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THE TAME TURTLE.

CHAPTER I.

OFF THE TRACK.

GEORGE MCGREGOR had been spending the afternoon in the village of Caneota, whither he had gone to do some errands for his aunt, with whom he lived. He had bought a basketful of groceries of different kinds, he had put fifty dollars in the savings bank for his aunt, and he had bought a pair of boots for himself. He was now on his way home on the cars, intending to go as far as the Springs, from which place he expected to be able to "catch a ride," either with the mail-carrier or some one else who might be over from Boonville.

As George—or Geordie, as he was usually called—went through the cars looking for a seat, a very beautiful and elegantly dressed young girl made room for him beside her by taking up her bag and parcels.

“Thank you, ma’am,” said George, like a polite little fellow, as he was; “but I am afraid I shall crowd you with my basket.”

“Not at all,” replied Miss Thurston. “You can set the basket on the floor under our feet. You know people must help one another if they are to get on comfortably together.”

“Some people think they do enough if they help themselves,” observed Geordie. “They say, if they take care of themselves, they do all that any one has any right to expect of them.”

“And what do you think about it?”

“I think it is very nice to be able to help one’s self,” said Geordie, with a little sigh, “because then one can help