

THE GODS BELL US ALL GOOD THINGS FOR HARD WORK. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR HARD WORK. THOMAS A. EDISON.

IT'S BEEN A HARD LIFE, EDWARD--BUT IT'S BEEN A GOOD LIFE--REAL GOOD!
THE HARD PART'S ALL OVER NOW, ELLA! FROM NOW ON, IT'S JUST FISHING AND HUNTING--

AND TRAVEL! I LOVE TRAVELIN' AROUND AND SEEN' PLACES AND PEOPLE, MOSTLY PEOPLE!
YEP--I GUESS IT WAS AWFUL LONELY ON TH' FARM-- ESPECIALLY FOR YOU, ELLA--

Y'SEE, ANNIE, I WAS JUST A HIRED MAN, WHEN I MET ELLA AT A CHURCH SOCIAL--MADE UP M' MIND RIGHT THEN TO AMOUNT TO SOMETHIN'--
BUT YOU WAS HANDSOME THEN, TOO, EDWARD--

AW, SHUCKS! I AIN'T REALLY HANDSOME-- NEVER WAS-- BUT I WAS NEVER SCARED O' HARD WORK! NEITHER WAS ELLA!
FIRST WE RENTED-- THEN WE BOUGHT A PIECE O' LAND ON TIME--

THERE WAS YEARS WE DIDN'T MAKE TAXES-- BUT SOMEHOW WE KEPT GOIN'-- AND THERE WAS GOOD YEARS--
I GUESS, WHEN TWO FOLKS REALLY CARE FOR EACH OTHER, ALL TH' YEARS TOGETHER ARE GOOD--

AND NOW WE GOT TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, SAFE IN TH' BANK! MIGHTY FEW FOLKS OUR AGE GOT THAT MUCH!
AND WE GOT ENOUGH BESIDES TO KEEP US TILL WE GET OUR CAPITAL INVESTED!

SA-A-AY! SANDY'S LOOKIN' LOTS BETTER-- HE'LL SOON BE UP AND AROUND, SPRY AS A RIB!
TH' VET SAYS ABOUT A WEEK MORE, AND HE CAN TRY WALKIN' JUST A LITTLE--

SOON AS HE CAN TRAVEL, WE'LL BE MOVIN' ALONG-- YOU FOLKS ARE AWFUL NICE, BUT WE HATE TO IMPOSE--
ANNIE! I THOUGHT IT WAS SETTLED! YOU'RE JUST LIKE ONE O' OUR FOLKS!
SO'S SANDY!

THIS LITTLE HOUSE ISN'T VERY ROOMY, I KNOW-- BUT IT'S REAL HANDY AND GOT PLENTY ROOM FOR US FOUR--
ELLA'S RIGHT! YOU AND SANDY-- YOUR OUR'N!
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WELL, I DECLARE! THAT FELLER IS STILL IN TH' NEXT CABIN-- BEEN THERE THREE DAYS NOW--
NAME'S KNILS, I HEAR-- K. KEMPTON KNILS-- SEEMS LIKE A REAL PLEASANT CHAP--

WELL, GUESS TOMORROW I'LL GO HAVE A TALK AT TH' BANK-- MIGHT AS WELL GET OUR CAPITAL INVESTED AND WORKIN' FOR US, EH?
WE SURE DID WORK MIGHTY HARD FOR IT!
HAROLD GRAY

Maw Green
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH SUZIE? THE WAY SHE STAMMERS AND GIGGLES--
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IS SHE SICK? THE FLUSH ON HER FACE-- HAS SHE GOT A FEVER?
FEVER?

YEAH-- BUT NOTHING SHE WOYNT REKIVER FROM-- IT'S ONLY A TOUCH O' HE-FEVER!
HAROLD GRAY