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Humboldt, the great Traveller
once said: "You can tell the character
of the people in a house by looking
at the outside" - This is even more
true of a community - and I think
I can truthfully say that of all the
villages of Dutchess County - I have
been in pretty nearly every one,
there are very few that appear
as favorably as Pleasant Valley.
Their Library Building, the splendid
trees, & the generally neat & prosperous
appearance of the community as a
whole all point out that the
people inside are made of the
right stuff



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You look here as if you stand
for progress

And it is just this standing for
something that I want to say
a word about

Doughnut

There is just the same difference
between the man who stands for
something positive + he who
stands for something merely
negative

Carhile calls them constructive
man + the stationary man

And he goes on to prove that
the stationary man is more than
that - he is a destructive man



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And then he goes on & utters
his cry
"Rise, you people of England
rise up and make something

This country has progressed
since its beginnings more than
any other probably in the
history of the world - and it
is due to one thing more than
any other, it is a country
where ~~every~~ ^{more} men than in other
countries have made things

Not confined to material
side of life -
Take the example set by
our Social Service.

the following splendid
lines by Abraham Lincoln:

"I am not bound to win, but
I am bound to be true. I am
not bound to succeed, but I am
bound to live up to what light
I have. I must stand with any-
body that stands right—stand
with him while he is right, and
PART with him when he goes
wrong."