a side－view of the most villainous－looking countonance it was over my for－ tuno to bohold．If I could without slarming her get my cousin to retraco hor atepa about ten yarde，wo should have turned a corner，and thon I could cell hor enough to hurry her onwards．I know sho was norvous－more so， perhaps，than mysolf；but I knew wo were in imminont poril while in such close proximity to this desperato and，from his oscapo，doubly desperate man．
＂Susan，＂I said－my voice seemed so hard and dry and atrange ！－＂you have passed all the bost forns hero．＂
＂O no ；I haven＇l＂，baid Susan joyously，approaching two stepa nearer the crouching convict．
＂Am I to throw these away i＂I continued，holding out one of har best apecimens，and，as carelossly and indifferently as I could，moving ono，tro， three stops nearer the corner．
＂No ；of course not，＂she exclaimed，hurrying towards me now．＂Why FIolen，what aro you thinking of $?^{\prime \prime}$

I moved a fow steps on ；and in a fow more，Susan and I would both bo out of sight of that fallen tree．
＂Thors is a much botter one here，＂I said，keepingmy face woll avorted， for I felt if sho looked at me she would 500 its ashy palenese．
＂Where ？＂she asked．＂Wait a minute，and l＇ll come for it．＂To my horror，ahe retraced her steps tolpards her heap of ferns，and carefully counted them，whilst I paited in a stato of terror words cannut describe． Bat she came at last，and I toiared with her round the fateful corner．
＂Don＇t be frightned，＂I said，＂but come quickly，ask no question． Do as I tell you，Susan．＂

She paused，affrighted．＂Good gracivus，Holon，have you seon a wild beast ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
＂Worse，＂I murmured．＂Do not run，but lose no time．＂
I ventured to glance holind．Nothing was visible；but overy moment was precious；we must reach the pony－trap and Tom．Oace all together， the convict would surely not venture tu attack us，and I know that being on tho high－road alone would in itself insure uur safety．llut we had not resched it yet；a long rough narrow path had to ho traverestl．If the mansuspected we had seen him，nothing would be easier than for him to overtake us and makeshort work of us．I thought of Jack，of Rose，of my happy life．Evergthing seemed to float through my mind as I half lod， half draggod Sussn after nes．We had gone perhaps a shade more than halforay，when I once more turned round．In the distance，on the path over which we had just passed，to my uuutterable consternation，I beheld the convict hurrying towards us．
＂Run，Susan ！＂I pantod－＂run for your life．＂
Another twist in the road hid us momentarily from his sight，but 1 kners he sras after us，runaing now as fast as，or perhaps a goud deal faster， than we were，though we were now both of us flying nlong at a pace which only the peril we were in could have onablod us to sustain．
＂For your life！＂I repeated．＂Run，Susan！＂
I held her hand．Narrov as was the path，we managed tu struggle on wards togother and to keep ahead of our pursuer．Morcifully we had had a good atart ；and it had only been on second thoughts，some minutes after we had disappeared，that the man had olected to follow us．I folt if I once lot Susan＇s hand go，she would be lost．Ever snd anon she stumbled；once aho nearly fell；but ahe recovered herself well，and though panting terribly showed no signs of succumbing．

But ho was overtaking us；I joard him coming faster and faster，nearer and nearer．I heard him breathing bshind us，and I felt another instant and he must bo upon us．
＂Holp ！＂I shrieked．
＂Help ！＂echood poor exhsusted Susan，in a atill shriller treblo．
I heard an oath，apful in its profanity，hurled at us；but the steps seemed to pause．
＂Holp！help ！＂I shioked aguin．
We plunged forwards．I heard as in the distance the sound of horsos＇ feat galloping towards us．Another moment and we wore on the high－road； Susnn speechless，her dress half torn off her with our terrible race，her hat Gone，and othorwise in a dishovelled condition；I foeling faint and sick－bui cofo－thenk God I both of us quite safo－with not only Tom，seated in the ahandrydan，staring in mute amazement at us，but with three atalwart mounted warders，who were even then in quest of the convict．

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