

The VALIANTS of VIRGINIA (MRS.) FLORENCE RIVES POST WHEELER ILLUSTRATED BY LAUREN STOUT

CHAPTER XIII. John Valiant makes a discovery. "I'm so sorry," was what he said, as he knelt to release her, and she was grateful that his tone was unmingled with amusement. She bit her lips, as by their strength of elbow and knee he snapped the offending bolts short off—of one of those quick exhibitions of reserved strength that every woman likes.

"At that moment a patter of footsteps and shrill shrieks came flying over the lady's head beyond the lilac bushes. It's Riecky Snyder," she said, peering out smilingly as two children, pursued and pursued, burst into view. "Hush!" she whispered; "I wonder what they are up to."



"It Won't Hurt," Reassured the Would-Be Operator. her hand for the bunch of jessamine and laid it on the broad roots of a tree that were mottled with lichen.

TO PROTECT WATER BUCKETS. Stable Boys Bore Holes in Their Botoms and Carry Corks in Their Pockets.

"Anybody who has occasion to use a water bucket," said a man acquainting with their various uses, "is likely to pick up the first one he comes to, then he may put it back where he found it or he may not."

Good Reason for It. A gentleman who was raising bees and was the owner of several hives was telling some children they must not bother them at all. One little girl said, "Brother picked up one this morning, but he let right go again."

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