to him placed a much worn, ancient-looking volume in his hands. "Why," he said, glancing at the open rage, "it is the mind that lost head mark rankled; "but Pilgrim's Progress." No wonder you are interested, Rachel. But you must not read it during school hours."

The child lifted to his face a pair of large blue eyes, beautiful with their timid interested, "Rachel," he repeated, "what were you answer.

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log schoolhouse in the Stillman district rose a buzzing sound as they bent over their desks, intent on books or mischief as the case might be. The teacher, a good-looking young man of 20 or thereabouts, was busy with a class in arithmetic when a shrill voice called out:

"Teacher, Rachel Stillman's readin' a story book."

"Bring the book to me, Rachel," said the teacher quietly, and the delinquent, a girl of about 14, sowly rose, and walking to him placed a much worn, ancient to have the father and margaret brought out a huge basket of rags and went to work cutting and sewing carpet balls. The vounger children were busy with their lessons at the table where the father sat reading his newspaper. All were silent, for to have spoken while father was reading would have brought a torrent of wrath on the head of the offender. At last, however, Mr. Stillman laid down his paper, and addressing Tom, said:

"Well, how did you get along at school to day?"

"Rachel," he repeated, "what were you wistfulness, as she replied:
"I know I oughtn't, sir, but I wanted to see how they got out of Doubting Castle so bad."

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"Never mind what it is," interrupted thome."
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"We'll, I guess it'll keep till we're ready," said Mr. Stillman, roughly. The bucket is empty, of course. Margaret, where's it empty, of course. Margaret, where's the washbasin? Nothing in its place, as usual! Pity there wasn't two or three more girls layin' about."

Nobody answered this tirade. The hired man picked up the basin, Margaret handed a towel, Rachel came with the water and soon the family gathered about the well spread table.

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"I tell you," remarked Mr. Stillman after a few mouthfuls of the savory food had put him in apparently a better humor, "I think we'd have fine weather for hog killing by n'xt week, and I never had a better lot of hogs, either."

"Oh, father," said Margaret, "don't butcher next week, Friday is Christmas and—"

"Christmas," interrupted her father. "Well, don't we always butcher then?"

"Yee, I know," answered the girl, her lips trembling in spite of her eff rt to control herself, "but, father, we never enjoyed the holidays and I thought maybe this year —"

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the holidays and I thought maybe this year as we always gear ""We will do this year as we always have," broke in the father angrily. "I suppose," with a look at his wife that made the poor womap shrink as from abluw, "this is some of your plans. You and you girls want to go gadding around the country."

"Mother never said any thing about it," said Margaret, her temper cising. "But nobody else takes Chriatmas time to do their hardest and dirtiest work."

"What do I care how anybody else does: I'what do I care how anybody else does: I'what do I care how anybody else does: I'wm master here,"

Nobody spoke again. The assertion was not to be disputed. He was master, and well his wife and daughter knew it. Poor Mrs. Stillman. Two fortunate baby girls had died a few weeks after their thirth and the tears the mother shed over the little coffins were not half so, bitter as those that fell on their innocent faces when first they were held to her bosom.

When of his evening the father had proved kins authority his two elder daughters are rose from the table and taking a couple of large buckets, went quietly out of the house, and going to the barnyard, proceeded to milk the half dozen cows awaiting them. It was pratty dark and sold, but no words were epoken except to cold, but no words were epoken e

awaiting them. It was protty dark and cold, but no words were spoken except to the animals, as the girls hurried through the milking and hastened back to the kitchen where Rachel and the moth released away the supper things and made cleared away the supper things and made needful preparations for next morning's breakfast.

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The child bent over her slate, but her tears would fall, and at last a sob burst forth in spite of her.

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"May I bring it home?" faltered the child.

"Bring it home, indeed! No, ma'am.
I guess you can find enough to do at home.
Not a word now," as he saw her about to speak, "or you stay at home for good."
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