

much for her. She was afraid some one would address some remark to her which she felt too confused to answer, so she hurried away to regain her self possession.

III. THE RACE.

The next morning dawned brightly, and Paul, who had retired early the night before, was up with the lark. After partaking of a hearty breakfast, he strolled down to the boat house to see that his boat was all right.

for him; his arms seemed to turn into iron and his muscles into cords of steel at the words. He felt an almost fiendish strength as he stretched down over his toes, and with a long steady stroke shot his boat close after the stern of his rivals.

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