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"It was only a quarter of a dollar, Mark."

"Only a quarter of a dollar! It isn't that quarter I complain of; it is its multiplication. Four of them make a dollar. How often have I told you, Helena, that the little foxes—"

"Oh, so often that I'd like to be in at the death of them all, and hang up the last brush on the wall!"

"Very likely. That's quite in character. I fancy there'd be no wall to hang it on by that time, though. That's all," pushing back his coffee cup.

"How perfectly absurd you are, Mark! Because I buy a scarlet paper poppy with a black curled paper heart, eight inches in diameter, to hang outside a lamp-shade, and pay twenty-five cents for it, you are brought