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pointed toward the village and then at

"She means that there is some dan-

The Silent Woman picked a long

"She is fixing a charm," I said.

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kerchief and made no answer.

I said as I ran to the river bank.

I shook the hand he offered me.

"Of course, we can't all be good

to her afflicted nose.

She covered her face with her hand-

"Wait a minute-I'll get some clay,"

I found some clay and moistened it

She smiled and nodded as she put

She held up her hands while her lips

stepped beside her.

ger ahead of you," I said.

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She came close to Sally with the blade of grass between her thumb and finger. drop of honey on Sally's upper lip. moved as if she were blessing us.

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Uncle Peabody came for me that evening. It was about the middle of the next week that I received this letter from Sally: "Dear Bart: Mr. Latour gave up and drove to Potsdam in the evening. Said he had to meet Mr. Parish. think that he had seen enough of me. I began to hope he would stay—he was so good looking, but mother is

very glad that he went, and so am I, for our minister told us that he is one of the wickedest young men in the state. He is very rich and very bad, they say. I wonder if old Kate knew about him. Her charm worked well anyway-didn't it? My nose was all right in the morning. Sorry that I can't meet you Saturday. Mother and by the roadside. She held a cup in I are packing up to go away for the her hand with some honey on its bot- summer. Don't forget me. I shall be

tem and covered with a piece of glass. | thinking every day of those lovely afraid o' the crazy ol' trollope." "She is hunting bees," I said as we things you said to me. I don't know | "Nonsense! She isn't half as crazy of that home and of others like it. I er until he arrived. What a won. what they will try to do with me, and as the most of us," said the lawyer. knew that The Thing was still alive house it was, in my view! I was She rose and patted my shoulder I don't care. I really think as you do, "In my opinion she had a good reason in the neighborhood, but even that by its size and splendor, its soil with a smile and threw a kiss to Sally. Bart, that God has married us to each for pointing her finger at that man. could not paralyze the helpful hands of pets and shiny brass and mahanan. Suddenly her face grew stern. She other. "SALLY DUNKELBERG".

"Yours forever, How often I read those words so like all the careless words of the

CHAPTER XIN.

The Boit Fails. Three times that winter I had seen Benjamin Grimshaw followed by the Silent Woman clothed in rags and pointing with her finger.

The trial of Amos came on. He had "I suppose it will not save me if I had "blood on his feet," as they used noted when I first saw her in the hills. where the stove was set up. The We went on and in a moment a bee to say, all the way from Lickitysplit Rovin' Kate was there in the clothes shingles and sheathes and clapboard lighted on the honey. Nervously she to Lewis county in his flight, having she had worn Christmas day. She was were on before the day ended. struck at it and then cried out with attacked and slightly woulded two greatly changed. Her hair was neatly Uncle Peabody and I put in the men with a bowie knife who had tried combed. The wild look had left her floors and stairway and partitions. to detain him at Rainy Lake. He had eyes. She was like one whose back is More than once in the days we were also shot at an officer in the vicinity relieved of a heavy burden. Her lips working together I tried to tell him of Lowville, where his arrest was ef- moved as she scattered little red what Sally had told me, but my courfected. He had been identified by all these men, and so his character as a pose they thought it a crazy whim of The day came, shortly, when I had send I told him of all that had before desperate man had been established, hers—they who saw her do it. I to speak out, and I took the straight us, save the one thing of This in connection with the scar on his thought that I understood the curious way of my duty as the needle of the spoken only with him and Sally. face and the tracks, which the boots bit of symbolism and so did the school- compass pointed. It was the end of "I shall go up to see them seen," he

"There, look at me!" she groaned. She uncovered her face, now de-I remember well the look of the curses. "You look like Rodney Barnes," I slanting through a window in the late together. said with a laugh as I applied the clay afternoon fell upon his gracious countenance, shining also, with the softer "And I feel like the old boy. I think light of his spirit. Slowly, solemnly, my nose is trying to jump off and run kindly, he spoke the words of doom. It was his way of saying them that We were nearing the village. She first made me feel the dignity and Which is the Story of the Chosen wiped the mud from her prodigious majesty of the law. The kind and fanose and I wet her handkerchief in a therly tone of his voice put me in pool of water and helped her to wash mind of that supremest court which it. Soon we saw two men approaching is above all question and which was us in the road. In a moment I ob- swiftly to enter judgment in this mat-

served that one was Mr. Horace Dun- ter and in others related to it. kelberg; the other a stranger and a re-Slowly the crowd moved out of the Sally's. The girl was a born actress. floor.

"Been riding in the country," said The Silent Woman-as ragged as ever-was waiting on the steps. Out "This is Mr. Latour, Sally," said her went her bony finger as he came down. He turned and struck at her with his cane and shouted in a shrill voice that "I am glad to see you," said the rang out like a trumpet in his frenzy: "Go 'way from me. Take her away, me. Take her away. Take her away

His face turned purple and the white. He reeled and fell headlons

at him with her finger, her look un- ord? What do you think of the soul us. I lifted the head of Mr. Grimshaw for it? If you will let me maybe J and laid it on my knee. It felt like the can help the plans of God a little. That Old Kate bent over and looked at the you for reading this, I am, as ever, eyelids of the man which fluttered faintly and were still. "Dead!" she muttered.

Then, as if her work were finished, she turned and made her way through the letter half through. the crowd and walked slowly down the street. Men stood aside to let her pass, as if they felt the power of her er name, but I saw her handwriting spirit and feared the touch of her gar-

thickened. As I sat looking down at canny woman! They say she carries asking me to meet and assist her in the dead face in my lap, a lawyer who the power o' God iz her right hand. getting the house to rights. I did so. had come out of the courtroom pressed So do all the wronged." near me and bent over and looked at the set eyes of Benjamin Grimshaw "She floored him at last. I knew she

burnt a hole in him. He couldn't stand it. I knew he'd blow up some day un- my lad." der the strain. She got him at last." "Who got him?" another asked. "Rovin' Kate. She killed him pointing her finger at him-so,"



"She's got an evil eye. Everybody's them. A great amount of human kind- river, and so I lived at the senate She came from the same town he did those people. Indeed, what was said Yet it was very simple. over in Vermont. Ye don't know what of my Uncle Peabody was nothing I hoed the garden and cleaned happened there."

The doctor arrived. The crowd tional firewood. I cannot think that some painting in the house. made way for him. He knelt beside any one really believed it. the still figure and made the tests. He | We had a cheerful day. A barrel of evening on the Watertown stage.

rose and shook his head, saying: go down and bring the undertaker."

yet to hear of any mourners. squares of paper into the grave. I sup- age failed.

(END OF BOOK TWO.) **BOOK THREE**

CHAPTER XIV.

Uncle Peabody's Way and Mine. It is a bad thing to be under a heavy markably handsome young man he courtroom. Benjamin Grimshaw rose obligation to one's self of which, thank was, about twenty-two years of age and calmly whispered to his lawyer. God, I am now acquitted. I have and dressed in the height of fashion. He had not spoken to his son or known men who were their own worst figure, his gray eyes, his small dark had begun, nor did he now. Many had went swiftly to satisfy the demands BURLINGTON mustache and his admirable manners, shed tears that day, but not he. Mr. of vanity or pride or appetite. I have Both were appalled at the look of Grimshaw never showed but one emo- seen them literally put out of house tion—that of anger. He was angry and home, thrown neck and crop into "Why, girl, what has happened to now. His face was hard and stern. He the street, as it were, by one or the muttered as he walked out of the other of these heartless creditors-Then I saw what a playful soul was courtroom, his cane briskly beating the each a grasping usurer with unjust

I remember that Rodney Barnes called for my chest and me that fine morning in early June when I was to go back to the hills, my year's work in school being ended. I elected to walk. and the schoolmaster went with me five miles or more across the flats to the slope of the high country.

"Soon the senator will be coming," he remarked. "I have a long letter from him and he asks about you and your aunt and uncle. I think that he's 'I wish you would let me know when

"I am sure he will let you know, and, by the way, I have heard from

lay still on the hard, stone pavement. boy Barton Baynes. Good words about It seemed as if snow were falling on him have been flying around like to show 'em the papers—ayes," said his face—it grew so white. The Silent pigeons. When school is out I would Aunt Deel. Woman stood as still as he, pointing like to hear from you, what is the recchanged. People came running toward in him? What kind of work is best 'round the town tryin' to prove ain't a thief." said Uncle Peabody head of the stranger in Rattleroad. is my business and yours. Thanking If they want to use bean hag let 'em as long as "God's humble servant,

when I ain't lookin'. I wouldn't wer. "KATE FULLERTON." der if they got sore hands by an' by." "Why, this is the writing of the Si-I never heard him speak of it again. lent Woman," I said before I had read Indeed, although I knew the topic was often in our thoughts it was never mentioned in our home but once after

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"Rovin' Kate?" "Roving Kate; I never knew her oth- that, to my knowledge. long ago."

We sat for a long time thinking as the night came on. "But look-this is a neatly written, Two or three men had run to the well-worded letter an' the sheet is as the senator, announcing the day of house of the nearest doctor. The crowd white and clean as the new snow. Un- Mrs. Wright's arrival in Canton and She was a pleasant-faced, amiable "I wonder why Kate is asking about woman and a most enterprising house

"Never mind the reason. She is your would. He tried not to see her, but I Think how she came to yer help in the friend and let us thank God for it. old barn an' say a thousand prayers,

Having come to the first flight of

the uplands, he left me with many a kind word-how much they mean to a boy who is choosing his way with a growing sense of loneliness! I reached the warm welcome of our little home just in time for dinner.

They were expecting me and it was a regular company dinner-chicken pie and strawberry shortcake. How well I remember that hour with the doors open and the sun shining brightly on the blossoming fields and the joy of man and bird and beast in . the return of summer and the talk

about the late visit of Alma Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln! While we were eating I told them about the letter of old Kate. "Fullerton!" Aunt Deel exclaimed.

'Are ye sure that was the name, Bart?" "Goodness gracious sakes alive!" She and Uncle Peabody gave each other looks of surprised inquiry. "Do you know anybody by that

name?" I asked. "We used to," said Aunt Deel as she resumed her eating. "Can't be she's I Remember My First Task Was Mandme o' the Sam Fullertons, can ftT "Oh, prob'ly not," said Uncle Peabody: "Back East they's more Fuller cleaner. I remember that my first tons than ye could shake a stick at."

A week later we had our raising. Uncle Peabody did not want a public if he were to get home and find raising, but Aunt Deel had had her wheelbarrow broken said she. "It is way. We had hewed and mortised and almost an inseparable companion bored the timbers for our new home. his." "Go 'Way From Me. Take Her Away." The neighbors came with pikes and The schoolmaster and his family helped to raise and stay and cover were fishing and camping upon the ness went into the beams and rafters house with Mrs. Wright and her me

more or less than a kind of conversa- paths and mowed the dooryard and dihard cider had been set up in the door greeted me with a fatherly was "It's all over. Let one o' these boys yard, and I remember that some drank Again I felt that strong appeal to it too freely. The he-o-hee of the men eye in his broadcloth and fine Benjamin Grimshaw, the richest man as they lifted on the pikes and the and beaver hat and in the in the township, was dead, and I have sound of the hammer and beetle rang dignity and courtesy of his mann. in the air from morning until night. "I've had good reports of you. I. Three days later I saw his body low- Mrs. Rodney Barnes and Mrs. Dorothy and I'm very glad to see you," he and ered into its grave. The little, broken- came to help Aunt Deel with the cook- "I believe your own marks have spirited wife stood there with the ing and a great dinner was served on same sad smile on her face that I had an improvised table in the dooryard, tured

of Amos fitted, and the broken gun master, who stood beside me. Doubt- a summer day and we had watched the said. stock convinced the jury of his guilt. less the pieces of paper numbered her dusk fill the valley and come creeping. The people of the little village had up the slant, sinking the bowlders and learned that he preferred to be formed almost beyond recognition, her venerable Judge Cady as he pro- "The scarlet sins of his youth are thorn tops in its flood, one by one. As alone when he had just returned over nose having swollen to one of great rounced the sentence of death upon lying down with him in the dust," we sat looking out of the open door the long, wearisome way from Amos Grimshaw. A ray of sunlight Hacket whispered as we walked away that evening I told them what Sally scene of his labors. So we had the had told me of the evil report which evening to ourselves.

had traveled through the two towns. | Mrs. Wright, being weary after "Damn, little souled, narrer con- day's work, went to bed early and tracted-" Uncle Peabody, speaking in his request, I sat with the senato a low, sad tone, but with deep feeling, the fire for an hour or so. I have cut off this highly promising opinion ways thought it a lucky circumstant before it was half expressed, and rose for he asked me to tell of my and went to the water pail and drank, and gave me advice and "As long as we're honest we don't ment which have had a marked effect care what they say," he remarked as upon my career. he returned to his chair.

ing the Wheelbarrow.

"I don't know what Silas would do

The senator returned to Canton th

"Poorer than I could wish. The

laughed. "What have you been stilly-

"Latin (I always mentioned !!

He asked about my aunt and un

Latin first), algebra, arithmetic, grati-

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