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—would morning ever come?

At last Peter's heavy step sounded on the stairs. Eliza heard her mother's quavering tones, then she watched through the triangle of glass, Peter walk to the sunflower stalks. He stood for a long time, looking into the black hole. Then he walked quickly down the road.

When he came back, with a man from the next farm, a tall, angular figure, topped with a huge straw hat, Lizzy noticed again, half as in a dream, how different was his step from his usual lounging gate. He threw down the pulleys and rope he was dragging, and looked toward her window. Then he came up through the clattering gate. He was carrying two boards from the old platform. He set them on end, one on either side of Lizzy's window, and spread over them a faded blanket which hung on the fence.

It was dark in the room. Lizzy turned her face to the wall.

"No use havin' her see," he remarked gruffly to the neighbor.

The shrewd eyes under the big hat looked at him curiously.

"This is a bad lot for yer sister," the man said awkwardly, and there was a silence of several minutes.

"I don't know," said Peter presently, as he hitched the rope around his wrist and looked into the well.

The neighbor glanced at the boy again, from under his flapping brim. "D'ye hear that all that there gold over to Buffum's ain't worth the cost o' washin' it out?"

"No," said Peter.

They said nothing more, as they walked slowly, pulling the heavy ropes, out into the pasture, down the side-hill, to the rosin-weeds.

"Darb was as pretty a horse as ever I see, fifteen odd year ago," remarked the neighbor, as they came back up the hill. But when he turned down the road between the box-elders, he looked back at the heap of stones in the sunflower patch, and nodded his head until his hat-brim wavered. "He's found more'n Buffum has."

In the little kitchen, Peter was taking Eliza's bowl from his mother's hands.

"I'll take it," he said quietly.

"No, now, I wouldn't Peter; you'll on'y aggravate her."

But Peter opened the door, and went in, closing it behind him.

Eliza heard his step, and when she reached her white, bent hands for the bowl, the frown had gone from her face. Peter had found something in the old well.

She watched his broad shoulders, as the door closed on them. Across the blue plaid of his sleeves there was a dusty line, where a rope had pulled heavily. His tattered trousers hung in shreds about his grass-stained ankles.

"I kin mend, when my fingers limber up a little," she said, turning her wrists slowly. The sunlight, just let in through the triangle of clean glass, fell across the bed; there was a sound of boards dragged away, and looking out, she saw the heap of stones, high and red, in the sun-flower stalks.

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