

"I'm stoppin', but I've got to take in another armful yet." And she hastened in and out again.

"Will you report to the Colonel at once?" the man asked.

"No, it would be better to wait further developments."

"As long as you can keep your ear at the knot-hole."

"That's where the trick comes in. I had to lie still and dare not move. It will be easier next time, though, for the meeting will be after dark. Luckily I know the place well and going in by the back stair there'll be less danger."

The soldier's the man for me,
His red coat and goatee;
With powder and shot
He'll give it 'em hot
And send the rebels to——

"Madge!" shouted Cronch again, savagely. But Madge had secured her last armful, and as she entered the kitchen, she closed the door behind her and peeped through the crack.