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East Hampton 24th February '25

What I like to see - I like to see a Man attend to his own business and let his neighbors alone - I like to see a man keep his wood-pile cart & waggons out of the street & a man wear the breeches in his own family & a Farmer keep his fences in good repair his cattle on english hay & his daughters dress in home-spun - Do a Merchant in his store - Do a Blacksmiths shop open in the morning & a good stock of Iron on hand - Do a Shoe-maker make his shoes of good leather - instead of rye meal & size. Do a Tailor keep his goose bright & his elbows a going & a Carpenter keep his saw in good order & not stand out too often for higher wages - Do a Cooper make barrels without flaps & joints without a driver - Do a Weaver make 30 yards of cloth in a day - Do Hatters use less paste & glue, & more elbow grease - Do a School-master keep regular hours, establish his authority, or quit the business - Do a Miller carry a straight Land Do a Priest without his Sunday face, & use every persuasion with decency - Do Doctors understand their business - Do Lawyers scarce & out of employ Do a Drunkard in imagination, but not in reality - Do a Constable that is a mechanic & always employ'd at his trade Do a Man become religious when he has something else to do - Do a Young Man decently dress & occupying some useful station in society Do a Young Lady handsome, well informd, well dress, but not vain of either.

What I dislike to see - I dislike to see a Man wear rings in his ears for it shows his head lacks ballast - Do a Farmer let his fences get down keep his cattle on straw ride a poor horse hard, & dress his daughters in silk - Do a Merchant red in the face, his store dirty, full of negroes & stink of rum Do a Blacksmiths anvil rusty Do a Shoe makers tools & leather scatter'd round his shop & his lasts all mouldy - Do a Carpenter sit down to what his tools & at the same time begin a long story -

I dislike to see a Weaver at work with ragged gears &
a broken reed & I ~~the~~ rats eat up my hats & I a
Schoolmaster beat his ^{brats} ~~self~~ ~~nothing~~ & I ^{Mr} Miller's
hogs fatter than his neighbour I a Priest meddle
with politics & I all Lawyers & most Doctors
I Drunkards at all & I Women scold or undertake
to rule their husbands & I a Young Lady display
too much of her neck or ankles in company

Sir Where you find I please place (in the first part)

I like to see it in the last part in the room of Mr

I dislike to see =

You will confer a favour on
a friend by enclosing one of your papers date
2^d of December to W. D. G. East H. Fireplace
East Hampton - as your papers of that date
have not reach'd us Yours as ever

Mr Hiram Herskell }

Oliver

Thunberg