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*Like far-off bugles softly, sweetly blowing  
Across blue lakes, where answering echoes play,  
A strange low song, in waves of music flowing,  
Sings in my heart, and calls me far away,  
I hear it when the wheels of traffic turning  
Fill all the world with discord, fret, and jar ;  
I hear it when the midnight lamp is burning,  
And when in beauty comes the morning star ;  
Awake, asleep, that voice doth ever find me,  
Its admonition speaking night and day,  
Strangely mysterious, coming to remind me  
That I am wanted, waited far away ;  
Across the world, far over land and sea,  
The happy hills of home are calling me.*

JULIAN STEARNS CUTLER.





THE MAIN STREET OF CRANFORD



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I would have peace and quietness.

*Shakespeare.*

Some minds by nature are averse to noise,  
And hate the tumult half the world enjoys.

*Cowper, Retirement.*



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*In June 't is good to lie beneath a tree  
While the blithe season comforts every sense,  
Steeps all the brain in rest and heals the heart,  
Brimming it o'er with sweetness unawares.*

LOWELL.

*O friendly to the best pursuits of man,  
Friendly to thought, to virtue and to peace,  
Domestic life in rural leisure passed!  
Few know thy value and few taste thy sweets;  
Though many boast thy favors and affect  
To understand and choose thee for their own.*

COWPER, *The Garden.*