

that Tom had to do was to furnish the elements, and under the deft manipulation of the youth, and with such crude facilities as were at command in a frontier home, he developed wonderful results.

So Jack bade his parents good-by, and was pursuing his way at a leisurely rate up the Catsuga, when whom should he meet but Orris Ouden, one of the most famous rangers of the border. The scout told him that trouble had broken out with the Iroquois, and that the most prudent thing for him to do was to bring his brothers down the river to the settlements without delay.

Jack was not much impressed by the words of the scout, partly because, as Ouden himself admitted, they were based on rumours that he had not yet verified; but these rumours were true, as was speedily proven.

On the morning of the day that Jack reached home his brother received a call from a friendly Mohawk, known as the Wild Cat, who urged them to leave the settlement at once, for the Six Nations had dug up the hatchet and taken the warpath. Further-