

## SUNSHINE-SHADDER

and a little later another sorrow threw its shadow across the fortunes of her father and herself by the receipt of a notice of foreclosure of the mortgage which had rested for some time upon their little home and its adjoining acreage. Continued ill health of the once hard-working old John Dale had year in and year out enacted the play of the strong against the weak until the former finally narrowed its net to a close.

Immeshed beyond release, father and daughter were about to submit to the inevitable when Peter Paul, the salvation of many on the hillside, quietly slipped the required amount into the astonished and trembling hand of old John Dale.

In the meantime Maria had outlined their hopeless situation to Albert, and although he could ill afford the time, he surprised the cottage one evening shortly after the threatening blow had fallen.

His stay, though of short duration, was a very happy one for the reunited lovers and also for John Dale, who was beside himself with joy over the blessing bestowed upon him by Peter Paul the day before.

Albert left for the city in the grey dawn of the following morning, and it was but a few hours after the old stage had rattled him away that it was discovered he had left his overcoat behind, taking in the semi-darkness of the early morning one belonging to John Dale. It was similar in shade but, unlike Albert's, carried in the inside pocket a book containing the fateful bills which the old man in his excitement had forgotten to remove from his coat. Great