

## Influence of Habit

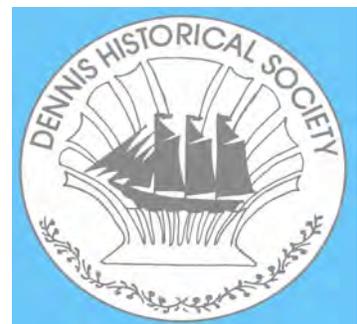
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[Essay 1-1; by E. A. Paddock, "No 34":]

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