

CHAPTER IV.

MY LIFE AT MACKEYVILLE, CLINTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WITH REMINISCENCES.

MY brother Willis Mann having purchased in Philadelphia stock for a new store which he proposed opening in Mackeyville, he offered me the position of clerk, which I concluded to accept after having consulted my brother William, who agreed to take my factory off my hands. I had not been long in my new position in the store at Mackeyville before I discovered that my brother's affairs were in bad shape, that he had gone mainly in debt for the goods; being pushed for funds he had to sell his axes very low in the cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore, and in winter had to haul them to Harrisburg. I saw that ultimate failure was inevitable, and it made me feel very unhappy.

My brother Willis Mann came to Clinton County about the year 1840 and rented the old Hays shop near Mackeyville, where he started the axe business, as all the Manns did, on