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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS CHAPTERS I, II, and III. George Buckle is the proprietor of a small grocery store in Gastonia, N. C. His wife is a widow with two children, a son and a daughter. The son is a student at the local college and the daughter is a young woman who has just returned from a visit to her father's home in the country.

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skin looked as dry as old parchment, but he was eating roasted peanuts, breaking the husks with steady, prong-like finger nails. He was down with one word and dropped a handful of husks into the store. "Jim," he said suddenly to Kemmer, "what did you ever do about that account Bill Hanks had a-own' you?"

with it. "Thinking about her and trying to see her look as good as she used to. I had her hair done so she'd look as independent as a horse. She was as independent as a horse when she came to see me." "Bill Hanks had a-own' you?" "I got it yet," said Kemmer, throwing a knowing smile around the room. "Well, of you'll discount it enough to make it interesting, I'll buy it. I've got 'im tied up with a piece of land o' his'n, an' I want the land."

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