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At the age of twenty-one, he was married to Miss Philina Bacon, a high-minded and ambitious young woman who was a playmate of his childhood, and but one year his junior. At this juncture he wisely considered it best to do for himself, having already served his father faithfully until of age. He was now duly compensated for his fidelity by his father, who gave him two fine farms to work for himself, containing in all 700 acres of land. Upon these in two years, by industry and economy, he accumulated sufficient means to buy a large tannery in Henrysville, Lower Canada, to which place he moved, and engaged in his new enterprise. By strict attention to business, and unabated zeal and energy, he built up an extensive business among the French, not only in tanning, but in harness and boot and shoemaking, which he also carried on with his tannery. Prospects were bright for an independent fortune in the near future, when the

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