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"'Yankee' Wilson's patience became exhausted. He ceased work, rolled his quid of tobacco from one side of his mouth to the other, and exclaimed, 'Can't you take it easy, Dunc, you old fool? I reckon you'll be the cause of some of us being killed here today, through your blamed nonsense!' When 'Yankee' had delivered himself of that rebuke, punctuated with more adjectives which I've not written down here, he resumed work. At that same

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