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But time rolled on; the two spies had returned to Joshua, and the people of Jericho went on again undisturbed with their business, their eares, or their pleasures, till, behold, the army of the Israelites came and encamped against Jericho. And when Rahab, from her window in the wall, looked out and saw the hosts of Israel marshalling on the plain, what must have been her thoughts? She must have shuddered, for judgment was near; but no, the scarlet line, bound firmly in the window, told her that she was safe. But her parents, her brethren, her sisters! what would become of them? She goes and entreats them to take refuge with her, where the searlet line is the true token of safety. What! they enter the house of a tainted harlot? they go under the roof of one who had been the cause to them of such shame-who had disgraced their family? And could she dare to talk of safety with her? Was