

the washer last night. Sarah woke me up, and when I got out pretty close to the washer I stopped to listen, and try to find out what they were doing. Had a gun in my pocket but didn't know just how to tackle them; but just then I heard a big crash and lots of talking after it. They all came out and set one of their number on a rock. He was hurt. Sarah and I have been talking lately. Last Thursday a crowd howled past here in the middle of the night. We decided that perhaps they might leave us alone if we would do them a good turn once instead of trying to fight them. Well, last night, thinks I, they have buckled their own yokes this time, but perhaps I can take it off. So, to wind up, we took in the one and another to take care of him, and do you know, I never talked to finer boys than those two."

"They may be nice talkers, but let me tell you in a friendly way, Henry, you'll get left. If any of them come around my place again I will shoot, and if any lead penetrates them no man in the county will blame me."

"That is true, but you would not dare go to the college again, and then you would have no market"——

"I don't have to depend upon the college. They would be only too glad to get my trade up at the Mills."

"Yes, but would you rather trade up there? And another thing, those students would never let you alone out here on your farm. They could pester the life out of you if they wanted to, and when I was about the age of those students my father shot at them one night. Next day I stood in the post office and heard them laugh over it. They bothered us oftener then, and now they come around once or twice a year at night, besides tramping over again in the day time. But let me say to you in a friendly and neighborly way, don't harm any of them. Come into dinner. You'll like these fellows.'

Grove yielded, and the two men walked into the house. Dinner was waiting for them. George Grove was introduced to the students, after which all sat down to the table except Mrs. Stone and her eldest daughter, who helped wait upon the rest. Grove sat at the head of the table. The two students and two young