

"The Bordale Nurseries. We will get out here, mother. I want to show you a house that"

He trembled with agitation. His face was pale, as he led her down to the side of the broad, glancing river, near which was nestled in the woods a cozy little cottage, covered with a beautiful creeper. There was a garden, a well, and a paddock for a cow. Inside, the rooms were clean and ready for furnishing. The river rippled drowsily against its pebbly shore. The birds darted through the blue, sunny air. The scent of roses came in upon the breeze.

"Mother," said John, "this, I hope, will be your home now." And with that he began to laugh and caper about her like a boy, but the tears rolled down his thin cheeks.

John M'Tavish is now foreman of the Bordale Nurseries, and a man of high standing in the country. Not long ago, he said to old Mr. Bohnn:

"I owe this all to the friend who said a good word for me that day in Pittsburgh."

"No, John," said the old man. "You owe it to the book with the missing pages. The chance came to you, as it comes to every boy, to be honest. Honesty and industry, John, are what did it; and I am inclined to think that they never fail to command success in the end."—Selected.

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