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father got to sleep with the hogs in the tanyard. I never see such a

son. I bet I'll take some o’ these frills out o’ you before I’m done with

you. Why, there ain't no end to your airs—they say you're rich.

Hey?—how’s that?”

“They lie—thar’s how.”

“Looky here—mind how you talk to me; I'm a-standing about all I

can stand now—so don't gimme no sass. I've been in town two days,

and I hain't heard nothing but about you bein’ rich. I heard about it

away down the river, too. That’s why I come. You git me that money

tomorrow—I want it.”

“[ hain’t got no money.”

“Ie a lic. Judge Thatcher's got it. You git it.

I want it.”

“[ hain't got no money, I tell you. You ask Judge Thatcher; he'll tell

you the same.”

“All right. Pll ask him; and ['ll make him pungle, too, or I'll know

the reason why. Say, how much you got in your pocket? I want it.”

“[ hain't got only a dollar, and I wane that to—”

“Ie don't make no difference what you want it for—you just shell it

out.”

He took it and bit it to see if it was good, and then he said he was

going down town to get some whisky; said he hadn't had a drink all

day, When he had got out on the shed he put his head in again, and

cussed me for putting on frills and trying to be better than him; and

when I reckoned he was gone he come back and put his head in

again, and told me to mind about that school, because he was going

to lay for me and lick me if I didn’t drop that.

Next day he was drunk, and he went to Judge Thatcher's and bul-

lyragged him, and tried to make him give up the money; but he

couldn't, and then he swore hed make the law force him.

‘The judge and the widow went to law to get the court to take me

away from him and let one of them be my guardian; but it was a new

judge that had just come, and he didn’t know the old man; so he said

courts mustn't interfere and separate families if they could help it;

said he'd druther not take a child away from its father. So Judge

‘Thatcher and the widow had to quit on the business.

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