

## The Disguised Lady.

At a certain place not many miles distant from my father's residence, which to answer my present purpose, I shall call C.,— there was a High School, so called, to which I was sent. It was kept by a most worthy man;— a man whom I shall always love and respect. The reputation of the school, at that day, was great, and parents sent their children to it from all quarters of the Union. This school was for males only, for the good man too well knew the danger of permitting young gentlemen and ladies to associate together and have free intercourse under the same roof while pursuing their course of education. But though this was evidently a good measure, still it did not hinder the commission of crime. Among the numerous laws by which the school was governed was one prohibiting the scholars all intercourse with the inhabitants of the village, unless by special leave from some of the faculty. Perhaps I ought to have stated that the school was a small distance out of the village—but I resume. In order to the more effectual prohibition of intercourse, there were certain bounds fixed, over which no scholar must pass without permission. These bounds were rather small for sixty or seventy scholars, and to keep good the health as well as conduce to the improvement of the scholars, small tours of 20 or 30 miles were often taken by scholars accompanied by one or more of the professors of the institution. In one of these tours, which was to a certain village, some two or three of the eldest scholars became indisposed, and desired of the Professor some more easy way of conveyance than *on foot*. Leave was obtained, and a carriage was determined on. The time for return arrived—the Professor and scholars entered, when the Professor beheld a young gentleman in the carriage, a total stranger to him; his surprise was great, but was quickly lessened by an introduction from one of the students to the young gentleman, as a particular friend of his, whom he had accidentally found in the street, and whom he had invited to take a seat with them to C.— The matter was thus easily explained to the satisfaction of the Professor, and the conversation was very pleasant;—the young gentleman was very modest, but appeared very well in conversation; suffice it to say, this young gentleman turned out to be *a female!* and one of that class “who lie in wait to deceive.” These students kept her as a *Miss*, and boarded her at a house in the suburbs of the village for a considerable length of time. This fact I am knowing to. I presume, however, the Professor is to this day ignorant of the character of the person to whom he had the honour of an introduction.

I know some more facts relative to the morals of this institution, which I may produce with your concurrence, at some future day. Suffice it to say, that your paper should be spread far and wide through our land, and as far as it may be diffused, exert a healthful influence; that it has thus far done so, I am perfectly sensible. Yes, I am convinced that already it has saved many a female from the fangs of the devourer. *Go on*, I say, and while myself and family are spared, you shall receive our most cordial co-operation.