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Harry received the book gratefully, and laid it away carefully among his treasures; but as he had a Bible of his own, he didn't so much as remove the coverings of the one his great uncle had given him. Harry kept all his treasures in an old disused oven, and he laid the Bible there with the rest. These old fashioned brick ovens are as good as patent safes to keep things in; that is if nobody happens to make fire inside.

To everybody's troubles I suppose there comes, some time or other, a climax—a turning-point—when night is left behind and day begins. John Malcom and his wife thought that they had a hard life, and Harry too thought it rather hard that he had been taken out of school and go to work with his father; but nobody murmured, everybody was hopeful, because now they were beginning to get a little ahead. John Malcom had not only paid the interest on his mortgage, but had reduced the principle a little, and the crops were beginning to be better, and Mrs. Malcom was in good health again, and they were all cheerful and happy. But the crisis or all their troubles was yet to come, and, like the crisis of a fever, it was the most painful part.

Harry and his father had been off all day long to market, and it was a little after sunset when they neared home. They had a mile or so to go when they were met by a neighbor who came running to them with his face full of anxiety and pain. They knew something had gone wrong, and could hardly wait for their neighbor to speak. At last he did speak, saying:

"John Malcom, I've got bad news for you."

"Nothing has happened to my wife or child?" asked John, turning pale.

"No, they are safe."

"Thank God! What is it, then?"

Then the neighbor told them how that two or three hours before, while Mrs. Malcom was making up the fire to get their supper, the chimney had caught fire, and it being a dry time the fire had spread to the roof and the whole house had burned. John Malcom groaned aloud at this dismal intelligence.

"We tried to save the barn," continued the neighbor, "but it was no use; everything was so dry."

Poor John! the tears actually came into his eyes, and he said,

"This is hard, very hard; and at my time of life, too."

Harry tried to comfort his father, telling him he could work, and that he was just beginning life, and would work his very fingers off to build up a home. At last they came in sight of the house. It was a most pitiable sight. There under a tree, were a few household goods that had been taken from the house, and sitting among them was Mrs. Malcom, weeping sadly, and holding Molly to her heart and trying, between her sobs, to quiet the child's fear and trembling.

"O John," she said, as she saw her husband, "what shall we do? How can we bear it? After all these years of toil, to see it all swept away. It is too hard, too hard."

"We'll have to begin over again," said Harry. "We'll do as Uncle John said, work and trust."

All that remained of the old house was its chimney, and the great, round top brick oven. They stood there, stark and black with smoke, a dismal monument of a ruined home.

Harry thought of his treasures, a few toys, his skates, a score of well-thumbed books, and Uncle John's Bible. He supposed, of course, they'd be destroyed, but he thought at any rate he'd go and look. So he did. He picked his way among the hot brands, and with the toe of his boot opened the oven door. The heat came out into his face and singed his eyelashes. He stepped back a minute and considered; then he went and brought a pail of water and dashed it into the oven. Now it was steam instead of heat that nearly blinded him, but the oven was cooling off. He made out, by reaching with a stick, to pull out his skates. The straps were so burned that

they broke in his hands; the temper was taken out of the steel pretty effectually, and the wood was browned and somewhat charred. He tossed them behind as useless. Then he pulled out one by one his precious books. He found his eyes growing moist when he found in what a condition "Swiss Family Robinson" and "Robinson Crusoe" were, only a few pages in the middle left readable. Then he tried again and this time brought out Uncle John's Bible. The thick paper that had wrapped it was burned off, the twine that tied it was only ashes, and the brown covers were warped out of shape, and the edges of the leaves were burned black. But the reading was all right. It was rather hot still, but Harry seized it and carried it to his mother.

"Here it is," he exclaimed, "not quite spoiled. We can read it yet. See the reading part is all right," and he laid it in his mother's lap and began turning over its leaves.

What makes them all grow brighter? He turns over the leaves, and with each leaf there is an exclamation of surprise. The neighbors gather round and stand amazed. They turn over leaf after leaf, and at frequent intervals a crisp, new bit of printed paper drops out. They turn and turn, and at last have found and counted some two hundred of these bits of paper. What are they that they all look to them so curiously?

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