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PREFACE

"JOE THE SURVEYOR" relates the trials and triumphs of a sturdy country lad who is compelled by the force of circumstances to go forth into the world and earn, not alone his own living, but also support for his twin sister and his invalid father.

The outlook at the start is black, but Joe is both bright and level-headed, and soon strikes up an acquaintance with a surveyor who is at work among the mountains of Pennsylvania, near Joe's home. The lad does the surveyor a good turn and for this is given a position as assistant. While at work Joe endeavors to right a wrong done to his father by a rascally partner, and this brings the youth into more than one peril. But in the end all ends happily, and Joe becomes the civil engineer he set out to be.

When this story was first published as a serial in "Good News," of which the author was then editor, it received generous praise from thousands of readers. In its revised form I sincerely trust it will prove equally entertaining to both the boys and the girls, and that none who read it will miss the moral that it teaches, namely, that honesty is not only "the best policy," but that it should be the only policy considered.

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