BY HOWARD J.

"Dorinda, have you heard the news?"

"No. News! what news, Ma?"

"Why that Melissa Chester is to be married to a carpenter by the name of Marcellus Hull."

"I am really surprised that the girl should throw herself away, besides it will put a stop to my visits to Melissa; and how sorry I shall be as she and I were always such warm friends, but associate with those who labor I will not."

This conversation took place between Mrs. Brooks and her daughter. Mrs. Brooks' father had been a shoemaker by trade, but being successful in business, and by the sale of some lots, at an early period, in one of our western cities (the schedule of which with its Broadways, Pearl Streets, etc., appeared so inviting to the purchaser) had accumulated a handsome sum. As may be supposed, when his daughter arrived at a suitable age there was some strife among the family as to who should be the possessor of her hand. The contest fell upon Milton Brooks, wholesale dealer in liquors and

required every one of his family to learn some occupation to prepare for the more active duties of life, and as a safeguard against contingencies,—as his father had also determined that they should be the artificers of their own fortune—Marcellus had come to town and established himself as a carpenter; he soon gained the promise of the prize he had so eagerly sought, namely, the consent of Melissa and her parents to her hand.

Mr. Chester and the father of Marcellus being natives of the same city had had always maintained a correspondence, and Mr. Chester was well aware of the immense wealth of Mr. Hull, who in determining upon his own having some useful occupation, was carrying out a rule established for generations in the Hull family. Their being trained to habits of industry accounted for their surprising good fortune.

At the time appointed, Marcellus and Melissa were married, but the Brooks were not present, nor had they seen fit to offer any compliments, since they had received the invitation.

Mr. Brooks, in admiration of his daughter's "spirit," as he termed it, praised her highly for her discernment.

"Well, well! wonders will never come," said Dorinda, one evening, coming into the parlor where Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were sitting, bearing evident signs on her countenance

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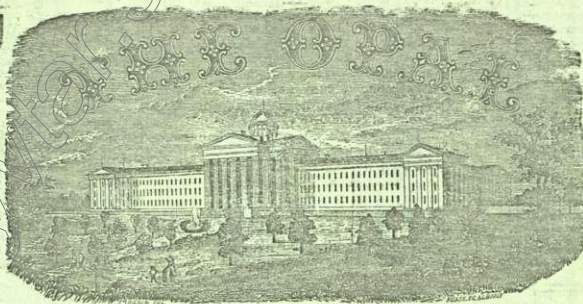
The Institutions of America are now so extended, and hence, become identified with the happiness of so many people, that it would seem presumptuous to ask, What is America?

Whence came she with marts of enterprise?—Whence originated that spirit of chivalrous adventure? That inquisitive, self-relying, indomitable energy, skill and ability, that characterize the departments of her government?

Columbus, of Genoa, discovered it in 1492. The Pilgrims of England, Via Delft Haven, landed at Plymouth Rock, in 1622—and George Washington, achieved the Independence of Thirteen States, by a victory at Yorktown, in 1783. By the term America, in our text, is meant the Asylum thrown open to the World, consisting of beautiful vales and hills, noble watercourses, and an undeniable title to the possession by reason of superior intelligence, skill and worth.—The constituents of its existence were in the Mayflower. In her cabin, were brought, through a boisterous voyage, the vestal fires that lighted the hearths of the true hearted Briton and Hollander, and no storm nor privation could extinguish them, or daunt the spirit that resolved for such virtuous liberty as the cultivated habitations of New-England and New-York now present.

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