

Chapter Sixteen

terson and Mr. Ramsey were out searching for the two runaways.

“Why, Jinks, where have you been?” his mother demanded. “Don’t you know the train goes at ten o’clock to-night?”

Jinks’ eyes dropped. “I didn’t want to go without Betty. We were running away. And then Mike broke his leg.”

Betty’s mother interrupted. “And that is why you came back?”

He nodded, and the two mothers exchanged glances.

Just then the two fathers came up the road on their horses, and the Italian had to be introduced and the accident described again.

Betty ran into her mother’s arms and began to cry. “Oh, mother, I’ll be so lonesome without Jinks.”

Mrs. Patterson kissed her. “But, Betty, dear, we have a surprise for you.”

Betty looked up quickly.

“You are going, too,” her mother announced.

“Mother! Mother! Not really?” Betty cried.

Her mother nodded. Betty’s tears were forgotten in an instant. “Oh, Jinks, do you remem-