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sure enough, but he was throwing it with his feet, and not waiting for his enemy to get any closer. All at once Maggie saw him leap high into the air, throw his hands wildly about, while he screamed in a way that curdled her blood. She had been almost laughing up to this time, but now she, too, grew quite white, and redoubled her speed. She saw the boy jerk off his hat as he ran. Then she saw his pursuer halt suddenly, and with a fierce snort plunge its nose into a bunch of bushes. She realized now what had happened. Running through the taller grass near the fence, he had stumbled into a wasps' nest! For a moment Maggie hesitated. Then seeing Alan, blinded and confused by the fierce assault of his new enemy, running first one way then the other, she hurried to him, and began whipping off with her sun bonnet the few tormentors that still followed him. They were all gone presently, and Alan stared about wildly until his eyes fell on his old enemy, who was now going rapidly in another direction. He seized his cousin by the arm.

"Come, quick, Maggie," he said, eagerly, "before he turns this way again."

"O, Alan," was the half-laughing and half-tearful answer; "that isn't the bull at all! That is our

young heifer, Bess, and the poor thing is stung by those horrid wasps! She was only trying to play with you. She always does that, but she wouldn't hurt a baby! Oh, poor Bess!"

"And you ran into ambush, too," added the child, slyly. "They're awful, those wasps—worse than Filipinos, a good deal, I know! Come, let's go to the house and put some soda on that sting."

"I don't mind the sting," he said very meekly, "nor about the bees; but if—if you won't tell about—the heifer, I'll send you a splendid box of nougat as soon as ever I get back to New York."

He began to say something more, then he hesitated, and his face began to grow red all over—redder even than the swollen place with a white spot in the middle of it, where one of the wasps had stung him. The sting hurt, but the sting of his pride was a hundred times worse.

"I—I was taken by sur—surprise—," he started to say sheepishly, then stopped.

"Oh, I won't tell anyone," said kind Maggie. "Of course you didn't know Bess, and it was all so sudden. I was frightened myself for a minute."

But Alan sent the nougat the day he got back to town, and his little cousin kept his secret faithfully. He doesn't boast of his bravery now, however, and he told me the whole story himself. It was too good, he said, to keep to himself, for which reason he has given me permission to tell it also.

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