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to her the first pink of the serpent's tooth of ingratitude. It seemed to her that if she were the teacher and a little girl had brought her flowers in February, when flowers were scarce, that she would not have been so much in the flower as she was.

She sobbed so hard that she disturbed the school; she was almost hysterical. Miss Little came and took her gently by the arm. She patted her so that she wished she had not made her stand in the floor, and it would not do for her to yield.

Presently Grandfather Judd got up with an effort, and went over to look at the valentine. One immediately caught his eye. It was much larger and handsomer than a beautiful combination of lace paper, embossed covers, roses and angels.

He thought it started with it, then suddenly changed his mind. He remembered that the post office was a quarter of a mile farther on, and that his rheumatism was bad, and that it was a day too early to post the valentine. He remembered, also, that his son-in-law was going to Wanda's to trade on the next day, and that it would be no convenient to get to the post-office before Valentine's day.

He put Grandfather Judd's five cents in his pocket and as soon as his grandfather finished supper and came in to tend store, he slipped out, roused down the road to the shop where his favorite sweetmeats was for sale and bought one. As for the valentine, he had taken that out from the envelope and placed it back in stock.

It was about half-past seven o'clock when Miss Little, the school teacher, came in with the young man who was paying her attention. They had been talking a little stroll in the moonlight and she had been telling him how she had punished that dear little valentine; how sorry she was and how she wished to send her a valentine to atone.

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also her other valentines which she had just received. When she reached the office it was closed, and she had to deposit the valentine in the outside letter box on the door. It was dark, and just as she caught sight of a man coming, and that startled her.

The next morning Serenita Ann's cousin, Sam Wells, drove over from the east village where he lived, very early in order to get the horse about before school, and passing the post office saw something white on the snowbank. He stopped, got out, whooping all the time, because his horse was restive, and investigated.

He got in the sleigh, gathered up the reins, and examined the valentine as he went along. "Dearest, I'll take it to Bedger's, and if they don't know anything about it, I'll send it to Serenita Ann," said he.

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