

could make everybody like you, Gabe, if you would try. And it's ever so much nicer to have friends. You'd be a lot happier than you are now. I haven't any big brother or big cousin to ask. I—I wish you'd be good and do things. Say, Gabe! will you—won't you?

He looked down at her. Some desire to be thought well of by this little girl, who had outwitted him, stirred in his heart. He began to be ashamed of himself and to feel that he was growing smaller and meaner under the gaze of those clear eyes. 'There ain't no use trying,' he said. 'Nobody'll believe it.'

'I'll believe it. And I'll make the rest of them believe it, too. Mr. Sawyer said that it was a pity. That you could be such a fine fellow if you only would. And—Oh, Gabe! will you—won't you?'

The queer little appeal touched him. He waited a good while. Then he said: 'Yes, Anita, I will do my level best to be square and decent. And I won't go in for sneak work any more.'

'Will you shake hands on it?' Then, as he hesitated, 'Won't you, Gabe!'

He looked at his big hand. 'Wait till I'm fit to shake hands with you. But I'll make myself fit.'

A good many fights he had with his evil nature before it was conquered. But the picnic helped to begin. The people were surprised to see him there and surprised at his behaviour. Some of them looked for a new trick to come out of it. But as the day wore away and they saw that he was in earnest, everyone began to encourage him. As Anita had said, he found it much pleasanter to have friends. The weeks went by, he grew glad at being trusted, and felt pleased when he could do a kindness for anyone. Whenever he felt tempted to return to the old ways that queer little appeal of Anita's came up to help him:

'You can, if you will. Oh, Gabe! will you—won't you?'—The Christian Advocate.'

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The Colossus of Rhodes, cast in brass to the sun;
Sixth, Jupiter's Statue by Phidias done;
The Pharos of Egypt, last wonder of old,
Or Palace of Cyrus, cemented with gold.'

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