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June 19th. A.D. 1862 Clayholt Valley

This scene is the representation of the residence of Mr. Abram H. Hull. Drawn by E. G. Armstrong June 19th. 1862. A farm consisting of 200 acres of which the pule alone is a very fine produce well. It is on a good soil and market at one mile to the church by the road. Taken June 16 1862

The house was built by Mr. Samuel Hull who now(1862) lives in Jacksonville, Ohio. This was drawn, looking southwest and sitting near the gate going to Mr. Hindley Hull's. The building on the right was formerly a shop but now is used as a stable. A corn crib and wagon shed are adjacent now. In the distance is seen the forest, then an orchard hill and highway. The latter is "Swann." On the extreme left is the valley at the head of which is a rushing fountain of splendid soft water. The rest of the picture explains itself.
He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much.

And he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:10 - A man great in little things is a great man.

Whatever is worth doing at all is worth well doing. James spent one half hour getting a chicken out of a stall for fear his horse would kill it. That small act showed a kind hearted and well informed man. Thomas would let this and laugh in derision at the trifling character of James. James would trace a word, in his lexicon, as if its inflections depended on it. He patiently followed the derivations &c. in his own language and all the reading and study he performed he stored in his mind, with the small ideas as well as the weightier ones. His manner of thinking differs with many on laws, theology and politics but he can bear a man patiently on any point.

This man James must have been quite tender hearted indeed.
June 17, 1862

June 17 A.D. 1862

Claylick Valley

This scene is the representation of Mr. Abram T. Hull. Drawn by T.S. Armstrong June 16. It is situated on a farm consisting of 100 acres of which 70 acres are cleared. The situation is a very pleasant one. It produces well. Is on a good road to market at Newark. One mile to the M.E. Church by the road. One half across the fields. This house was built by Mr. Samuel Hull who now (1862) lives in Jackstown O. This was drawn looking southwest, and sitting near the gate going to Mr. Kinsey Hull’s. The building on the right was formerly a pot shop but now is used as a stable. A corn crib and a wagon shed are adjacent now. In the distance is seen the forest, then an orchard hill and highway. The latter “to Newark.” At the extreme left is the valley at the head of which is a rushing fountain of splendid soft water. The rest of the picture explains itself.

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in mind and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. Luke xvi, 10 -- A man great in little things is a great man. Whatever is worth doing well is worth doing. James spent one half hour getting a chicken out of a stall for fear his horse would kill it. That small act showed a kind hearted and well informed man. Thomas would tell this and laugh in derision at the trifling character of James. James would trace a word in his lexicon thro its inflections, derivations, etc. He patiently followed the derivations in his own language and all the reading and study he performed he stored in his mind with the small ideas as well as the weightier ones. His manner of thinking differs with many on law, theology, and politics but he can hear a man patiently on any front. This man James must have been quite tender hearted indeed.