the child got In hls pocket ？＂
She thrust her hand moto Joy＇s
phen pocket and drew forth a ball of frtilig，
an old bariow knifo and -a large plece of tobaceo！ She sank down upon the bench with Sho eank down apon the bench with
look upon her faee that made Joen
uemble violently momble violontly．Then she held up ，ileece of toneceo to view． atrly gasped． ＂None of your foolshness，Solomon
Bugford ；this aln found this piece of tobacker in thit hild＇s pocket．Think of it，an＇him

 The gallus．Joesy Sxinner，have you
got any of that suff in your mouth ？
＂I－I duano，＂stammared Jooy， II I duna，＂
rembllag violently
＂You d on＇t kn
 mouth，
Any what ？
AGallus！＂


 ＂Then coms right away an＇git the a
dut washed of your faca．You are a
sight to be seen．＂
 placed the ploce op olac
tel over the fireplace．
 When the boy had beon washed made him eit on a beach under the
shed whitie ehe went out and sat on the
front front porch comln＇to．＂she remarked．＂W when the the
very babes are usin＇tobacker．I wa destroys the nerves an＇mecks Ijiuts of peoplo that use it．＂
Solomon leaned
Solomon leaned over and sat looking
at a bumbiebee that was buzz ug on
holiyhock $\xrightarrow{\text { at }}$ h bumb Ve chawed er a good while，＂h
observed＂，＂ut I reckon she haln＇
hutr mea bit．＂ ＂OU course not；nothin＇ain＇t goin
 ich taik before the boy
Joegtwould have iound llfe on the
Bugford tarm much happler had ho Sugford farm nuch happler had h
not stood in such dread of the wrath to aunt．Once she caught him gazin
Hongingly at the piece of tobaceo hem mantel，and her wrath flimed up
 had been at work pulling purseley he hogg．The evening had been
tensely sultry．It was dusk when

 found himself alone in the house
 upon a chair and stood looking long
ingly at the piece of tobacco lying there in the dim twillght that came
through the western window．Ho did not hear his aunts steps on the porch，
nor was he a wate of her presence till gho esized him and pulled him with a
suden jerk from the chair． He was too terrified to speak，and terror．She pushedd him into a chatr
and stood before him ＂You remember what I told yon，＂
she sald，＂an＇now you are goin＇
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＂I Inever touched it，＂，stammere
oos，shaking from head ＂Not another word ！Jlet wait tlil
＂Nnaking head to foot．
 Nen the returned Joor．was gone and ed rom the house，acroes th blades struck him sharply in the face athering darkness lay thick abon gathering darknesg lay thick abos and
him，and from the gioom strang
sounds smote upon impelled him onward．
He did not etop till he reached the



 the dark woods ；the crickett chirrupe rattle with the mononotovous murmur
the wind through the bladed cor ting of his own heart．He had no thought of whither he ehould go．But he could never gc back to his aunt＇s
Oit tals he was sure．He wondered dif
 from the darknese and lonelliness of ft．
No，he could not gte there．$A$ sudden thought cane to him．He woil go
back to the poor ferm．Mra．Merton， the matron，had been kind to him after
anshion，and－she had kisted him mhen he，was leaving．The remem
brance of tit brought a mitat before his

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