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paper and rubbish? "What little there is I take down in a pall once a week, or more often if I find it necessary."

"Then the paper must be here somewhere, unless it was deliberately stolen, which I cannot believe. We will begin our search, and take the sitting room first."

"Perhaps there was more air on that table," said Edith. "I will substitute a lighter piece of paper."

"What explains it all?" exclaimed Edith, catching up the animal in her arms. "Oh, Kitty! Oh, Kitty! How little you know the terrible mischief you have done!"

"Yes," said Edith, in breathless eagerness. "Well, paper about the stairs looks so untidy, miss, so I picked it up and—" "What did you do with it?"

"I threw it in the pall with the other rubbish."

"For the second time the contents of the pall were emptied by the laundress and carefully examined. It was absolutely certain that the paper was not there."

"I know where that bit of paper is, miss! I remember that, when the police were here that morning, I steps into the bedroom to hear what they had to say."

"Good heavens!" cried Edith. "Do you mean to say that the paper round that candle was the missing document?"

"That's my belief, miss. Where is it now?"

"It was here late last night, and I burned the candle very low—and the paper took fire!"

husband, as they got up from the dinner table. "I wish you would run around and ask the man to come and fix our heater."

"What's the matter with it?" inquired Henry. "I don't know," replied Mrs. Rattles, "but it won't work."

"Well, I'll just tinker it myself," responded Henry, who was full of confidence in his ability, although he knew as much about the construction of a heater as he did of a locomotive.

"There is no use paying out all our money to the heater and range man. The plumber got all last week's salary, but we will try to keep a few dollars for family use."

Then he got the hat-het and poker and in a few minutes had the grate out. With it he came up stairs and rested, while Mrs. Rattles figured that his new suit to replace the one ruined would cost at least \$25.

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Colonel Dyer was prominent, too, in military as well as political matters. Windham in those days was a frontier town, and the war men caused a great deal of anxiety at times.

Colonel Dyer was very envious of the colonel's popularity and made him the butt of many a keen, piercing shaft of wit.

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villagers together. Squire Elderkin, badly frightened, promptly responded, well armed with a trusty flintlock. Very soon the abled-bodied men of the town were in line, and Colonel Dyer was unanimously chosen commander.

The morning brought a strange story to the little army and the panic-stricken villagers.

A mile and a half to the west of the village was a large millpond, which furnished water for power to grind the grain for the surrounding country.

No wounds were visible; no marks of violence could be seen; no cause for the strange commotion could be found.

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