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Description: John Martin Scrapbook I, Katahdin Iron Works, Silver Lake Hotel, pages 22-71

St John Railroad Conductors Story. About the Month of August 1882 Potister the European conductor and Crane the telegraph opperator now Station agent at Ellsworth and a St John R Road con ductor went on a fishing tare down to Grand Lake above Princeton. The St John man put his pant legs inside of his stockings having on a pair of strap dress shoes and went from a point at the foot of the Lake where they camped to some logs & began to fish. While he was fish ing Polister laid down in the open grass ground & fell a sleep in mid day. A man told me some Bangor men were camping at the point & I went up to see them, I found Polister sleeping with a cloud of misquitoes about his head & face. At this time the St John man came up with his pole & no fish, seeing Polister was kind of numb he said he guessed he would wake him up, so he began flourishing his hat about his head & told him or asked if he ever heard the story of the minister & the soldier meeting in the woods. Polister said no. Well the St John man began to bout face march &c. Said a British soldier deserted his army & traveling west in the woods, a calporter or or traveling minister was visiting families preaching &c

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going east. The two meet & sit dow^ on a log & the minister said he took it the soldier belonged to the army & asked what army he belonged to. He said he belonged to the Queens Army Regiment no so & so, Well said the Minister, I belong to the Army of the Lord, (christs army) do you said the soldier, well you have got a h-ll of a ways from the Barracks — — anyhow — —

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[at left] During the war every thing was horse, horse,

The Fastest New England Trotter.

The fastest trotter ever raised in New England was the gray gelding Hopeful, by Godfrey's Patchen, dam by the Bridgham Horse, says the Cultivator. Up to the time he was four year old his breeders states that Hopeful manifested no indications of unusual speed, and had never shown a five-minute gait in the lot. Hopeful was bred by B. D. Whitcomb, proprietor of Riverside Stock Farm. South Newmarket. N. H., and foaled in 1866. He was a powerful horse, though not a large one, his height being only a little over fifteen hands. He was foaled in Maine, and remained there till four years old when he was taken to New Hampshire by Mr Titcomb. Hopeful's first victory upon the turf was achieved at Prospect Park, L. I., September 23, 1873, where he beat a field of ten trotters in straight heats in 2.30, 2:28, 2.30 3/4. He was campaigned each year and in 1875, at Hartford, Conn., he defeated the renowned American Girl in straight heats in 2:17 1/4, 2:18 1/4, 2:18 1/4. At Fleetwood Park, N. Y., June 23, 1877, he defeated Judge Fullerton, Albemarle and Adelaide, 2:18 1/2, 2:20, 2:21 1/2, Later in the season he beat Great Eastern, 2:18, Smuggler, 2:15 1/4 and other turf celebrities without lowering his record. The season of 1878 was a busy one for him. He was in the hands of Dan Mace, the most expert reinsman living, was in the prime of life, and in excellent form. During that season he won 14 brilliant victories, trotting twenty-two heats below 2:20 in races which he won, getting a record of 2:14 3/4 to harness at Minneapolis, Minn. September 5, in a match against time to beat 2:16. One of his most brilliant victories was a race which he won at Cleveland, Ohio, July 25, 1878, where he defeated the noted flyers. Proteine. Great Eastern. Nettie and Cozette, in short order; time 2:17 1/4 2:15 3/4, 2:15 1/2. The crowning event of his busy, life, however, was his victory at Chicago, Ill., October 11, 1878 where he started to beat 2:20 1/2 to wagon, and accomplished the feat with ease,

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You could scarce enter a Hotel, Saloon, a common store unless you heard horse, 224-230 228 &c now 1887 & 1888 every thing is fish, fish, old grey headed women & men traveling all over the north fishing with suits of clothes that are any thing but decent so as to be noticed and talked about & the whole country from Philadelphia to carribou is in estasies on a trout perhaps four inches long which cost three or four dollars a piece

With regard to horse, during the horse fever I was in the National Insurance co Bangor as a marine register & Fred Foster a young man who reminds me of the picture on page 3 was in the same department with me. It was their Gold Smith Maid & Flora Temple. Flora Temple was probably the handsomest formed and most perfect animal to look at ever put on the track in the United States. These two beauties were going to trot at Mystic Park and Fred left the office a week & went there to see them trot & it cost him a months salary & he said he did not begretch it in the least, for he had seen the best trotting time in the American world, and forty thousand were on the ground to witness it. If I remember aright her best was 2.14 & she held the gold medal as long as

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I have seen her picture. She was a beauty

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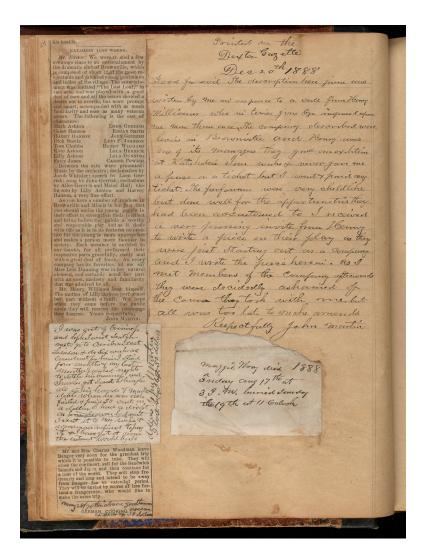
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In 1824 Topgallant trotted under saddle in 2.40. In 1834 Edwin Forrest trotted under saddle in 2.31 1/2. In 1844 Lady Suffork trotted under saddle in 2.26 1/2, and eight years after Tacony covered a mile under saddle at 2.25 1/2. In 1857 Dexter trotted in harness in 2.17 ½. In 1874 Goldsmith Maid trotted in harness in 2.14. Her time was beaten by St. Julien in 2.11 1/4 in 1879. Maud S. 2.08 3/4 was the next champion, trotting to her record in 1885. Sunol, 2.08 1/4 was at the top in 1891. Nancy Hanks, 2.04, holds the world's record in harness in 1892. Dexter's time in harness has been beaten 13 1/4 seconds.



24 [At left] his health.

Katahdin Iron Works.

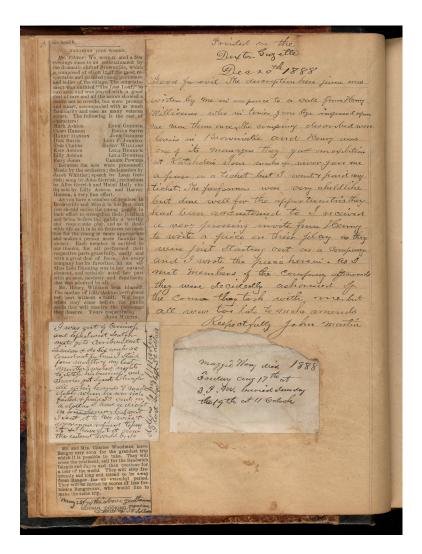
Mr Editor: We were treated a few evenings since to an entertainment by the dramatic club of Brownville, which is composed of about 12 of the most respectable and talented young gentlemen and ladies of the village. The entertainment was entitled "The Last Loaf," in two acts, and was played with a good deal of care and all the actors showed a desire not to overdo, but were prompt and smart, accompanied with as much familiarity and ease as many veteran actors. The following is the cast of characters:

Mark AshtonLoen GerrishCaleb HansonEdgar SmithHarry HansonJohn GerrishDick BustleLevi F. JohnsonTom ChubbsHenry WilliamsKate AshtonLela HerrickLilly AshtonLela DunningFatty JonesCarrie Powers

Between the acts were presented: Music by the orchestra; declamation by Jacob Whittier; speech by Loen Gerrish; song by John Gerrish; recitations by Alice Gerrish and Mabel Hall; violin solo by Lilly Ashton and Harvey Hanson, a very fine effort.

As you have a number of readers in Brownville and Milo it is but just that you should notice the young people in their effort to strengthen their intellect and bring before the public a worthy and respectable play, and as it deals with life as it is in its features no practice for the young is more appropriate and makes a person more familiar in society. Each member is entitled to our thanks, for all performed their respective parts gracefully, easily and with a great deal of force. As every company has its favorites, let me say Miss Lela Dunning was in her natural

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[Continued from previous page] element, and certainly acted her part with an ease, modesty and familiarity that was admired by all.

Mr Henry Williams beat himself.
The mother of Lilly Ashton performed her part without a fault. We hope when they come before the public again they will receive the patronage they deserve.

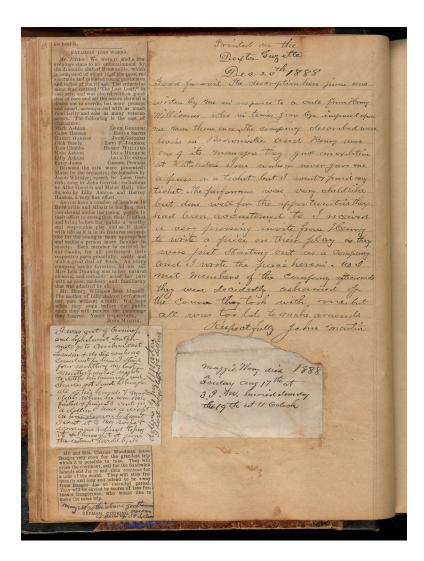
Yours respectfully,
John Martin

I was out of business and Eph Sweet sent for me to go to Caribou east Lindon & do six weeks ac countant for him. I Staid four months & my last month I worked nights to settle his business and Charles got Sweets shingles all in his hands & made debts when he was rich failed & paid 50 cents on a dollar I had a draft on him drawn by Sweet I sent it to my wife & woodman refusal to pay it & I have got it now the interest would by 30 [sideways at right] dollars John Martin I lost before I left 52 dollars

Mr and Mrs. Charles Woodman leave Bangor very soon for the grandest trip which it is possible to take. They will cross the continent, sail for the Sandwich Islands and Japan and then continue for a tour of the world. They will stop frequently and long and intend to be away from Bangor for an extended period. They will be envied by scores of less fortunate Bangoreans, who would like to make the same trip.

May 28th the above gentleman German Cooking. owes me 15 years ago 38 dollars

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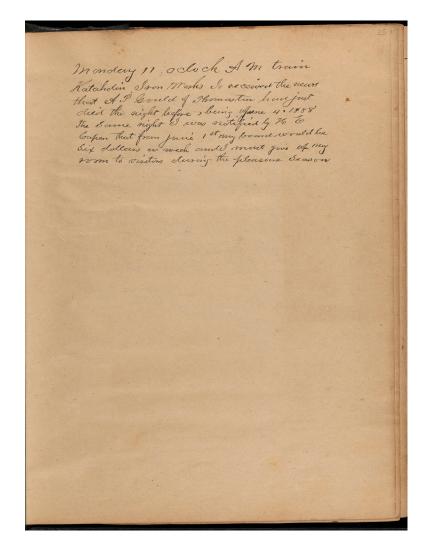
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Printed in the Dexter Gazette Dec 20th 1888

Good for evil. The description here given was writen by me in response to a call from Henry Williams who in times gone by impressed upon me more than once. The company described were livens in Brownville and Henry was one of its managers they gave an exhibition at Katahdin Iron works & never gave me a pass or a ticket but I went & paid my ticket. The performers were very child like but done well for the opportunities they had been accustomed to I received a very pressing invite from Henry to write a piece on their play as they were just starting out as a company and I wrote the piece herein. As I met members of the company afterwards they were decidedly ashamed of the course they took with me but all was too late to make amends.

Respectfully John Martin

Maggie Wray died 1888 Friday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 P.M. buried Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 Oclock



Monday 11 oclock A M train
Katahdin Iron Works I received the news
that A P Gould of Thomaston had just
died the night before being June 4, 1888
The same night I was notified by H E
Capen that from June 1st my board would be
six dollars a week and I must give up my
room to visitors during the pleasure season

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Friday July 6 1888
half past 4 oclock P.M.
John French hauled the
largest load of Iron Ore
with 4 horses that was ever
hauled from the Ore Mountain
to the Furnace during 40 years
I weighed the load & gave him
the weight on a paper, it was
mined by John Pomlow &
weighed 12220 lbs of ore, the cart
weighed 2525 lbs

14745 total weight.
John Martin

distance on a rough Road one mile down the mountain & up one tedious hard hill to the Iron works Furnace
June 25 1889 Tuesday 1/2 past 5 PM
John French with 4 horses & a new waggon just used a few days owned by Geo Knowles for whom he was driving which cost about two hundred dollars with war oak spokes & Iron hubs hauled & I weighed the load from the ore mountain to the Scale, Gross weight 17330

waggon weighed 2990 weight of ore net 14,340

the largest load ever ) hauled to the works yet)

John Martin

T Smith put on 2 horses & he helped haul the load from the Scale up to the ore Bank & it was as much as the 6 horses could haul

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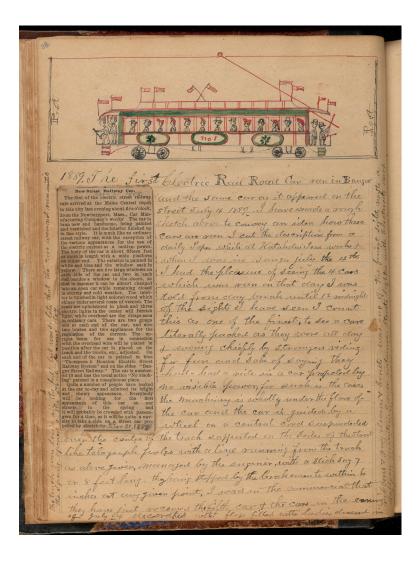
#### [Illustration]

1889. The first Electric Rail Road Car run in Bangor ftext to rightland the same car as it appeared on the street July 4, 1889. I have made a rough sketch above to convey an idea how these cars are run I cut the description from a daily Paper while at Katahdin Iron works & when I was in Bangor July the 4th I had the pleasure of seeing the 4 cars which was run on that day I was told from day break until 12 midnight of the sights I have seen I count this as one of the finest, to see a care literally packed as they were all day & evening chiefly by strangers riding for fun and sake of saying they had – had a ride in a car propeled by no visible power, for such is the case the machinery is wholly under the floor of the car and the car is guided by a wheel on a central cord suspended over the centre of the track supported on the sides of the street like telegraph poles with a line running from the truck as above given, managed by the enginer with a stick say 7 or 8 feet long, they being stopped by the brakeman to within 6 inches at any given point. I read in the commercial that they have just received the fifth car & the cars in the evening of July 4 decorated with flags fitted with ladies dressed in [sideways at right] ribbons & gay dresses & bonets was one of the finest sights next to a Balloon assention I ever witnessed. Streets lighted with Electricity cars [at top left]

New Street Railway Car. Dec 31 1888

The first of the electric street railway cars arrived at the Maine Central depot in this city last evening about five o'clock, from the Newburyport, Mass., Car Manufacturing Company's works' The car is bran new and handsome, being painted and varnished and the interior finished up in fine style. It is much like an ordinary street railway car, with the exception of the various appearances for the use of the electric current as a motive power. The body of the car is about fifteen feet or more in length with a wide platform on either end. The exterior is painted in

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white and blue and the window sash in yellow. There are five large windows on each side of the car and two in each end besides a window in the doors, so that in summer it can be almost changed into an open car while remaining closed in stormy and cold weather. The interior is finished in light colored wood which shines under several coats of varnish. The seats are upholstered in plush and three electric lights in the center will furnish light, while overhead are the straps seen in ordinary cars. There are two gongs one at each end of the car, and also two brakes and two appliances for the regulation of the current. The upright beam for use in connection with the overhead wire will be placed in position after the car is placed on the track and the trucks, etc., adjusted. On each end of the car is painted in blue "Thompson & Houston Electric Street Railway System" and on the sides "Bangor Street Railway." The car is numbered 10 and has the usual notice "No smoking" painted in a conspicuous place.

Quite a number of people have looked at the car to-day and admired its bright and showy appearance. Everybody will be looking for the first appearance of this car on our streets in the spring and it will probably be crowded with passengers for a time, as it will be quite a novelty to take a ride on a street car propelled by electricity. Dec 31,1888.

## [sideways at left]

The track was laid in the fall but was so late that the cars were not run until the spring opened & the streets became dry



The Society I have always loved from my youth up
[illustration]
The
Russell & Morgan
Printing Co,
Cincinnati
Labels
U. S. Playing cards
In
Old England
Immortal Dickens shows us
Near as words can paint
the "real Old English style,"

To us now rather quaint. In Whist we portrayed see the days of Pickwickian society.

English Society then and
American Society Now, 1889. The above illustration
shows very plainly the changes in ideas which
followed the current of time and also shows us
that well balanced minds in whatever age seek
refinement and will enjoy it let the general
world say what it may. I preserve this
representation of an English home to show
the reader that a house or home can be
made refined whether the members of a family
Rich or Poor respect themselves. Without positive
resolutions and strict adherence first of all

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respect thyself. The Society which first came to america were from families of different nations the land owners being largely English from their ever fondness of owing lands the new country presented a field for to satisfy at a cheap note a future for land owners. I have always had a persistent love of land forest, Parks, and above all a home. My father had the same love which I inherited from him, hence my love for gardens, Lawns, Forest, trees, beautiful fences, tasty neat but not extravagant buildings, Rustic villas, Rustic Seats, Rustic Summer houses, handsome grave yards, Rivers of navigable water for out door enjoyment and labors. Now I will follow cause and we will see effect or

#### natural results

First my love for all objects mentioned comes from the following sources. my father was born in England (the section and county I have forgotten but when quite young he served seven years to learn to be a genteel Merchant taylor, and in every department of needle work with his own hands he was an expert or a finished workman at the age of about nineteen his fellow associate (later Coln John Black) had an offer from the Binghams who owned a large purchase of land in (then Hancock County Maine) Hancock county then embraced what has since been taken off all of Penobscot County all of what is now Hancock county (named for John Hancock who signed the Declaration of independence) and a portion of Washington County. Mr Black has the offer of the agentcy of the purchase

#### behaviour

during life or good ^. He resolved to accept & embark to America, & settle in the small town now a city Ellsworth being the center of the Bingham

purchase. He and my father John martin were Such fast friends that my father concluded to come with him, and they both come to tellswith together a hume and exected a frame house one storyhigh and large on the ground nearly square with ante and a barn in the west side of unin Kevier enelinging a wide preci of land from the Buchs Jeont & correct avad to the River, the house being shoped their and puinted it gollow. no Lethen was anxious to get in a place of business Rollsworth being small he concluded to go to Columbia and bot up his busines and a condingly he went, of lived there until she was 7 years ald ( mark this flacourse she mured from Ellsworth to Bangon whenly was I goews ald) her finents were the decendants of the Pilgram fore futhers whose mornes were Stratton, you well be their names in the digning of the declaration of Independence Stratton moved to secon Ellsworth for the purpose growing of the earth was a field of the very best Cardy brook officiate Hur Tslucho bes in my annely his long fruge a description of very father took to heart and either became insure was never Knowshow he perished. This left her

purchase. He and my father John Martin were such fast friends that my father concluded to come with him and they both came to Ellsworth together Mr Black commenced immediately to establish a home and erected a frame house one story high and large on the ground nearly square with an L and a barn on the west side of Union River embracing a wide piece of land from the Bucksport & Orland road to the River, the house being Shaped thus and painted it yellow.

### [illustration]

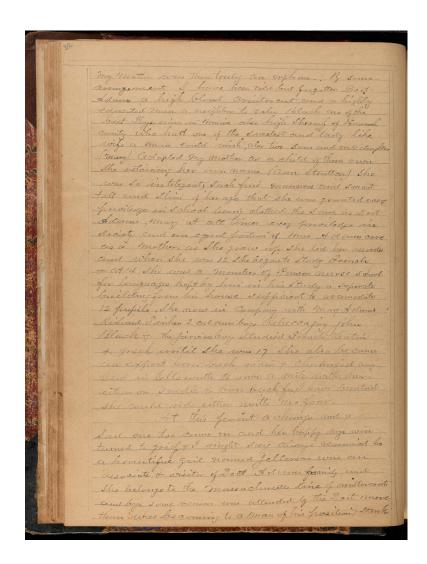
My father was anxious to get a place of business Ellsworth being small he concluded to go to Columbia and set up his business and accordingly he went.

My Mother was born in natick Massachusets & lived there until she was 7 years old (mark this) because she moved from Ellsworth to Bangor when (I was 7 years old) her parents were the descendants of the Pilgrim forefathers whose names were Stratton you will see their names mentioned in the history of the Pilgrims also connected in the signing of the declaration of Independence When 7 years old her father & her brother David Stratton moved to Ban\_Ellsworth for the purpose

of manufacturing ^ for two reasons. the village was growing & the earth was a field of the very best brick clay. In a short time they set up a brick yard on Cards brook opposite mr Blacks See in my family history page a description & very soon her mother died. the death of which her father took to heart and either became insane or broken hearted & disappeared in the woods & it was never known how he perished. this left her alone with her uncle who was a bachelor

My Mother was then truly an orphan. By some arrangement I have been told but forgotten Doct Adams a high blood aristocrat and a highly educated man a neighbor to Coln Black one of the best Physicians in Maine also high Sherrif of Hancock county who had one of the sweetest and lady like wife a man could wish, also two sons and one daughter (Mary) adopted my mother as a child of their own She retaining her own name (Ann Stratton) She was so intelegent, such fine manners and smart tall and slim of her age that she was granted every priviledge in school being clothed the same as Doct Adams, Mary at all times every priviledge in society and an equal portion of Mrs Adams care as a mother, as she grew up she led her assocates and when she was 12 she began to study French & at 14 she was a member of Parson nurse school for languages kept by him in his study a seperate building from his house sufficient to accomodate 12 pupils. She now in company with Mary Adams Richard Tinker 2 adams boys Rebecca joy john Black & the jarvises boy studied French, Latin & greek until she was 17 She also became an expert horse back rider & chalenged any Gent in Ellsworth to race a mile with her either on Saddle or bare back for I have been told she could ride either with no fear.

At this point a change and a sad one too came on and her happy days were turned to grief & I might say always remained so a beautiful girl named Jellerson was an associate & visitor of Doct Adams family and she belongs to the Massachusetts line of aristocrats and bye some reason was attended by the Doct more than was becoming to a Man of his position & rank



e findly become vilently in love with her she quented his house and he used to attend her to herhom no day my mother went through the door gard under her way saw a billet in the chips The picked itage and found it contained a gold piece eaguel in sign to a 121/2 cent prace Silver + was worth 5 dollars directed by the Doct to notes of cleaning and my another Show it to mus admis but wars adwised han must to dray any thing advant it but keep it & She till were lived and He on polen when I was joing to onger she gave it to me to change at the trans of great to the Touten I's out of MIG Triells Cusheon me the small money for it she and moducini har bickerely. full of the year in a filewant Day Doct adam chent his here'd munto mile with 10" Bushels of from with welens to remain there whitel it was ground children For adams Son many Adams + mather went to I shoot in the 26 rebburd & chool cure during the day they metical the Doct about lettle lovidge irones the over biending over tooking cot each end but throught no more of it & it seems that during & Swal hours the Doct had mundered wife and fastened up the hours had taken buy suchet book of thrown it in the lettock buried his Silver at the bridge mentioned of clausied his house een nobbed. When the children frad med the home was looked no sound inside mather o many Adams went round to the door I by some means intered of any mother were the first to see our Adums gung on the flow the Alling room clead her cut most entirely of of the teeth of her hour comb drove in her hours blood lying by her side an alarm was quent the Dust was sent fort some found at soungelons looked about hulf misure he come home of masked when

he finally became violently in love with her she frequented his house and he used to attend her to her home One day my mother went through the door yard and on her way saw a billet in the chips. She picked it up and found it contained a gold piece equal in size to a 12 1/2 cent piece silver & was worth 5 dollars directed by the Doct to Miss Jellerson and my mother shew it to Mrs. Adams but Mrs Adams advised her not to say any thing about it but keep it & she did until we lived in Hampden when I was going to Bangor she gave it to me to change at the Bank & went to the Eastern Bank & W H Mills cashier gave me the small money for it. She used it to buy medicines in her sickness. In the fall of the year on a pleasant Day Doct Adams sent his hired man to mill with 15 Bushels of grain with orders to remain there until it was ground. The children Mr Adams son Mary Adams & my mother went to school in the Hubbard School house during the day they noticed the Doct about a little bridge across the road bending over & looking at each end but thought no more of it & it seems that during school hours the Doct had murdered his wife and fastened up the house had taken his pocket book & thrown it in the woods buried his silver at the bridge mentioned & claimed his house had been robbed. When the children had returned the house was locked no sound inside my mother & Mary Adams went round to the front door & by some means entered & my mother was the first to see mrs Adams lying on the floor

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in the sitting room dead her ^ cut most entirely off & the teeth of her hair comb drove in her head & a boot jack split in two & an axe covered with blood lying by her side an alarm was given & the Doct was sent for & was found at Langdons Hotel about half insane, he came home & insisted upon

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the bed. After an examination the Doct was arrested & lodged in jail at Castine that Town being the Shear Town or capitol of Hancock county in Oct criminal court he had his trial & my mother was the first witness called on the stand in order to do this she rode from Ellsworth to Castine 30 miles on a pillion behind a man on horse back to Bucksport thence to Castine & attended court as a maine witness Mary Adams had to do the same against her own father. No one see him strike the blow & not as none circumstancial evidence allowed but he got clear although every body new that no one else could have done the deed, my mother was then 17. She kept house for the Doct one year & he moved at the end of the year in to the woods 11 miles west on what is now the Ellsworth road between Bangor & Ellsworth after living these 3 years he got 3 setlers & the county made a road to him & in 1835 a road was cut through to Bangor & he lived & died a miserable death with the Phthisick setting in his chair Several years night & day before he died but he never dared to marry the Jellerson girl but married a relative of same family. My mother at 18 went to Columbia Me to teach a School this place was then a place of much business the Wilsons of Brewer having mills and business there married Rebecca Jov & she was the wife of the President of the Brewer Bank as I am some in advance of the transaction I will here say that as soon as Mrs Adams was buried Doct Adams was arrested & carried Castine & the next term of Criminal Court was tried for the murder as all evidence shew that no one else could possibly have committed the deed My mother & Mary Adams being the first & Maine evidence she

So She rode horseback on a fillion behind a man Isam Collsworth to Buchespent 18 miles thence about 20 miles clean Temobs cot Berry to Custine village according to been accomment of the trial it was Shown that from affectionces Das Adams must have been eletting in a all effects for to prove that one but the done the olded failed as no one was a ed or near his house for several hours but one see him strike the blow he was downed now the law is such that a person can be con weeted on commissantial endance whom it is Grand that no Jensibility could other wise occur After Court was ever Doct come home y passades Supposed from any Society or humans being It a snousion which is known as the Dog adamis house half very to Bangal my mother now one of the firest educated ludies in Hancock Country resoluted to teach a to Columbia falls among the wilsons She lous admired by tell cartino people of vicinity from her manners of her evidence in the count more

had to go to court at Castine and in order to do so she rode horseback on a pillion behind a man from Ellsworth to Bucksport 18 miles thence about 20 miles down Penobscot Bay to Castine village. According to her account of the trial it was shown that from appearances Mrs Adams must have been sitting in a chair knitting and the first blow was given with a Boot jack which hung on the wall directly behind her after which the axe was used to Sever her head the teeth of her comb was driven in to the Skull and the Boot jack must have been Struck flat wise all efforts for to prove that one but the Doct done the deed failed as no one was a round or near his house for several hours but as no one see him strike the blow he was cleared now the law is such that a person can be con victed on circumstantial evidence when it is proved that no possibilities could other wise occur.

After court was over Doct came home & persuaded my mother to keep house for him one year during which time he went into the woods 11 miles as he supposed from any Society or humane beings and built a mansion which is known as the Doct Adams house half way to Bangor.

His aristocratic friends abandoned & scorned him. My mother now one of the finest educated ladies in Hancock County resolved to teach a high grade class and was offered inducements to go to Columbia falls among the wilsons She was admired by all Castine people & vicinity from her manner & her evidence in the court more particularly her fine language & her noble

cer Suesel midesty, She tought mi umbia a class one year during which She met in Society my father, John martin from Tongland of an associate of Colonel Black, was so much of a gentleman so genteel of asfined although not highly solucated his taste was so, fine in his own closes and he made such nice will have heard my mother by he could muried wealth but The fire fored + The married him on condition he would remove to allowath & live and spend a Shop between John a Peters fathers house of the Dutton house very neur Ells worthbridge was born within 50 feet of where John a Teters lang since fiedge of the suprome court to argur) of within a stone throw of Ells with Fringe! Very Soon my father purchased two acres of fine soil on the east side exactly of poste of Con Blacks pesidence running from the road to low water which embruced a portion of leards fromt. Her first movement was to full what Small goowth there was on at and dig out every root & made Small house on it of a Shop adjoining of immediately with his can hands , the was so ambition to estab lish a home that be worked on his land dy t in his shop night he neduced himself by so doing of avent

appearance & her sweet modesty. She taught in Columbia a class one year during which time she met in Society My father John Martin from England & an associate of Colonel Black. He was so much of a gentleman so genteel & refined although not highly educated his taste was so fine in his own dress and he made such work

nice<sup>^</sup>. I have heard my mother <sup>^</sup> she could married wealth but she prefered & she married him on condition he would remove to Ellsworth & live his days there. He done as my mother desired and opened a Shop between John A Peters fatheres house & the Dutton house very near Ellsworth bridge & I was born within 50 feet of where john A Peters (long Since judge of the Supreme Court Bangor) & within a stones throw of Ellsworth Bridge)

Very soon My father purchased two acres of fine soil on the east side exactly opposite of Coln Blacks residence running from the road to low water which embraced a portion of Cards point.

His first movement was to fall what small growth there was on it and dig out every root & made it similar to an English Lawn, he then built a small house on it & a shop adjoining & immediately moved in the house. the shop being well finished outside & in & two rooms in the house - the outside not being finished only the trimming put on windows set and roof shingled His constitution was slender from his work being in doors & he used to sew with his own hands. He was so ambitious to estab lish a home that he worked on his land days & in his shop nights he reduced himself by so doing & went into quick consumption & died when I was

months old und he was but hever twenty two years of age my mather had the Sympathy of all her old associates and tosery wide people as I have beard her say, butitures a revered which could never be healed. She was now a window with strayed a babe an her ams The wrote a splended hand I hen taste in deeps um fine, the Lewigers gave her capying to do and as she exceled in Luce with she made fine reel ble brosen Shirts avristland y done themas correspond the love one in I grane and flowers one Shirt consumering from three to six hours to ming and do it is heard her suy ince That is dress cand party was given of the gent Dich Janker being one visit to see who would have the finist thirts of Set up all night to crimp three That bosoms for Dean - Trukent hale is dandys putronized Arm martin the going widow + many a Justy was graced her tall geenteely and class mate in the Greek Seminary Rebe ora for Fune as at this day volled on and Dick Sinks of his disten were constant callers whenever they Just her dwelling & I grew to be two gram old when I was seized with a white swelling on the Left growing my denother has actually to me the suffering passed through when at least it be came are cess un to lance or apart it. I as a shirt time it are apparent that my whole frame was growing weak and a Small bunch or enlargement was seen on the spine near the center of my back . Doot deck advised batteing me no Alrica Review by wroffing me in woolen blankets and inconcreeing me in the water which my mother did for two or three months. I have reasons to think that it done me good for it clarified the growth of the deposity and when about

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people as I have heard her say, but ^ was a wound which could never be healed. She was now a widow with myself a babe in her arms She wrote a splendid hand & her taste in dress was fine. the Lawyers gave her copying to do and as she exceled in lace work she made fine ruffle bosom shirts & wristbands & done them up by crimping the bosoms in squares and flowers one shirt consuming from three to six hours to crimp

and do it ^. I heard her say once that a dress card party was given & the gent Dick Tinker being one vied to see who would have the finest Bosoms

shirts & shirts ^ set up all night to crimp three shirts bosoms for Dean –Tinker & hale 3 dandys all patronized Ann Martin the young widow & many a party was graced her tall genteel figure in company with her true and life long associate and class mate in the Greek Seminary Rebecca joy. Time as at this day rolled on and Dick Tinker & his sister were constant callers whenever they past her dwelling & I grew to be two years old when I was seized with a white swelling on the left groin My mother has related to me the suffering I passed through when at last it became necessary to lance or opent it. In a short time it was apparent that my whole frame was growing weak and a Small bunch or enlargement was seen on the spine near the center of my back. Doct Peck advised batheing me in Union River by wrapping me in woolen blankets and immersing me in the water which my mother did for two or three months I have reason to think that it done me good for it checked the growth of the deformity and when about three

very near making a worsel of rose for I was rup a truss of I wise it to good of almost pressed the outline ember my mother told me we were going to move curse of this was the cards held a Small mortgage on the land and my mother was unable to clear it as soon as the desired & she thought present to have the firamises & ald of freshaps she might get a balance over the incumberance but it was Jewichased by a som Austin & through unfair dealings she lost the then beautiful shot & I well remarker the day we moved for I was able to walk four one house to the other we now level I outh of a brook running east of doest of about 200 feet from Union River numming with & with before we moved we had ce lettle smow of I toused my matter to make me a home blad of the got infe one moning of took the side of, a chicken coop ande with lath of bound A 1 , made est wenter of Somether over a year linger when ing Curre host of blabs floated down from Coln Bluchs mills of I had 4 big rooks on the Shere for They ofen yel finactioned driving those a sho as all Denes to go up over the deem to of Je mon. This brook of cut a hale in the ice of catch a miss at her fileasure

years old I was seized with violent cramps which came very near making a wreck of me for I was rup tured in the left groin and when 6 yers old had to wear a truss & I wore it 10 years & almost pressed the rupture in & I abandoned the truss. At my age about 4 in the fall I remember My mother told me we were going to move up street over a hill nearer the village in the Epps house The cause of this was the cards held a Small mortgage on the land and my mother was unable to clear it as soon as they desired & she thought prudent to have the premises sold & perhaps she might get a balance over the incumberance, but it was purchased by a mr Austin & through unfair dealings she lost the then beautiful spot & I will remember the day we moved for I was able to walk from one house to the other we now lived south of a brook running east & west & about 200 feet from Union River running north & south before we moved we had a little snow & I teased my mother to make me a hand sled & she got up one morning & took the side of a chicken coop made with lath & boards [drawing] & made me a rough sled being my first hand sled. We lived there that winter & somethin over a year longer when spring came hosts of slabs floated down from Coln Blacks Mills & I had 4 big rocks in the shore for my oxen & I practised driving these rocks as if ox team. during the winter Tom Cods came up the River to go up over the dam to spawn. This brook was full near the house my mother would go out and cut a hole in the ice & catch a mess at her pleasure with her hands (at the Dam they were dipped by cart loads with nets many using them to feed to swine

the next summer my quother took a girl to such brand to lead the to sah out with a provide solved in the center of the village in the produce house & I attended the school that I remarred sit as my own chair with a high book because Lamey weak my frame had but lelle Strongth wint Chair swin andely a firmer than & bound side of buck a seat but I ounder anyoelf together better them Spall words to write on the side of the fireflace with of chalk of my my mother mistructed one and a a English hund She was excelent with the frem brad severe attacks of rhoundshow night day my pain was fearful of new of then Excurps in they legs of hips to a constant fremi in the right . Side which hasted are without cousing for 16 seems Butter offer to cume dang y his route was from Bange when down the road to columbia ant Descrit or Island up through Extend of Buch part to He wous the year feet uniquely a handsome bout 28 or 30 germs ald he was smart both of intrade of I have often thought during my ous the & greekest gian that I ever saw up called at my mothers o generally at he had a Sister in Totland whom ras descrous to have some implay of mother new engaged so the needed help & company is the sister and married her of The newed 3 miles

with the next summer My mother took a girl to work her board & lead me to school with a private school in the center of the village in the jorden house & I attended the School that summer & sit in my own chair with a high back because I was lame & weak my frame had but little strength in it chair was made by a joiner thus [drawing] board sides & back a very hard seat but I could myself together better than in any other chair. I immediately as soon as I could spell words to write on the side of the fireplace with a piece of chalk & my mother instructed me in a round English hand. She was excelent with the pen I now had severe attacks of rheumatitsm nights & often days my pain was fearful & now & then cramps in my legs & hips & a constant pain in the right side which lasted me without ceasing for 16 years.

At this period a man trading in tin dry goods Butter eggs & co came along & his route was from Bangor to Machias down the road to Columbia Mt Desert Deer Island up through Orland & Bucksport to Bangor. He was the perfect image of a handsome man about 28 or 30 years old he was smart both in body & in trade & I have often thought during my life he was the smartest man that I ever saw He always called at my mothers & generally at Meal time. he had a Sister in Portland when he was desirous to have Some employ & as my mother was engaged so she needed help & company she came & lived with us. my mothers old associates the joys visited quite often Rebecca & Benjamin who fancied the sister and married her & She moved 3 miles out on a farm & spent her days there, her oldest daughter

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was nothing more nor less than Martin Hall wife the noted Lumberman on Union River & who now lives in a twenty thousand dollar Mansion on the high ground in Ellsworth close in view of Senator Hale who is a neighbour & a close friend of James G. Blane candidate for President of the United States. My Married the handsome and smart man who was a widow & his first wife was the daghter of Mr Blanchard a wholesale Merchant in Portland & a very rich man at that date Mr Blanchards daughter gave birth to a beautiful daughter & died & her grandmother Mrs. Blanchard addopted the child & brought it up & named it Mary Blanchard & She grew up & when 17 was pronounced the Belle of Portland her grandfather purchased a Township of Land in maine on what is now very near the Piscataguis Rail Road & named it the Town of Blanchard This was done in the Land Speculation & was a mountaneous wild town so far from any kind of buisiness that it absorbed his working capital & he Failed & eventually moved on to the town & Spent the remainder of his days on it. This daughter married I know not whom & removed to Portland In the course of time when mr B was too old to enjoy it. Slate of a fine quality was discov ered and the town now is full of business mills quaires Lumber farms &ca The speculation created a ruin of all northern States Ellsworth was full of high blooded rich Massa chusetts aristocrats & a man must either be a Ser vant or a rich man to live there. Mr Solomen B Raynes now my Step father Now formed a partner ship with Calvin Bakeman of Brewer oposite Bangor & they purchased a 15 ton decked boat & loaded it with Pork Meal flour dry goods Fancy goods Tobaaco tea salt & such goods as was always in

demand on the Islands & the fishing district in Penobscot

ar was to be soon there. We drive aspile in thence up this in as it was called Toward Elm House a 2 Story taver Constinct which Release the buke being ex fined to warni Cumo very mean agoing with Tholic to house seven not fearshed viside nor out a head or our fel culesed for all law morall my weather snyxed & bake boarded in the Colore house six wich to half of the house friends here me derus very sich and was allended by Dort Karl give her such an enter that the nevertally ne conserved for Muchy goods The mental deil got faith h in the house but as the laverre rous so some de is it were & she took cotten watting to care Knife of carried the crucks between the bounding of Grands quite comfortable for there day for no had a small In place to hart the room of cooklye, we lived the last of mor till the next forme of before we moved had to breed a fire around the hears to keet the is away 4 to feet deeps the affect of the prostation beginning to be thunfily felt my Style father ved on farming a cloudingly ledsed the

Bay up to Machias in Mount Desert SW Harbor Bar harbor Columbia Blue Hill & all ports which could be reached by boat. they traded Pork meal Tobaco & tea for Fish made for market & other goods for Butter eggs wool & wool Skins all of which were abundant in and around these points. Ellsworth being situated up Union River 20 miles from its mouth made it difficult to reach & my step father concluded to move to Bangor we had now passed one summer & one winter in Ellsworth a daughter was born which became my half sister & the next September arrangements were made for a move our furniture was taken from Coln Blacks wooden house he having moved in a Brick mansion & put on board the Bacon & Raynes Boat to go round the coast to Bangor & as no road existed as a few years afterward through direct east & west to Bangor only half way to Doct Adams My mother myself & the babe (named Rebecca Ann) was provided for to come by road from Ellsworth through Blue hill & orland to Bucksport thence up the Penobscot river to Brewer thence cross the ferry in a gundalow to Bangor 42 miles (the distance across had the road been cut through would have been 26 mils Mr Eben Merrill

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came for us a ^ a waggon such as they had in those days & the next day my mother & I took our fare well look at the to her & me dear town. I rode in the hind part of the waggon in my chair I have given on a previous page the babe in My mothers arms Mr Merrill & she rode on the seat We rode to Orland first day & put up at a tavern which had a sign on a pole as was customary before you turn in a lane to go to the house thus [drawing] The next morning it rained qute hard but we started to come to Bangor about 25 miles & it rained all day & before we reached Brewer it poured

Berry sof to maishing in mount Desent & My Markon Bar columber Blue Koill of all frosts which could be reached by boot they truded Jish meal Tobu cay tou for Fish sworth being situated up vomin Reven 20. miles from its mouth made it difficult to nearly my step Somehuded to summe to & sunger wakend never as Secundary to ine winter in leftswith a daughter was borne which became my half outer of the next deptember arrangements were made for ve our farmetiere down taken from colon Black - recorded house he knowing moved in a Horich ramson I put on board the Is occum & Requisits out to provid the could to Banga of us an around extented as in few sours aftenound through direct east & arest to I surger conly way to Jack Allows My mother trayers by road from belleviothe through Blue hill of to Buchopert thence up the Renobscat river to thence crass the ferry in a Jundalow to Banga iles the distance a arass livet the word becoment would have been 26 mils, mr Chen merrill Cume for us is a way fair such as they had in throse the next day my mother for took our fare the to havy one dear town I rollenia part of the wiggen in my chained have given in a our frage the babe on my mother arms has morall in the soit We rude to Orland first dy of put up at totowen which had a signion a prote internaing beefore you turn in a law to go to rue thus to The most morning it rained gute bout we sturded to come to Sacregor whout 25 miles surveil all day of before we reashow Bonewer it housed

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On our arrival at Brewer we crossed the Penobscot My Mother Myself and the babe were carried across to the ferry landing foot of union st in a ferry row boat by one man The horse waggon & mr Merrill was carried across in a flat gundalow by a man with a scull oar no bridge was built then and no horse boat which was put in next year was to be seen then. We drove up Union to Ohio thence up Ohio or as it was called Levant road to the Elm House a 2 story tavern long since burned and we did not stop there then but went mr Merrills house 1/4 mile distant and stayed the first night during which Rebecca the babe being exposed to the drenching rain came very near dying with cholic mr Merrills house was not finished inside nor out except one bed room plastered for old Mrs Merrill My mother myself & babe boarded in the Elm house six weeks to have one half of the house finished here my Mother was very sick and was attended by Doct Rich & he gave her such an emetic that she never fully recovered for many years. Mr Merrill did not finish much in the house but as the tavern was so crowded nights with travelers My mother concluded to move in as it were & she tookcotton Batting & a case knife & corked the cracks between the boarding & made it quite comfortable for those days for we had a small fireplace to heat the room & cook bye, we lived there from last of nov till the next June & before we moved we had to build a fire around the house to keep the Misquitos away. The winter was a severe one & the snow was 4 & 5 feet deep the affect of the speculation was beginning to be sharply felt My Step father resolved on farming & accordingly leased the Skinner farm in Brewer for one year exactly in front of the flat near the River known as the English Norombegar an ancient Indian Camping ground

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We lived on this farm until April 1 next year & in Sept My brother Alonzo E. Raynes was born my Step father leased another farm at Ball Hill Cove & on the first of April the River being all clear & so warm that men were ploughing we loaded of our goods on a gundolow & on the top of the tide were carried to the Cove (a blessed) spot to me, the farm was but a short distance up the road and we all walked up to the house a good two story one & we occupied the chambers as our half of the house Mrs Dilla Snow the owner a widow was the daughter of Old King Swett of Hampden we very soon became acquainted with the Atwoods a rich family & grace Atwood was a constant associate of my mothers She could dance, sing, and tell stories talk French & so could mMy mother we then had invites to Thomas Augustus Snows a merchant & vessel builder (Married Old Jonathan Hopkins daughter rich family at Hampden lower corner we lived here one year & took Enoch Holbrooks farm for one year in the Cove where all the business was done I now had my raft & Small dug out & I spent the most of my time in on & around the waters & Shores I began to grow stronger being Lame I was petted by all neighbours & I began to visit evening parties & I fell into nice families I have writen in my family history & therefore from this date up allude to My leap[?] piece Society. after living here a year My Step father moved to one mile below Hampden corner in order to work in Isaac Dunings ship yard & ship carpenters got large wages in those days here I had a garden of 1/2 an acre beside the main road my garden was admired by all passers bye on the road I also had a punt at Smiths Landing My mother was taken sick here & came very near her death and for 20 years afterwards she was an invalid after which she became better. She was attended by Doct Rogers & grew worse whereupon

nouse Surrey Sunger was called and inthese doubt sured her life I was still at times quite rheumutish ulthough my perceveronce garden the Scientific marries and which it uid out drow his attention and he wented learn the applicany busines, y bec as hundred dollars in smong of a recom dation to lany growdy. Buy unother discaded to with her son but her noble much thought as for my good of the with violunterment cerning I left my home of garden of at 9 and the Morning I was shown they shownber where it anistrocratic Custine Collewith & Boston She married govers of her bloom was fresh of education high she Jelujed Jacio fine

Doct Increase Sumner Sanger was called and without doubt saved her life I was still at times quite lame with rheumatish although my perceverance in my garden the Scientific Manner in which it was laid out drew his attention and he wanted a boy to learn the anothecary business & become a merchant He therefore offered my mother if she would let me stay with him four years and live in his family 3 months School a year cloth & board me furnish books &ca give me access to his medical library & cabinet which contained a human skeleton & a Large Electerezing Machine & if faithfull at the end of 4 years 2 Suits of clothes and one hundred dollars in money & a recom mendation to buy goods. My mother dreaded to part with her son but her noble mind thought it was for my good & she with reluctance & tears consented and the 5th day of august Monday morning I left my home & garden & at 9 in the morning I was shown my chamber where I deposited my bundle & the first day I assisted Mrs Sanger in papering & painting this with 2 other rooms with folding doors which when thrown open made a hall for private parties & dances of their own associate Mrs Sanger was a small very perfect skim small feet & small hands almost a perfect model lady & belonged to the Paddleford & fails & Deans a high race in Aristrocratic Castine Ellsworth & Boston She married young & her bloom was fresh & her education high She played Piano fine

Shall wish I ever See the aver fine on Quadrills + waltres even at that early day and in our Courton Shoot 1839 The made an expect of me withe old Oyum roalty, my mother Secured me manney mis Janger learned how to g truck use of them how comes ming Society and my passion for gented Society Doct direction to file up his chest of Saddle lines Doct sucide trades brought land y Soult a wessel so cit a greny early age I as a dwelling sie euch end medicina in the center theo is studened was him were ted ai Brunger Thearles about my age + solve friends for soveral years Muie See ha fricture at 40 mi my dunce book my diplome the rows brounds one of with the excep years always she are her favors & muscal tray olinging / She has brother Religiet I many a pleas and sing in the Old I sustan academy Evinging book in pluying among the leclared that we exceled any singers in their facialy of made a large fruity of middle aged church

Painted flowers Elegantly and put up the nicest shell work I ever see she was fine on Ouadrills & waltzes even at that early day and in Mr Carltons Shool 1839 She made an expert of me in the old square waltz. My Mother learned me manners Mrs Sanger learned how to y make use of them Now comes my Society and my passion for genteel Society. I went into the apothecary store and began to learn business I very soon could put many simple things & I went to compounding medicine under the Doct direction to fill up his chest & saddle bags and I was very much pleased with my new place but the Doct made trades bought land & built a vessel so at a very early age I had to ride over the country for men timber &c and a taylor occupied 1/2 of Sangers which was a dwelling in each end medicine store in the center Geo B. Starbird was his name his oldest daughter Caroline & Eliza had been educated in Bangor Schools about my age & I were close friends for several years Caroline see her picture at 40 in my dance book & on my diploma. She was handsome & with the excep tion of Catherine Sewall was the finest Singer & dancer in her Society. She although I was her

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junior in years always she ^ me her favors & she admired my Singing (She her brother Eliza & I had many a pleasant sing in the Old Boston academy singing book in playing among the boys we all of us were invited to Coln Daniel Emerys who had a daughter Louise & Hannah. Hannah was religious Louise was not. we gave them a sing and Mrs Emery & Mrs Sanger both declared that we exceled any singers in their Society & made a large party of middle aged church people to hear us sing.

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We met agreable to invitations and Sung as we had before & received the compliments of all who were present At this point a company of Gentlemen in Bangor relatives and associates of Doct Sanger his wife the Emorys and Browns conceived the idea to purchase Lawyer Brown Mansion & add to it a beautifull Stable an Elegant Bowling alley being

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2 alleys below ^ & one above for Ladies an ice house and an L 60 feet long for Dining room & dance hall kitchen was room &c to be a pleasure house for parties balls trancient boarders & public travel The owners were Augustus Brown Jude Preston Wiggin Hill & other rich men I have fully described this house in my family history under date of 1839-40 It was the best public resort hotel in maine at that date it was furnished with costly carpets from atic to the cellar had a five hundred dollar mahogony Bar a full set of cut glass for 60 guests 18 Dozen Pearl handled knives & forks every thing after the same sort altred Oil Lamps an oven capable of baking 60 pies at once, a tin roasting kitchen where a quarter of beef could be roasted at one time a Coffee roaster capacity 50 lbs at one roasting, and a chandileer in the hall of pase[?] glass 18 lamps that cost four hundred dollars & Stalls for 25 horses made of clear white pine plank all planed.

Now my apothecary occupation assumed a different form Doct Sanger in the second year of this house was induced to lease it for one year paying a rental of 12 1/2 cents on a dollar for all the money he received in the house So July 1 1839 he became Landlord & I was to go to school & see to the store as I had formerly he hired Joshua Pickard as clerk & bar tender some dishonesty was discovered & he was discharged My duties increased so I had to leave school we had parties & balls & midnight Suppers &ca untill

versee men at wale in thefield look up all the girls for the house of house a senema look out mi Doct & angen whence. One pleasent day in Honey I was making a bed in the feardon Sings some out of with a brouch of keys mi his hours Bun & Office / I namenstrated of told I was not ald energhte comme a mon ficielien of be much responsibility but he said he would risk it becomes was honest + faithful. So al communaed & Region my back in May 1839 I Kept all expenses of the house of enterer all sales of had the same examined by the owner every I munitor fiedge Presten conspetemental on my do of thack were. He now had a sentemora wife of Som Patteringly name from Key west of lorida to Spend the Sommer also Lawyer Satter from 13 wager to 13 wm of a mil Fales a great Ludy distrito mes Songer I very soon be some a pot in I about the Sione of from two of arogen who was a lay of the highest culture bemovemen omule gonteal I a will of Some ne cived my Suciety less in form her I her relatives of surpring I se served forevent from all unmater of the house help quests of all so I confront very nicely Odiaber 1869 Tay 1849 A. J. Carllen can Langlish Concher of Duncing to the quester friends no Jumper hall me Burger Grened Schooling Hampelon house Heall to teach the first Lucdolles & Wallysin With Seading of the State, his Judich as dat forth in Come see part were Hours but House Lunger tourete Lucys dutten Dranin d'unger fortrece Hill nut Whether sed favis & Bewly of Suchered Summel Hill I believe 16 y how 12 year old John mentu' very growing I towngh to muche 24 comple o come Society I feared Hold Ton clesh Torone for the school s chollens the first freed on the hist we had I School a week! being in rumide of the home I formchisis betyventers on Norther came the Trust correct people in the class.

in the spring when it came May I had to part the time oversee men at work in the field look up all the girls for the house & have a general look out in Doct Sangers absence. One pleasant day in May I was making a bed in the garden Doct Sanger came out & with a bunch of keys in his hand he said John I have concluded to give you charge of all the wine cellar glass & crockery closets silver ware & the Bar & Office (I remonstrated & told I was not old enough to assume a mans position of so much responcibility but he said he would risk it because I was honest & faithful. So I commenced & began my book keeping in May 1839. I kept all expenses of the house & entered all Sales & had the same examined by the owners every 3 months. Judge Preston complimented on my a/c of stock in the house. We now had a gentleman wife & son Patterson by name from Key west Florida to spend the summer also Lawyer Patten from Bangor to Board & a Miss Fales a great Lady sister to Mrs Sanger I very soon became a pet in & about the house & from Mrs Sanger who was a lady of the highest culture handsome small genteel & a will of Iron I received my Society lessons from her & her relatives & company I received presents from all inmates of the house help guests & all so I dressed very nicely. In Dec 1839 & Jany1840 A. P. Carlton an English teacher of Dancing & Ettequette findind no proper hall in Bangor Opened School in Hampden house Hall to teach the first Quadrilles & Waltzes in this section of the State. his pupils as set forth in my Diploma in part were Hanibal Hamlin Lawyer Mudget Lawyer Patten Samuel Sanger Joshua Hill nat Whittier Jed Jarvis E Bowley J Packard Samuel Hill Horace Hopkins 12 years old John Martin very young & Enough to Make 24 couple same society I paid J R Hall Town clerk Treasurer for the School 5 dollars the first paid on the list we had 2 schools a week being an inmate of the house I practised betwen lessons so I became the most correct pupil in the class

my partner was survivie Tharbout the frait chucer & singer in the clase. Uningling with the Sunger har Sister of me Lour Temy Clara ingrick the belle I quickly leaves fine munion of my commonder with this Sung while idence to write her frenches I had these first slaw name advantage that Wer other boy of my acquemitance had The next Syming Dock Semyer left the Hotel & assumed his former business I returned to the home with him: I he auturged his buildings I left the following number levil with Elected Happing who hear a store a rother a small from to be belong to the anstrumentic finish of Isuac Coplin I blair whith him a year or associated Civille Leverie The Happen May & Olive II I le marce him con Burkery-In Happen May & Olive II I levery the day who was a start when the same and the reppor come with O 26 Homobby was clock + an Humbal Humbin office was most show I man formed Still new of westrocourties a experimentance I sould being as I have Said before the quethodox abunch here entraced the Testions the Survey of Wally Grashy the I took my dinging both under my and to want to church of was morted by own Duchelden to Join the choir in the Juliany to soluce I wo copen & cled In danig this I was introduced to mil Dudley cate Sevell February Curter, Durch Tomay, Capt Wholey, Bonson is about fine Sewell + thers. I used the strictest economy in my every day dress

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My partner was Caroline Starbord the finest dancer & singer in the class. Mingling with Mrs Sanger her Sister & Mrs Louisse Emery Clara Myrick the belle I quickly learned fine manners & my conversation with Mrs Sanger while riding to visit her friends I had these first class new[?] advantages that no other boy of my acquaintance had

The next Spring Doct Sanger left the Hotel & assumed his former business I returned to the home with him & he enlarged his buildings & this was my 4th year & last

I left the following March & lived with Ezekiel Hopkins who had a store a wharf a small farm &c he belong to the aristocratic family of Isaac Hopkins I staid with him a year & associated with Louise & Mrs. [covered by clipping]& Horace his son.

[Clipping:] 1890

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HINKLEY — In Hampden, May 5, Oliver H. Hinckley, aged 81 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Kennebec papers please copy. I then engaged a year in a Hotel at Hampden uppr corner with O H Hinckley was clerk &c Hanibal Hamlin's office was next door I now formed still new & aristocratic acquaintances I could sing as I have said before the Outhodox church here embraced the wealth of the Town. The Dudleys Crosbys, the Stetsons the Curtises the Emerys the Sewalls &c I took my Singing book under my arm & went to church & was invited by mr Bachelder to join the choir in the gallery to which I accepted & did In doing this I was introduced to Miss Dudley Cate Sewell Filander Curtis Bark Emery, Capt Wheeler Deacon Babcock James Sewell & others.

I used the Strictest economy in my every day dress

and by this means my young neun were a finer suit thun I did on society consiss I always had one suit all my leng life in case of a ball a church event a Juneral or excursion in pusty that I could wie with whatever class of Susisty I was mirted this was a wonder to my ass a criter who more than once expressed to how I dether myself my parents being poor of cursion good Lance scenery meatines of cure, I had not been in the place long before me Down from Banger a hunter of teachers wood music aprece a linging of Arad in it brick I chook house specitities Hodel I was one of his first Sucho orders My a Sewall was an extruordency Bas's singer my voice was then low Busy alto I could alto but not very high not amuch above of I could once in a while Starle low D distinctly a Gentleman Superintendent of the Jeaper mile of his wife took up quarters at the Kotel of his furriste amusement was his violing in Is almosty in the Buston according biging book I had a violing was lowning to felong the 2 we down formed a sing to meet every friday arrang during the full of winter months in this Class we had tow to wheter Buck, the Superintendent + John master violin Islando curtis flate Barken Emery tromboon Isaac Sown clarente Deedley fleite & one precied have forgotten which meade & prices . for vivies we had batedwell o Loundine Sturbird Sopramo Colizia Sturbard of Herman Energ + I Ludley give many of thunk) restricted based for allo IV" Tewall arman Dowy nor Dow our teacher tenere James Lewell lough Theeler Dea Mim Babarch for Bass. Our meetings were in term to meet cut every members house once a Season, We now formed a farman

and by this means no young man wore a finer suit than I did on Society occasions I always had one suit all my long life in case of a ball a church event a funeral or excursion or party that I could vie with whatever class of Society I was invited this was a wonder to my ass ociates who more than once expressed to how I clothed myself my parents being poor (I answer good sence economy neatness & care,) I had not been in the place long before Mr Dow from Bangor a hunter & teacher of vocal music opened a Singing School in a brick school house oposite the Hotel I was one of his first subscribers Wm Sewall was an extraordinary Bass singer my voice was then low Bass & Alto I could alto but not very high not much above & I could once in a while strike low D distinctly A Gentlemen Superintendant of the paper mill & his wife took up quarters at the Hotel & his favorite amusement was his violin on Psalmody in the Boston Academy Singing book I had a violin & was learning to play the 2 in the same book he joined the school & we soon formed a sing to meet every friday evening during the fall & winter months in this class we had mr Bachelor Bo celo, the Superintendent & John Martin violin Filando Curtis flute Barker Emery tromboon Isaac Snow claronete Dudley flute & one piece I have forgotten which made 8 pieces. for voices we had Cate Sewell & Caroline Starbird soprano Eliza Starbird & Hannah Emery & 1 Dudley girl Merry (I think) [?] well for Alto W<sup>m</sup> Sewall Amos Dow & Mr Dow our teacher tenors James Sewell Capt Wheeler Dea Wm Babcock for Bass. Our meetings were in turn to meet at every members house once a Season. We now formed a permant society.

and chose officers Dea 17 mm 75 abouch was bleder Passident Filando curtis Lecretury Guft Wheler vice Irendent James Sawall & folie smartin Darectors or Eleis Quelly Treasurer every left we had an election former Sawall & murgaelf refused firmation Jacon by pour wills I consented to bee so cretary We more after the first winter fruction of are a concert in the cuthodox Shurch Hampelen reffer comen I we had become so of present on hand products that 400 years an came down to hear us sing of the home was peched & many housest the windows I have four outside we then was envited to visit Jun Deros School an Thomas Hill of 16 Sleights resent of guarethem a reheursal. The next cleft I was firemated to the vice Fresidency James Service tel had taken so much interest in it often francishing waysom Hod & even carte when the mad was deep to go & bring the Loudies So as to be some of hour them there This called me into all the best families in Hompden of I had them meet with me cut the Hotel one evening + ive had the dance hall with long dining lables curred into it often the sing of the veligeous people eleparted we had a dance by our own music - many religious Jeaple Staped to see us done of they all de clared & it writer in the secretary Book & soud in the next meeting that my night was the best meeting the association even had not now I went out deveral mile to wint bake sewell rather than not have her there - She come Good blass her boartafull voice penson of Soule, locanoline Starlind never sung So Sweet + Swill nor appeared So levely as on ere the tolintony afterward that it new my night that are fired her to being as she did for me them she did not next then did many others. That wolf it was so nice so as the space of solvation of the Hall

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and chose officers Dea W<sup>m</sup> Babcock was Elected President Filando Curtis Secretary Capt Wheeler vice President James Sewall & John Martin Directors & Elias Dudley Treasurer every Sept we had an election James Sewall & myself refused promotion year by year untill I consented to be secretary We now after the first winters practise gave a concert in the Outhodox Church Hampden upper corner & we had become so efficient on hard psalmody that 400 persons came down to hear us sing & the house was packed & many hoisted the windows & heard from outside we then was invited to visit Mr Dows School on Thomas<sup>s</sup> Hill & 16 sleighs went & gave them a rehearsal.

The next Sept I was promoted to the vice Presidency James Sewall & I had taken so much interest in it often furnishing waggons sled & even carts when the mud was deep to go & bring the Ladies so as to be sure & have them there. This called me into all the best families in Hampden & I had them meet with me at the Hotel one evening & we had the dance hall with long dining tables carried into it after the sing & the religious people departed we had a dance by our own music & many religious people stoped to see us dance & they all declared & it writen in the Secretarys Book & read in the next meeting that my night was the best meeting the association ever had & it was I went out several miles to invite Cate Sewall rather than not have her there & she came Good bless her beautifull voice person & soule, Caroline Starbird never sung so sweet & swill, nor appeared so lovely as on this

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eve. She told ^ long afterward that it was my night that inspired her to sing as she did, but one

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thing she did not neither did many others ^ that why it was so nice was the space & vibration of the Hall.

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In the following March I made an engagement with Rufus Prince in Bangor on center st for one year as an agent & clerk & to learn to keep Books Scientific & on a monday morning at 7 I took a small bundle of clothing in my hand and my best suit on & started on foot for what proved to be my new home the 4 1844 I arived in Bangor about 9 & was walking up Park st near where now stands the Brick Universalist Church I met mr Prince with a long blue broad cloth cloak in going as a member to the city council he told me to go to his store & at noon he would show me my work he then lived in a neat Brick tenement near the Store in a hollow. I look over the books and goods the Store was very small but well stocked & he carried on a large business in 4 different branches Miss Sarah Moulton a niece of his was the help in the house & in the afternoon a small girl & hersister came over to see the new clerk and stoped & took tea Sarah Cary the elder was a teacher Clara the girl was a schollar of Littlefields Grammar School in Billings avenue & wore short clothes. After waiting 5 years she became my wife & is such to day I was lonesome in the extreme & I missed my companions male & female in Hampden I viewed the city over & I found the was no such Society in it as I had left no place to Sing no decent place to dance except a 16 couple hall in the Bangor house when a few of the ton held a course of assemblies every winter now had I stayed in Hampden I would surely have been President of the association but alas I found myself all alone in Society matters but I started here to make a man of myself business before friends and I wrote a scrap book & a book on

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trade I visited all places where some amusement of a good nature could be obtained and Wm Cobb set up a Dance school on main Street next to Thomas Jennis hard ware store over a store and set up a rough board partition for the Ladies drawing room & I went to his boarding house in cram block Harlow Street & purchased a ticket for Clara Cary now my wife I wanted her to learn so she could go with me whenever an opportunity presented it self but I was disappointed in the style of the hall & did not go myself but she did. Mess vinton & Porter two stylish Gent kept a fashionable Saloon on the east side of Main Street they were guests to fashionable parties in the Hampden House Hall Mr Vinton was an elegant dancer & was about to enlarge their Saloon by building a front on Pickering Square I advised them to build over the extension a first class Dance Hall and marked in the presence of Gilbert Emerson their Clerk my idea of a full drawing room Ante room & dining room Dance Hall Mr Vinton conversed with me and took my advise & imme diately commenced to build what has since been known far & wide as Arcadian Hall ---it is photographed & a full description of it is in my Dance book (When completed it was opened by Daniel Morris Jeweler & Musician & I was the first man to form for a quadrill on the new floor, at this date the Hall was really too large for the place for fashionable dancing was in it infancy and the hall was kept for parties untill J G Wasgatt went to N Y & acquire all the round dances & set up a

Heate in Exchange Block corner of State y Exchan createdas evolution in the dence since y all old according oraze to lown the gound demos I see the future of I raised a class of aristro cruti? · agumber which are named in my Dopkoma described at length in my clance book of all the have a maked respect & influence in fushionable I ociety I gave much time & Some money to Sustain the assembly which lasted ten Euccessive years when we cocasion of Shed towns and the member Continent my Diplome Bots forthe the Offices O Lillad while a member of this assembly I am extract from the Dexter Gazette of Branch 4. 1889 to show how long my dervices have been remembe got writen by a Judge of the Dover court who witnessed my march which I made mayself The Iresidential Ball the must attractive feature of the occasion and exciting the galories to a futch akin to enthe siason was a grand march led by John martin of Kataldin Vin Works, All the introcate evolutions. s corried out in their minutest details under his Supervision with all the ferr cusion of military doll when by some dexterious newement order would be set once brought out of appearent confusion

Hall in Exchange Block corner of State & Exchange Sts The old waltz being square the new waltzes round created a revolution in the dance circle & all old & young wer in a craze to learn the round dances I see the future & I raised a class of aristocrats 12 in number which are named in my Diploma & with locked doors we learned the round dances After which I conceived the idea of a model assembly which George Yeaton & myself was the authors of sole projections and the assembly is described at length in my dance book & all the Original names & Officers. I now began to have a marked respect & influence in fashionable Society I gave much time & some money to sustain the assembly which lasted ten successive years when we dissolved never more to meet again on which occasion I shed tears and the members are either dead or strewn all over the American Continent My Diploma Sets forth the offices I filled while a member of this assembly I copy an extract from the Dexter Gazette of March 4 1889 to show how long my services have been remember ed writen by a Judge of the Dover court who witnessed my March which I made myself. The Presidential Ball the most attractive feature of the occasion and

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one exciting (^ of the galeries to) a pitch akin to enthu siasm was a grand March led by John Martin of Katahdin Iron Works. All the intricate evolutions were carried out in their minutest details under his Supervision with all the precission of military drill when by some dexterious movement order would be at once brought out of apparent confusion

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He was greeted with applause. Capt Martin is a Terpsichorean of the Old School For many years he was master of ceremonies at the fash ionable assemblies in the Acadian Hall in Bangor No Society event was regarded as complete or a success without his guiding genius to direct In his time he has been a teacher of the graceful art and has fully kept in line with modern improvements. Though probably in his Sixties, his step is as elastic and his movements as easy and responcive to music as those of a youth of to day.

Circumstances are as follows. The aristocrats had grand 4 of March Ball in Central Hall the best Hall for a dance I know of in this State at the present (I was invited by a printed letter which I have now in a frame) to go to Dover by the Secretary (Mr Cushing) to give them my march, & I responded & it being court week in Dover the galeries were packed & I took 28 Couples of persons I never before see & marched them through without a

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miss or a break, this brought the enc^ore of the house and many were determined to have it a Second time but I went another time & gave it to them with the Same Success as at first.

The portion I have thus far described cover a large portion of my life in Society I had already established a home set trees improved to grounds so they were a wonder to all visitors with my own hand I maintained the handsomest variety garden & lawn for 30 years and persons have enjoyed my rustic seeds & Hammocks long

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before they came into general use as they now are and my home was my all absorbing theme any moment I could devote to the happiness of my children and their associates I gave with pleasure & they will look back when I am gone & bless the day of their blessed home I was thronged with relatives of my wife who would not miss a visit to my house & garden.

I had not been long under its sacred roof before my Sister Ella Married a rich mans Son Geo S Hill the Son of Francis Hill of Exeter The ceremonies were performed in the Episcopal Church French St & cake &c were served in my house. This was strictly a society event the relatives all rich, Hills Banks judge Hodgdon & others were present we had a Quadrille in my sitting room & Judge Hodgdon was one of the 4 couple, I gave my sister away in the church. My acquaintances were Supprize to see the Style of the family and associates This was really a Star in my life, The next event was when I repaired my house & made many alterations which remain the same to day. I tore out the north rooms & made in two with folding doors. when this was completed my wife & I made a party & Invited about 100 persons old & young to the opening of the house & we invited many which we doubted whether they might come but they came & we had 94 persons

or James Wasgatt I got Melvin Andrews ^ & Some of his orchestra

a ferivite Inas quercede at hime in the same noony she met with the scame success a hon mother of I had before (namely a house full) to show who ever may read this that rue society is the mengling of old of 3 owns Then whose mongle with & nespect their fearont the aged as do the lenglish which is shown we the sugraving at the head of this chiples No other nation is capable of cherishing the Turily link both in homesteads & Society like them I love the wasp and as I have the him and seat at the lable of not money Ignapurce as at this day 1889 we as we independent nation of granters have been forced fineighers fight rooters ruce horses effuse maked roomen on Gene Stages Spear with clouched fists patronice a fushionable watering filace which is above all the most demoralising Sinks of imputy on the fice of Gods beautiful earth, God bless the day of my mother of still

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to discourse music for us we danced played Capenhage had cards &c upstairs for those that & the next day we were complimented by our guests that they all enjoyed themselves as they never had before on a similar event in any house in Bangor My children began to grow up & Ada my eldest had a private Masquerade at home in the same rooms she met with the same success as her mother & I had before(namely a house full)

Now I have written this elaborate descrip tion of my life long sentiments regarding So ciety to show whoever may read this that true society is the mingling of old & young together where mingle with & respect their parents & the aged as do the English which is shown in the engraving at the head of this chapter No other nation is capable of cherishing the family link both in homesteads & society like them I love the ways and as I have shown in My Mothers day education took the honored seat at the table & not money & Ignorance as at this day 1889 we as an independent nation of yankees have been forced out of our society priviledges to give room to foreighers fight roosters race horses expose naked women on Open Stages Spar with clenched fists patronise a fashionable watering place which is above all the most demoralising sinks of iniquity on the face of Gods beautiful earth, God bless the day of my mother & still

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further back the days of Pickwickian Society
Dickens does show the force & enjoyment
nearly strong enough. I have alwas wished
I could live & assciate with such people
as did in my boyhood in Ellsworth & Hampden
but alas the race has run out never to return
untill some vas eruption efaces the present
generations and the society a few will begin
& wean their ruffle bosoms & wrist bands Enjoy
their homes in their own Style & way
I had almost Pickwickian Society several
times in my own house & hope my children
at some future day may be inclined to
have & enjoy the same kind & style of
Society.

John Martin
General business man, Expert Accountant,
Landscape Gardener, Rustic designer,
Origin of Martins perfect Waltz & March.
I have been sent for to analize some
of the most difficult accounts in the
state & have done so sucessfully. I
have been urged to go into mens gardens
tare them all to pieces & set them anew.
I can show in my garden to day the
handsomest & best rustic chair in Bangor
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2 pages back & I can to day put up as
many goods as matts Sfastedt 40 years
younger than I am)

[illustration]
John Martin
Expert Accountant
1889

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### Trouble Seldom ever comes single

My daughter Annie has been a poor sick girl for nearly or quite 5 years She now is suffering with heart & other troubles which every thing has been done for her that a loving mother a loving father & a loving husband could bestow upon her. she is wasting away and the end I know not but hope she may gain strength to what degree I am unable to say I visited her & my home July 4 1889 & I found her very weak I arived in the 6 oclock P M down train from Katahdin Iron works & I rode up home in a small coupay I must generally ride in a hack. Mabel & her Mother were expecting me but heard no noise such as a hack generally makes so when I came to the gate Pippoo the dog announced my arival & Mabel & my wife came to bid me welcome the stir excited Annie & she was so weak I went to the south east chamber where she was on the bed to embrace her & when I entered the room she rose up in bed grasped my hand & the tears gushed from her eyes I could hardly contain myself poor girl it over came her so & me also it pierced my heart she being once so smart & lovely & the admiration of all who knew her now so feeble & such a sufferer

On this visit Mabel told me that she had made up her mind to go to the Hospital at Portland & get advise regarding a Maricourse vein on her leg, which has been troubleing her for Several Months, and My wife wrote me on Sunday last as follows

See next Page

Maine General Hospital Portland Maine Sunday July 21st 1889 Dear John,

I wrote you I think Friday the day of the examination, the Doctor wanted her (mabel) to Stay in the Hospital that night to prepare her for the operation. The next day, Saturday I went & found a place I could stay at night, so I could be here in the day. Saturday at 11 oclock the Operation was performed on between 11 and 12 about 12 they brought her in her room. I stayed in her room She was unconcious for two or three hours after the opperation. She did not get entirely over the effects of the either until this morning The Doctors three of them have just been in they say she is doing well. She is very comfortable she has a private room so I can stay with her the most of the time, and go in and out when I please, at two dollars a day. If you write me direct to Maine General Hospital Portland Me I shall be here all of the week or till she is a little better.

With love Clara Martin

Letter No 2 from Maine General Hospital Portland July 25 1889

Dear John I receved a letter from you yesterday Mabel was not quite as well as the day before but to day she is feeling better and seems more like herself of course she is very weak and the Doct says her leg will be dressed Saturday he thinks, then I hope she will be able to set up a little and it will not seem so bad for her. She has not been off of the

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Yours Clara

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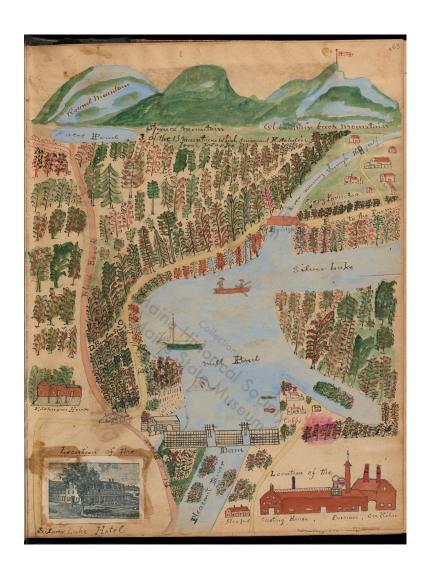
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First frost at K I works this fall was Saturday night Sept 29 1889 very heavy



[Illustration]



On July 4 1889 I witnessed one of these cars pass through the

[Newspaper clipping]
Evening, August 10, 1889.

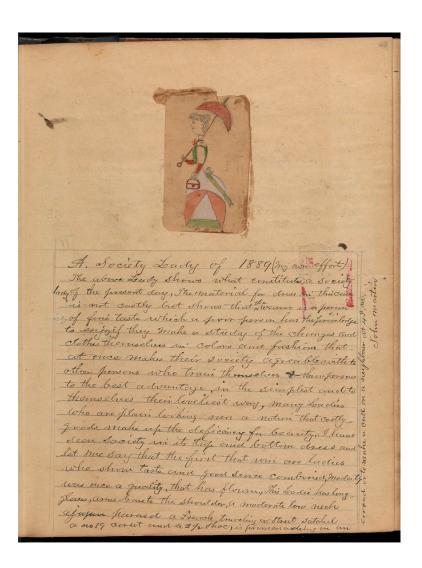
[Image]
Electric Car on Main Street.

[Newspaper clipping]

BANGOR, MAINE SATUR
[Image]
Electric Car Passing Opera House.

[Sideways at left]

Streets as described on page this book, and when I came to the Iron works I drew one of the cars as it appeared from memory, On the 12 day of August my wife sent the phrotographs which I here preserve to show my impressions and how I can place them on paper. John Martin



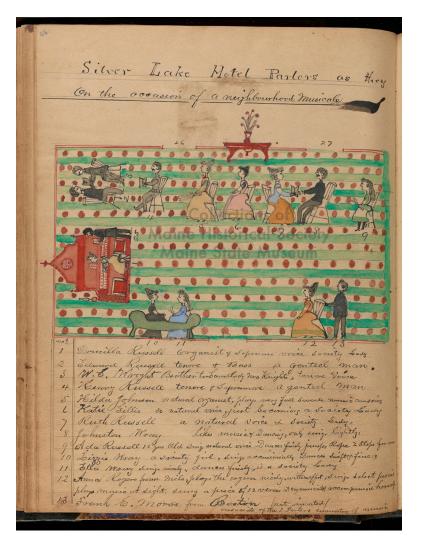
## [Illustration]

A Society Lady of 1889 (My own effort)
The above Lady shows what constitutes a Society
lady of the present day. The material for dress in this case
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is not costly but shows that ^ wearer is a person of fine taste which a poor person has the priviledge to enjoy if they make a study of the changes and clothes themselves in colors and fashions that at once makes their society agreable with to other persons who train themselves & their persons to the best advantage, in the simplest and to themselves their loveliest way, many Ladies who are plain looking run a notion that costly goods, make up the deficeincy for beauty. I have seen society in its top and bottom dress and let Me Say that the first that win are ladies who show taste and good sence combined. Modesty was once a quality, that has flown. This Ladie has long gloves, arms bare to the shoulder, a moderate low neck a japan parasol a French traveling on street satchel a no 19 corset and a 2 1/2 shoe, is promenadeing on an [sideways at right]

errand or to make a call on a neighbour at 4 P.M.

John Martin



# Silver Lake Hotel Parlors as they On the occasion of a neighbourhood Musicale

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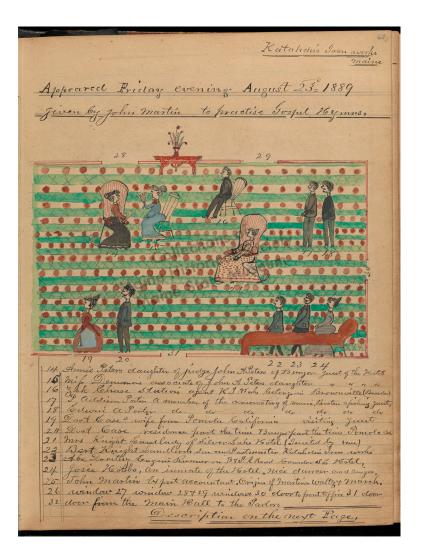
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- 1 Drucilla Russell organist & soprano voice Society Lady
- 2 Edward Russell tenore & Bass, a genteel man
- 3 W. S. Wright Brother to Landlady Mrs Knight, tenore Voice
- 4 Henry Russell tenore & Sopramore a genteel man
- 5 Hilda Johnson natural organist, plays very fast Sweede music cannot sing
- 6 Katie Gillis a natural voice, just becoming a Society Lady
- 7 Ruth Russell a natural voice & Society Lady,
- 8 Johnston Wray likes music & Dancing, only sings lightly.
- 9 Ada Russell 12 years Old sings natural voice Dances finely jumps Rope 2 Steps for one
- 10 Lizzie Wray a society girl, sings occasionally Dances Swift & fine.
- 11 Ella Wray sings nicely, dances finely, is a Society Lady
- 12 Anna Rogers from Milo, plays the organ nicely, with no effort, sings select pieces

plays music at sight, sung a piece of 12 verses at my musicale & accompanied herself.

13 Frank E. Morse from Boston (not invited)

associate of the 2 Porters conservatory of music



67 Katahdin Iron works Maine

Appeared Friday evening. August 23<sup>d</sup>, 1889 given by John Martin to practise Gospel Hymns

## [illustration]

- 14 Annie Peters daughter of judge John A Peters of Bangor guest of the Hotel
- 15 Miss Denismore associate of John A Peters daughter """
- 16 Zek Chase Station agent K I Works belongs in Brownville (Boarder)
- 17 P Addison Porter a member of the conservatory of music, Boston a fishing guest
- 18 Edwin A Porter do do do do do
- do do
- 19 Doct Cases wife from Pomola California visiting guest
- 20 Doct Case residence part the time Bangor part the time Pomola cal
- 21 Mrs Knight Land lady of Silver Lake Hotel (Invited by me)
- 22 Bert Knight Landlords Son and Postmaster Katahdin Iron works
- 23 Abe Dorithy Engine Runner in B & P R Road boarder S L Hotel,
- 24 Josie Hobbs, an inmate of the Hotel, nice dancer and singer
- $25\,$  John Martin Expert accountant, Origin of Martins Waltz & March.
- 26 window 27 window 28 & 29 windows 30 door to front office 31 door
- 32 door from the Main Hall to the Parlors

  <u>Description on the next Page</u>

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## Katahdin Iron works Maine John Martins Musicale Aug 23, 1889

When I came to Katahdin Iron Work Nov 1885 there was no form nor shape to any thing like society. Men assembled from various parts of the country to obtain work, the few families who had remained here during the time the old works were shut down went hunting fishing &c and the Sabbath day was a holly day for fishing gunning talking scandal and interfering with other folks business. The first move made to get people together was made

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by myself and a young man mr ^ Fisher. I offered to teach a small class in dancing in the school house if means could be raised to pay for the music and use of the school house. The school house at this time was a coat of filth and some dozen panes of glass broken. the weather piercing cold, our first job was to set glass & get a woman to scrub filth which cost mr Fisher & myself something over four dollars. The men were very much like cattle and the idea that a married man or woman should dance was a stock for laughfter. I called my class and one wanted

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to go to a time so as to be sure and see that ^ was no sell about it, and girls were very few so all I could get was seven couple I kept 8 evenings & in some cases had to pay the music I called the class in line & made a speech to them & dismissed them (Sign die) I had some beautiful little girls who very nearly learned my Waltz 4 of which appear in my musicale previous page. No 1-6-10-11 The next move made was by Mary Wray who mentioned to me about a sabbath school & I gave her the first dollar & she obtained 5 dollars more to buy books & a school was opened with Mr A W Page Superintendant & O H Williams secretary. mr Williams & I tended the school very closely& we run from

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Stews to be served ^ 9 P M. at 2 P M I Invited Lizzie & Ella & Johnston Wray W<sup>m</sup> Henghen & wife Henry, Edward Drusilla, Ruth & Ada Russell Hattie Gillis Hilda Johnson, Anna Rodgers W S Wright Mrs Knight & Burt Knight. At 8 P M they all assembled but W<sup>m</sup> Henghen & wife. I was my own usher & Manager I received the Ladies shew them the dressing room afterwards seated them my self as given in my drawing (I had no dogs cattle nor young ones.) I occupied parlor no 1 at the left took, my books & directed my own sing. Drusilla Russell took the organ for rehearsal, Anna Rodgers sung songs & accompanied herself. Parlor no 2 was occupied by guests of the house as numbered

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was 8 years ^ had I remained one year I should have been President this Society was comprised of the richest people in the town Dea Wm Babcock being President although I was in a hotel. I was respected by all religious men & women, I engaged the Dance hall in the hotel & invited all members & some guest to be present at my last sing with them Katie Sewall was the banner voice Superano she was handsome & of course proud. she was to a party at old Esq Joshua Lanes 2 miles out, I was afraid If I sent her an invite she would not come so I took a horse & chaise & went in person & gave her my invite,

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& when the hour for meeting ^ She to my joy was one of the first to be present. I had about 40 members & guests I had no refreshments only pitchers of water & the hall being free from carpets & furniture the music vibrated as it never was known in any previous sing. Katie

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sung her best which ^ very much operatic, and with one accord the Society passed a vote of thanks to me with remarks of sorrow that I was going to leave them also that My sing was the best they ever had. Now from that to-v to this I have

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that two young gent from the conservatory of music Boston, having been fishing near moose head Lake came through this way to take the cars Saturday & arrived the night of my sing, and were listeners to our neighbourhood voices. furthermore that Judge John A Peters daughter & associate should be present also Doct Case from California & F E Morse from Boston the whole body of these guests said we done remarkably well, and not a smile was offered through the hour we sung, every thing was orderly & arranged by myself I was urged to Ella wray to Sing (the mistakes of my life have been many & I done so. Drusilla Russell accompanied me with the organ Now I have given a profile on a previous page in my feeble manner as a reminder of the event. At 9 oclock Oyster Stew was served to my 13 and the Landlord invited the 12 guests to partake of the Same on his own account & 25 of us sit down at 3 tables & the Landlady

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