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The young man suggested that the farmer seemed to be enjoying a degree of health, for which some rich men would willingly give all their money, but the farmer replied:

'Send ten right out here, stranger, if you think there's any way to make the trade. I'd really enjoy a spell of sickness, for the chance of taking a little rest, specially if I was rich enough to pay the doctor. I'd be willing to be sick the rest of my life if my wife could stop slaving and my girl could get the schoolin' she's fit for, and the infernal mortgage on the farm, an' now he rides round in a buggy—yes, a buggy with red wheels an' a blue body. It's just as I said—there's no account for the luck of some folks.'

'You don't know how soon your own time may come said the young man, with a kindly glance at the old fellow's honest face beside him. The farmer coughed out a dry laugh and replied:

'No, neither does any one else but the Lord; an' I reckon he's a thinkin' that my lucky day'll be the one when I die, I wouldn't care if there was nobody but me under the harvest that never stops draggin', but for women folks—a wife and a gal, why—'

'That's a hold of corn with owain.' 'You've asked the young man, with a show of special interest.

'Not much,' was the reply in complaining tones. 'Neighbor of mine; his land as rich as pie crust; mine lies too high except the part that lies too low. Well, we'll be at my station in a minute, I expect you'll be glad to get rid of me. I didn't mean to unload my troubles on you, but the fact is I hardly ever have anybody except when I'm working too hard to talk. Besides, you looked so solemn like that I kind of thought that maybe the world wasn't 'treatin' you as well as it might. Seem to have been mistaken though; you hadn't given a single look at my face. I might have known, if I'd looked a little more careful, that you're one of the fellows that's pretty well fixed—eh?'

The young man looked dubious; then he replied. 'Yes, some people would say so but I'm in the general fix—I haven't been able to get what I most wanted and needed, so you see that you were quite right in your surmise. We're both in the same boat.'

'I want to know,' exclaimed the farmer, looking curiously at the young man, who was well dressed and had a general air of prosperity. 'Well, I hope the Lord will give it to ye, if ye ought to have it.'

'He won't though,' was the reply, given with a degree of energy which startled the farmer, 'for the very good reason that he's given it to another man.'

'That so? The farmer's eyes became sharp and searching for an instant, then he ejaculated: 'Umph, if signalsn't failed since I was young, was a gal—but, I hesitated to add apologetically, 'tain't any of my business, an' I oughtn't to have said it. I'm blamed sorry for you, all the same; I had a knockdown of that sort when I was about your age, an' it's like to have killed me, though 'twas all for the best as it turned out afterwards, for there never was a gal that could hold a candle to my Sophy, that I got afterwards. Well, the engineer's slowin' up an' I've got some things in the baggage car that I've got to look out for.'

'I'll follow you as far as the platform,' said the young man. 'The brakeman says they will take water for the engine here, and I shall be glad to stretch my legs, for I've been on the train a long time.'

'Glad you're not gettin' off just to look at the scenery,' the farmer said as they stepped upon the platform; for there is nothing here but a station. There wouldn't have been that if there wasn't a crossin' here at which the land makes all trains stop. There's nothing to look at that I'd care to look out for.'

'What!' exclaimed the young man, with an emphasis which makes the farmer jump. 'You look in that wagon on the east. There's something that any man who is a man would travel a thousand miles to look at—and make the whole trip on foot, too.'

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woman made, except her mother, who could hold a candle to Fia.'

'Fire?' echoed the young man.

'Fia,' the farmer continued. Named after her mother, but couldn't call both of 'em Sophy, so we did the next best. Then he hurried forward to look after his freight, while the young man walked to and fro and thought of the girl whom he had failed to win and for whose sake the world had suddenly become a gloomy place for him. Girls always did get the wrong husbands, he told himself bitterly; even that girl in the wagon, who would turn the head of a statue, would probably marry some thick headed farmer and live to wish she had never been born. But how did such a beauty develop in such an out of the way place?

He continued to wonder, while the farmer brought his freight, bit by bit, from the other end of the station. Suddenly the engine blew a shrill blast of whistle to signify 'all aboard.' The horses started in affright; the girl reached for the reins, but missed them; the young man sprang to the horses' heads and checked them, but meanwhile the train rolled away.

'Well, I wald!' exclaimed the farmer, hurrying up. 'See what ye've done, Fia, ye haven't hold of the reins.'

'I'm so sorry,' murmured the girl, with an apologetic look at the young man, who quickly replied:

'No consequence! Why, young man, there ain't another train for better'n twelve hours.'

The youth's face expressed annoyance, seeing which the girl, who had been looking shyly at him, flushed and looked distressed—as the victim thought she should, though he said:

'Never mind. I'll lounge around and make some use of my time. I suppose I can persuade the station agent to sell me something to eat.'

'You need do nothing of the sort,' said the farmer, who had found his wife. You come right home with us; we wait to blame for what's happened. Thank goodness, trouble and poverty don't keep me from having plenty in the house to eat, an', though I say it as shouldn't, my wife can cook a meal fit for a king to sit down to—eh, Fia? I'll drive you home in plenty of time for the next train. Glad to have your company, too, though I'm all fired sorry that me an' mine have put you to trouble.'

'They haven't,' the young man made haste to reply, as he got into the wagon. 'I might have had sense enough to know that the engineer would have blown his whistle; I should be stood at the station in plenty of time for the next train. Glad to have your company, too, though I'm all fired sorry that me an' mine have put you to trouble.'

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After dinner the farmer went to the barn to look to his live stock, but it was the mother, not the daughter, who remained in the sitting room to entertain the visitor. It was evident that the family kept no servants and the thought of Fia washing dishes and clearing away the debris of the table affected the visitor's mind so strongly that occasionally he found himself absent minded. She had been brought up to it, of course; probably it would be her duty the remainder of her days, even if she would marry some hopeful young farmer; still the young man could not help recalling the farmer's remark about some folks' luck. What business was it of his, though, and why should he worry about it, so long as the girl seemed entirely contented, as she did! Had she worn a sulen face, and a heavy lip he would not have blamed her, but 'where ignorance is bliss, 'tis twice as sweet as knowledge.' 'Twas strange though; in the room to which he had been shown, and which any man with sisters would recognize at once as a girl's own, he had seen a few looks—a very few, from which no young woman could fail to learn much that was more interesting than housework in a farm house.

The young man's wonderings were ended when the farmer returned from the barn, for a sense of responsibility for his guest's detention made the older man do his best to make the evening pass pleasantly, and, like many another man of a calling which makes steady demand upon the hands yet leaves a great deal of leisure, he knew thoroughly whatever he knew at all. Finally the farmer said:

'I reckon you've been shook up enough on the train today to be willing to go to bed early. We country folks have to go to bed with the chickens almost, for we have to get up 'bout as early.'

The women excused themselves and the young man wished he dared apologize to the girl for depriving her of her room. As the light faded him upstairs a business struggle was going on in the young man's mind. It ended by his saying abruptly, as the farmer turned to leave the room:

'By the way, say that it would cost as much to clear and drain that low land as the ground itself would be worth. I chance to know something about such things an' I want to make you an offer. I'll clear and drain it at my own expense for you and take half the land as my pay. How does that strike you, farmer?'

'What? d'you mean the farmer, opening his eyes wide. 'Why—what do you mean?'

'I mean, my friend, what you said this afternoon on the train. There's no accounting for some folks' luck.' I mean that there's money enough in that bit of ground to do everything you were wishing for this afternoon—to take the mortgage from your farm and give you and your wife a chance to rest and to give your daughter a chance.'

The farmer dropped heavily into a chair, studied his guest's face closely a moment, and replied:

'I'd like to take you at your word, young man, but I never was poor enough to let any man cheat himself, an' I'm not going to do it now. I know what that ground would be worth—for market truck, for instance, if it was close to a large city, but do you know all it would be good for here!—nothing but to plant corn.'

The guest hesitated a moment. The farmer, still looking dully at the face before him, saw that the youth was not telling all that was in his mind. As he stared, he was aroused by his daughter's voice saying:

'Father?'

'Here I am,' he replied. There was a step in the hallway, and Fia appeared before the open door as she continued: 'I wasn't good for anything out here; I had hard work sellin' it as cordwood, when I cleared the land, but a few years longer, for the whole country was full of