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BY ALICE BROWN.

"It don't seem as if we'd really got round to it, does it, father?" asked

The west was paling, and the August insects stirred the air with their erooning chirp. Eli and his wife sat together on the washing bench outside the back door, waiting for the milk to cool before it should be strained. She was a large, comfortable woman, with an unlined face, and smooth, fine auburn hair; he was spare and somewhat bent, with curly iron-gray locks, growing thin, and crow's feet about his deepset gray eyes. He had been smoking the pipe of twilight contentment, but now he took it out and laid it on the bench beside him.

"No; it don't seem as if 'twas goin' to happen," he owned. "It looked pretty dark to me all last week. It's a good deal of an undertakin', come to think it all over. A dunno's I care

about goin'." "Why, father! After you've thought about it so many years, an' Sereno's got the tents strapped up, an' all! You

nust be crazy! "Well," said the farmer, gently, as ne arose and went to carry the milk pails into the pantry, calling coaxing-ly, as he did so: "Kitty! kitty! You and your milk. Don't you joggle, now!" Mrs. Pike came ponderously to her feet, and followed, with a heavy, swaying motion of one grown fleshy and heumatic. She was not in the least oncerned about Eli's change of mood. le was a gentle soul, and she had always been able to guide him in paths of her own choosing. Moreover, the present undertaking was one involvog his own good fortune, and she neant to tolerate no foolish scruples which might interfere with its result. for Eli, though he had lived all his ife within easy driving distance of the cean, had never seen it, and ever since his boyhood he had cherished one arling plan-some day he would go

o the shore and camp out there for a reek. This, in his starved imaginaion was like a dream of the Acropolis o an artist stricken blind, or as mounain outlines to the dweller in a loneplain. But the years had flitted ist, and the dream never seemed anting, having and harvesting to be asidered; and though he was fairly rosperous excursions were foreign to is simple habit of life. But at last

valor of a Francis Drake "Now, don't say one word, father," she had said. "We're goin' down to the beach, Sereno, a. 'Hattie, an' you an' me, un' we're goin' to camp out." eve of the great event, he shrank back

when they all rose and took their early eakfast, preparatory to starting at ve, he showed no sign of indecision, and even went about his outdoor tasks with an alacrity calculated, as his wife approvingly remarked, to "for'ard the v'y'ge." He had at last begun to see his way clear, and he looked well satisfied when his daughter Hattie and by.

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FARMER ELI'S VACATION. Sereno, her husband, drove into the yard in a wagon cheerfully suggestive of a wandering life. The tents and a small hair trunk were stored in the back, and the horse's pail swung be-

At length the two teams were ready, and Eli mounted to his place, where he looked very slender beside his towering mate. The hired man stood leaning on the pump, chewing a bit of straw, and the cats rubbed against his legs, with tails like banners.

"Well, good-by, Luke," Mrs. Pike called over her shoulder; and Eli gave the man a solemn nod, gathered up the it more'n we do." reins and drove out of the yard. Just outside of the gate he pulled up.

time they were gone. For the first ten miles of the way,

ted, in his intermittent, serious fash-

August sun; tansy was dust-covered, pense, with the faint hope that the and ferns had grown ragged and gray. The jogging horses left behind their lazy feet a suffocating cloud.

"My land!" cried Mrs. Pike, "if that ain't golden-rod! I do b'lieve it comes earlier every year, or else the seasons are changin'. See them elderberries! forward to meet him. Ain't they purple! You jest remember that bush, an' when we go back, we'li fill some pails. I dunno when I've made elderberry wine."

Like her husband, she was vaguely excited; she began to feel as if life would be all holidays. At noon they stopped under the shadow of an elmtree which, from its foothold in a field, completely arched the road; and there they are a lunch of pie and doughnuts, while the horses, freed from their neadstalls, placidly munched a generous feed of oats, near by. At the lunch Eli ate sparingly, and

with a preccupied and solemn look. "Land, father!" exclaimed his wife 'you ain't eat no more'n a bird!" "I guess I'll go over to that well,"

said he, "an' git a drink o' water. I drink more'n I eat, if I ain't workin'." But when he came back, carefully arer completion. There was always bearing a tin pail brimming with cool, clear water, his face expressed disapprobation and he smacked his lips "Terrible flat water!" he announced.

fault with it, and Sereno drained the

When they were within three miles f the sea it seemed to them that they For days before the date of the ex- ing breeze. The road was ankle deep cursion Eli had been sole.nn and trem- in dust; the garden flowers were glar- ing himself down from his load of fod- If you try to resist people will see it ulous, as with joy; but now, on the ing in their brightness. It was a new world. And when at last they emerged from it, with an undefined notion that from the marsh-bordered road upon a it was like death, and that he was not ridge of sand and turned a corner you didn't forgit them cats."-Meadow prepared. Next morning, however, Mrs. Pike faced her husband in triumph. "There, father!" she cried. "There

But Eli's eyes were fixed on the dashboard in front of him. He looked pale. "Why, father," said she, impatiently, "ain't you goin' to look? It's the

"Yes, yes," said Eli, quietly; "byme-

"Well, I never!" said Mrs. Pike, and as they drew up on the sandy tract he owned a greater part of the island where Sereno had previously arranged a place for their tents she added, al- with reverses and lost all his property. Instantly Relieved most fretfully, turning to Hattie: "I He died in a wretched hovel, sur dunno what's come over your father. | rounded by every evidence of poverty. There's the water, and he won't even cast his eyes at it."

But Hattie understood her father, by ome intuition of love, though not of

likeness. "Don't you bother him, ma," she said. "He'll make up his mind to it pretty soon. Here, le's lift out these little things while they're unharness-Three to Six Weeks, in', and then they can get at the

tents. Mrs. Pike's mind was diverted by the exigencies of labor, and she said no more; but after the horses had been put up at a neighboring house, and Sereno, red-faced with exertion, had superintended the tent-raising, Hattle lation of the island is made up of crimslipped her arm through her father's inal classes of the lowest kind. The and led him away. "Come, pa," she | island is under the control of the city. said, in a whisper, "le's you and me

climb over on them rocks." Eli went; and when they had picked their way over sand and pools to a hea dland where the water thundered below, and salt spray dashed up in mist to their feet, he turned and looked at the sea. He faced it as a soul might face Aimighty Greatness, only to be stricken blind thereafter; for his eyes filled painfully with slow, hot tears. Hattie did not look at him, but after awhile she shouted in his ear, above the outery of the surf:

"Here, pa, take my handkerchief. don't know how it is about you, but this spray gets in my eyes." Eli took it obediently, but he did not

speak; he only looked at the sea. The two ant there, chilles, and quite content. until sig o'clock, when Mrs. Pike came calling to them from the beach, with dramatic shouts, emphasized by the waving of her ample apron-"Supper's ready! Sereno's built a

burn-fire, an' I've made some tea!" Then they slowly made their way back to the tents, and fat down to the evening meal. Serenoscemed content. and Mrs. Pike was buetling and triumphant

Well, father, what think?" she asked, smiling exuberantly, as she passed him his mug of texcome up to what you expected?" Eli turned upon her his mild, dazed

'I great it dees," he said, gently That night they at syon the shore while the ment our and ledd in the Eli was the last to leave the rocks, and he lay down on his hard couch in

the test without speaking. "I wouldn't say much to father.

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"Well, I s'pose he is some tired." said Mrs. Pike, acquiescing, after a "Whoa!" he called, and Luke brief look of surprise. "It's a good lounged forward. "Don't you forgit deal of a jaunt, but I dunno but I feel them cats! Git up, Doll!" And this paid a'ready. Should you take out your hairpins, Hattie?"

She slept soundly and vocally, but familiar in being the road to market, her husband did not close his eyes. He Eli was placidly cheerful. The sense looked, though he could see nothing, that he was going to do some strange through the opening in the tent, in the deed, to step into an unknown country, direction where lay the sea, solemnly dropped away from him, and he chat- clamorous, eternally responsive to once made against Ring by an officer some infinite whisper from without ion, of the crops and the lay of the his world. The tension of the hour was almost more than he could bear; The roadside was parched under an he longed for morning, in sharp suslight might bring relief. Just as the stare faded, and one luminous line pen ciled the east, he rose, smoothed his hair, and stepped softly out upon the beach. Here he saw two shadowy figures, Sereno and Hattie. She hurried

> "You goin' to see the sun rise, too, father?" she asked. "I made Sereno come. He's awful mad at bein' waked up." Eli grasped her arm.

> "Hattie," he said, in a whisper, "don't you tell. I just come out to see how 'twas here before I go. I'm goin' home-I'm goin now!" "Why, father!" said Hattie; but she

> peered more closely into his face and her tone changed. "All right," she added. "Sereno 'll go and harness up." "No; I'm goin' to walk."

> "Pat father."
> "I don't mean to break up your stayin' here, nor your mother's. Tell her how 'twas. I'm goin' to walk." Hattie turned and took her father's

somethin' for your breakfast and luncheon," she said.

appeared he had turned his back on the going away. She wore a shirt waist sea, where the rose of dawn was fast and a dark skirt, as if starting out on unfolding. As he jogged homeward a shopping expedition. Just before the dusty roadsides bloomed with they reached Sixth street he leaned his wife had stepped into the van and "Tastes as if it had come out o' the flowers of paradise and the insects' over her and said, quietly, so quietly organized an expedition with all the cistern." But the others could find no dry chirp thrilled like the song of that only the Post reporter back of angels. He walked into the yard just | them could hear: "I am going to kiss at the turning of the day, when the you good-by when I leave the car." fragrant smoke of many a crackling fire curls cheerily upward, in promise

of the evening meal. "What's busted?" asked Luke, swing-

der corn. "Oh, nothin'," said Ell. "I guess I'm too old for such jaunts. I hope

MAYOR OF RING'S ISLAND. of an Odd Character Who Was Well Known in Missourt. Jack Ring, known for a quarter of a

century as the mayor of Ring's Island, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He ring. I'm goin' to put the horses up was the ruler of the settlement known as Ring's Island, and exercised control over all the inhabitants. At one time

> I'ng was one of the most daring characters ever known in the west. He was an expert swimmer, and in the last ten years has saved hundreds of people from drowning in the river. Scores of people who have jumped from the bridge with suicidal intent have been dragged out of the water by Ring. whose home was in sight of the bridge. In his boat he curried a book, which he fastened in the clothes of would-be suieides, while he towed them to the shore. This method was employed when he recovered dead bodies from the river, and few of them floated by the island unseen by Ring. The popuand is patrolled by the police, but there have been times when it was danger-

upon it except in large numbers. Ring was not a criminal, but he associated with them, and could control them far better than the police. One of Ring's most daring feats was to climb to the top of the highest church steeple in the city and hang head downward for an hour. He frequently swam the river when the stream was so high that no other swimmer would venture into it. Last winter he went into the stream when it was full of floating ice and rescued a German collarmaker who had plunged from the bridge to die. Ring dragged the man by the hair. dodged the floating ice, and landed him

ous for officers of the law to venture

later by taking poison. Ring was of small stature and his head was far below the medium size. He had no education and was not a fluent talker, but it has been admitted for years that he possessed a strange influence over the criminals and desperate characters with whom he came in contact. Ring had never heard of hypnotism, and had no name for the peculiar power he possessed. A false charge of larceny was who was probably envious of the little man's power to control the reckless toughs on the island, and he was arraigned before a magistrate. Scores of the reckless characters from the island and other places attended the trial, and had Ring not been vindicated there would doubtless have been bloodshed in the courtroom.

Great Swimming Feat. Martin Sullivan, a white sailor on the cruiser Minneapolis, now at the Norfolk navy yard, was ironed recently for desertion. He escaped from his cell the other night and while handenffed leaped overboard and swam across the river to Berkley, half a mile away. He hid under a raft while the cruiser swept the water with her search lights. When they were turned off he nade his way to Berkley, where some regroes filed his handcuffs off. He then exchanged his uniform for citizen's clothes and engaged to work his passage to New York on a barge. When a launch from the yard passed the barge he hid in a boiler, but was sub-

sequently captured. A young man and a young woman changed from a Belt line to a Four-"I'll slip into the tent and put up teenth street car at the avenue, Washington, and sat in one of the seats in the first car. He was earrying an over-So Eli yielded; but before his wife coat and a satchel and was evidently "Oh! please don't," she said, appeal-

ingly; "not before all these people. But he was decided and said, persistently: "Yes I shall; so raise your veil. and wonderabout it, and they will look at you all the way up-town after I get

She glanced up shyly and then slowly raised her veil. He bent over her and kissed her and no one in the car looked up. A few people wondered why she was so anxious to show the diamond ring on her left hand, but nobody but the reporter appreciated the died recently at his home in the middle fact that she was trying to justify the of the river, south of St. Joseph, Mo., kissing by means of an engagement

Snakes Tathood by Sallors. The sailors of the Gulf of Mexico and the equatorial regions of the Atlantic ocean amuse themselves, and also turn an occasional honest penny, by capturing both large and small snakes of the variety known as the lemon boa and covering their bodies with tattooed letters and designs. One of these living manuscripts was recently exhibited at Egyptian hall, London. Thousands of these tattooed snakes are annually disposed of at Rio de Janeiro. The buyers renerally kill these snakes and either skin them or preserve the entire reptile in alcohol. Such specimens are highly prized by both European and North American collectors of curiosities.

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