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She gave a sigh of relief when he drove out of the yard, for she knew he would not return until late in the afternoon. When, at 5 o'clock, her guest announced her intention to spend the night with Almira Skinner, her husband's niece, Ruth sped the parting guest with becoming ceremony. But her company smile changed to a moan of weariness when she found herself once more alone in her cozy kitchen.

Jason soon entered with a beaming smile. "I've bought the best cow that stands in the county," said he, "and Ben Lawton is going to lead her over in the morning. I guess you won't have any more fault to find about the butter. Why, what in thunder alls you? You look as if you had been drawn through a knothole. I thought you would be tickled to death to get a good cow, and you net as if you had lost your last friend. Is anything the matter with mother?" he asked anxiously.

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good cow, and you act as if you had lost your last friend. Is anything the matter with mother?" he asked anxiously.

"It gin't mother," said Ruth, in a broken voice, "It is Myrtic. I didn't mean to deceive you Jason, but we didn't know she was coming until she was on her way here, then, what could I do? I couldn't put her in the poorhouse. She wasn't to blame, poor little thing, for what her parents did; and I was afraid to tell you who she was, for I knew how you felt about Blinle, and—" but a flood of tears checked further confession.

"Where is the young one?" roared Jason, for he always spoke in tones of thunder when deeply moved. Ruth rose and stepped between him and the door, a flush staining her tear-wet checks. "Oh don't Jason don't disturb her," she picaded "That poor innocent baby isn't to blame for anything that has happened."

But Jason brushed her aside with an inscrutable look in his deep-set eyes. Ruth shut the door which led to her mother's room, for the deafest person needed no ear trumpet to hear Jason's conversation when he was excited. Then she sank limply down to await the next act in this domestic tragedy.

Jason soon returned, bearing the child, like a walking stick or umbre an under his arm, and stood her noislly down among the dishes on the supper table. "There, Doily," he roared—he always called her Doily," he roared—he always called her Doily," she roared—he and let Aunt Ruth see how smart you are. Tell her all you know, as you did me the first day you came."

"All wite," responded Myrtle, cheerfully. She raised her dress in her little hands and made her aunt a deep courtesy, and repeated in a rapid singson, "My name is Gustus. I live in New York. I'm four years old—and I'm Jason's dear girl," she added as an afterthought.

"There," said Jason, "the little fool told me all that the first day she came, just to show off, and do you spose I had brains enough to figer out who she was? You women are all alike: never can do anything in honest mas fashlon, but always want to pull the wool ov

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work on. Tell the man what you want him to do and then leave him alone till he gets it done. Show a man that you have confidence in him and he will try to do your work to suit you.

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