## [Fox, Eugene & Katharine & Maria]

## DEATHS. [abridged]

In Argusville, Sharon, Schoharie Co., August 10th, Miss Maria Louisa Fox, aged 17 years.

August 13th, Katharine Elizabeth Fox, aged 19 years.

Also, August 27th, Eugene Fox, aged 3 months.

Thus in the space of a few days have the parents of these children been most sorely afflicted. And O! how suddenly and unexpectedly the affliction comes. We visited the family in July last and found them all in apparent good health; no indications were there that disease preyed on any of its members, or that the destroying angel would so soon cut any of them down. All seemed fair and promising. But we were deceived; and in recording the deaths of those beloved daughters—those dear children, we feel that seldom has the grave secured lovelier trophies. They were eminently characterized by that gentleness of spirit which constitutes the abiding claims of their sex. Their mild and amiable virtues greatly endeared them to a large circle of relatives and friends, and made them objects of affectionate interest wherever they went... Like the opening flowers, displaying for a moment its beauties to the gaze, and then stricken by the storm from its parent stem. So in the morning of their days have these loved ones passed away to their bright and heavenly home.

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