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it fer Joe. But we'll let that drop, ez the feller said when he pieked up ther hot briek. That's neither here ner there. I wuz over through ther woods er cruisin' round last week, an' I made up my mind by ther looks uv things that ef Joe hed somebody ter jest take hold uv him an' give him er shove, mebbe he'd work fer one day anyway, an' fix things up er little round here. I'm er believer in woman's rights to er sartain extent, but I don't go so fer that I let 'em fit up ther wood fer ther stove, an' that's what I seen yer doin' uv last week. So thinks I, I'll go over some day an' see if I can't shame him inter workin' er little an' doin' some uv ther chores round ther house. Thought I'd find him home sure terday, but ez long ez he ain't, I'll do it myself. By ther way, come ter think uv it, there's er few bundles uv things in ther buggy that yer better take out. Few little things I hed kickin' round ther house, an' thought they might pile ef I didn't git red uv 'em."

Taking the saw and axe that stood by the chopping block, Still began sawing and splitting up some eordwood that lay on the ground behind the house, and soon had several weeks' sup-