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CHAPTER I

JULIET was sitting on the top step of the old ranch-house in the shadow of the walnut-tree, looking out over acres and acres of green bean-fields. About a quarter of a mile away were the ranch-barns and she could see the horses, harnessed and ready, standing near the long trough, and the men gathered around the big door, waiting for the one o'clock bell to ring that would start them off to work again. The heat was rising in waves from the green fields and the air was fairly simmering.

She gave an impatient little sigh, lifted the heavy mop of hair at the back of her neck, and murmured to herself: "My, if we have