



"God bless yo', Miss Sunshine, fureber an fureber for what yo' dun did fur me, but I've got powerful bad news to tell yo'!"

"Is mother dead?" she asked as the color went out of her face and her lips grew white.

"She was dead when I dun got yere!" "Uncle Ben," whispered the girl, choking back the wails of sorrow which sought to pass her lips.

"I ain't hurted much—only jest a little bit—an I'll start right off!" he answered. "I'll go, an I'll keep gwine till I drop down in my tracks!"

"God grant that you may be in time!" she prayed as she turned away to enter the house of the dead, while the old man lost not a moment in setting out on his journey down the road.

Let us see how things went on at the camp. Marian had no sooner left than Steve Brayton still further strengthened the defenses.

"If yo' uns will give in, nobody will be hurt. If yo' uns don't give in, we uns ar' bound to wipe yo' out! We uns is a hundred strong, with two cannons!"

"That yo', the Baxter?" called Steve, as if doubting the other's identity.



The with the flag of truce.

get in one of the defenses, but this did not happen. After expending enough cartridges to equip a whole company for a raid the firing suddenly ceased.

"Now, then, Yank, they all's comin to cins quarters, and I want yo's help!" said Steve Brayton, as he proceeded to raise Kenton to a sitting position and prop him up as before.

"I've figured this out a bit," he said as he peered through his loophole for sign of danger. "If them chaps had found yo' at the house, yo'd hev bin carried off to camp."

"I won't shoot to kill—not this time!" he whispered as he thrust the barrel of the carbine through the opening.

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Our member of the legal profession maintained that there was an old custom which marked out Friday as the day for hangings because the crucifixion of the two thieves occurred on that day.

It may be stated right here that there is nothing in the above reasons, and that it is only a chance circumstance that four-fifths of the executions take place on a Friday.

The first step was to hold all criminal trials on Friday. That was not the period when a trial lasted a week or longer.

In 1338 the two days' law was repealed, and the present law came into force, which allows a criminal reasonable time.

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