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Charlouctown, frin his horses, and springing from his seat to the ground. "Out with you, in a twinkling, every one, and up into these rocks with me. Michael, the tie thy horse to the wagon, and drive ahead to Amariah's, and get him and his hoys to come back and talk to these follows." In a twinkling they were all outof the carriage. "There," said Phineas, catching up Harry, "you exch of you, see to the women ; and run, or, if you ever did run. There needed no exhortation. Quicker than fence, making with all speed for the rocks, while Michael, throwing himself from his horse, and fastening the bridle to the wagon began driving it rapidly away. "Come ahead !!" said Phineas, as they reached the rocks, and saw, in the mingled starlight and dawn, the traces of a rude bat ghem. this is one of our old hunting dens. Come up !" Thineas went before, springing up the rocks from each you have the traces of a rude bat starlight and dawn, the traces of a rude bat starlight and dawn, the traces of a rude bat starlight and dawn, the traces of a rude bat starlight and dawn, the traces of a rude bat starlight and dawn, the traces of a rude bat starlight and dawn, the traces of a rude bat starlight and dawn, the prace of the starlight dawn. " Phineas went before, springing up the rocks from esecond, bearing his trembling old mother optioner his shoulder, and George and Hita brought on the starlight be prepare to follow them. A few moments, scrambling brought them to the op of the ledge : the path then passed between at time, till suddenly they came to a rift or of has more than a yard in breadth, and beyond which hay a pile of rocks, separate from the rest of the ledge, standing full thirty feet high, with its sides steep and perpendicular as they at down the boy on a smooth, flat platform, or castle. Phineas easily leaped the chasm, and sat down the boy on a smooth, flat platform, or one of row with you !" he called . " spring, now, once, for your il'we selled . " spring now, once, for your il'we selled . " spring, now, once, fo Nature. A LITTLE while after supper a large covered wag-on drew up before the door ; the night was clear starlight, and Phineas jumped briskly down from his seat to arrange his passengers. George walked out of the door, with his child on one arm and his wife on the other. His step was firm, his face settled and resolute. Rachel and Simeon came out after them. "You get out a moment," said Phineas, to those inside, "and let me fix the back of the wagon, there, for the women-folks and the boy." "Here are the two buffaloes," said Rachel. "Make the seats as comfortable as may be ; it's hard riding all night." Jim came out first, and carefully assisted out his old mother, who clung to his arm and looked his old mother, who clung to his arm and looked anxiously about, as if she expected the pursuer anxiously acoust, an it is a set of a s

of crisp white moss, that covered the top of the rock. "Over with you !" he called : "spring, now, once, for your lives!" said he, as one after another sprang across. Several fragments of loose stone formed a kind of breastwork, which they come ! " "I rather think I haven't," said Jim, throw-ing open his broad chest, and taking a deep breath. "Do you think, I'll let them get mo-

breatf. "Do you think, I'll let them get mo-ther again "." During this brief colloquy Eliza had been taking her leave of her kind friend Rachel, and was handed into the carriage by Simeon, and, creeping into the back part with her boy, ant down among the buffalo-skins. The old wo-math was next handed in and seated, and George and Jim placed on a rough-board seat front of them, and Phineas mounted in front. "Farewell, my friends !" said Simeon, from without.

another sprang across. Several fragments of loose stone formed a kind of breastwork, which sheltered their position from the observation of those below: "Well, here we all are," said Phineas, peop-ing over the stone breastwork to watch the as-sailants, who were coming tumultuoualy up under the rocks. "Let 'em get us, if they can. Whoever comes here has to walk single file between those two rocks, in fair range of your pistols, boys, d'ye see?" "I do see," said George; and now, as this imatter is ours; let us take all the risk, and do all the fighting." "Thee's quite welcome to do the fighting. George," said Phineas, chewing some checker-berry-leaves as he spoke; "but I may have the fun of looking on, I suppose. But see, these fellows are kinder dehating down there, and looking up, lika hens when they are going to fly up on to the roost. Hadn't thee better give 'em a word of advice, before they come up, just to tell 'em handsomely, they'll be shot if they do!" The party beneath, now more apparent in the light of the dawn, consisted of our old acquaint-ances, Tom Loker and Marks, with two con-stables, and a pose consisting of such rowdies at the last tavern as could be engaged by a little brandy to go and help the fun of trapping a set of niggers. "Well, Tom, yer coons are farly treed," and

them, and Phineas mounted in front. "Farewell, my friends !" said Simeon, from without. "God bless you !" answered all from within. And the wagon drove off, rattling and jolting over the frozen road. There was no opportunity for conversation, on account of the roughness of the way and the noise of the wheels. The vehicle therefore rumbled on, through long, dark stretches of woodland, over wide dreary plains, up hills and down valleys, and on, on, on they jogged, hour after hour. The child soon fell asleep, and lay heavily in his mother's lap. The poor, frightened old woman at last forgot her fears : and even Eliza, as the night waned, found all her anxieties insufficient to keep her eyes from closing. Phineas seemed, on the whole, the brickes of the company, and beguide his long drive with whistling certain very un-quaker-like songs as he went on. But about three o'clock, George's ear caught the hasty and decided click of a horse's hoof coming behind them at some distance, and jogged Phineas by the elbow. Phineas pulled up his horses and listened. "That must be Michael," he said ! "I think I know the sound of his gallop; " and he rose up and stretched his head anxiously back over the road. A man riding in hot haste was now dimly descride at the top of a distant hill. of niggers. "Well, Tom, yer coons are farly treed," and

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despair gave fire to his dark eye; and, as if appealing from man to the justice of God. The raised his hand to heaven as he spoke. If it had been only a Hungarian youth, now, bravely defending in some mountain fistness the retreat of fugitives ecoping from Austria into America, this would have been sublime heroism; but as it was a youth of African de-scent, defending the retreat of fugitives through America into Canada, of course we are too well instructed and patriotic to see any heroism it; and if any of our readers do, they muist do it on their own private responsibility. When despairing Hungarian fugitives make their wiyo against all the search-warrants and an-thorities of their lawful government, to Ameri-ca, press and political cabinet ring with ap-plause and welcome. When despairing Afri-can fugitives do the same thing, it is -plause and welcome. When despairing Afri-can fugitives do the same thing, it is -tor with as it s.

what is it ! Be it as it may, it is certain that the attitude, eye, voice, manner of the speaker; for a moment struck the party below to silence. There is something in boldness and determination that for a time hushes even the rudest nature. Marks was the only one who remained wholly untouched. He was deliberately cocking his pistol, and in the momentary silence that fol-lowed George's speech, he fired at him. "Ye see, ye get jist as much for him dead as alive in Kentucky." he said coolly, as he wiped his pistol on his coat sleeve. George sprang backward-Elim uttered a shriek-- the ball had passed elese to his hair, had nearly grazed the check of his wife, and stuck in the tree above. "It's nothing, Elims," said George, quickly. "Thee'd better keep out of sight, with thy speechifying," said Phineas : "they're mean scamps." "Now, Jim," said George, "look that your pistols are all right and watch that pass with me. The first man that shows himself I fire at : you take the second, and so on : it won't do, you know, to waste two shots on one," "But the tree of the second of the tree of the second of the second of the second of the tree second of the second of the second of the second of the tree of the second of the tree of the second of the second of the tree second of the tree second of the second of the tree second of the tree second of the second of the tree second of the second the second of the tree second of the tree second of t Be it as it may, it is certain that the attitude

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George fired—the shot entered his side; but though woanded he .would not retreat, but, with a yell like that of a mad bull, he was leaping right across the chasm into the party. "Friend," said Phineas, suddenly to the front, and meeting him with a push from his long arms, "thee isn't wanted here." Dows he fell into the chasm, crackling down among trees, bushes, logs, loose stories, till he fall might have killed him, had it not been broken and moderated by his clothes catching in the branches of a large tree; but he came down with some force, however—more than was at all agree-able or convenient.

were quite out of sight, Phineas began to bestir hinself.
"Well, we must go down and walk a piece," he said. "I told Michael to go forward and bring help, and be along back here with the wagon: but we shall have to walk a piece along the road, I reckon, to meet them. The Lord grant he be along soon! It's early in the day : there won't be much travel afoot yet awhile; we an't much more than two miles from our stopping-piace. If the road hadn't been so rough last high, we could have outrum 'em entirely."
As the party neared the fence, they discovered in the distance, along the road, their own wagon coming back, accompanied by some men on horseback.
"Well, now, there's Michael, and Stephen, and Amarish," exclaimed Phineas, joyfully.
"Now we are made—as safe as if we'd got there."
"Well, do stop, then," said Eliza, " and do something for that poor man; he's graaning dreadfully."
"It would be no more than Christian," said George; let's take him up and carry him on."
"And doctor him up among the Quakers!"
said Phineas; "pretty well, that! Well, I don't care, if we do. Here let's have a look at him!" and Phineas, who in the course of his hunting and backwoods life, had acquired some road emaintion of his condition.

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