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And all the while the wind was howling and shrieking around the barn, and we had to brace the sleigh against a clothes-post to keep it from skimming away!

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left, we could hear father's ax ringing. Suddenly it stopped, and then, in a few minutes,, his rifle cracked! Father never went into the woods without his rifle in those days. Wild beasts were plenty, and this had been a hard, starving winter.

"Hello!" I exclaimed. "Father's shot at something! We are going to pass pretty near where he is. Wonder what he'll think when he sees us coming?"

"Gracious!" cried Harold, who was peering around the sail. "If there isn't father now,, running out on the ice—and, oh, my! there's something after him! Looks like five or six big dogs. There! he sees us! He's hollering to us and waving his hand! Now he's stopped, and trying to scare off the dogs with his ax.

"Dogs!" I exclaimed, excitedly. "Those aren't dogs—they are wolves, and father is hollering for us to come and help him! Gracious! how we do fly—we are almost there! If we could only stop and take father on board, I believe we could run away from the wolves in no time."

"We *can* stop!" shouted Harold,

"or enough for father to catch on anyway. Let go your sheet—let it clean out into the wind!"

I did so, and the sail flapped and fluttered like a big ribbon in front of the sleigh. Our speed immediately began to decrease, and by the time we reached father we were going no faster than a man could run.

"Catch on, father!" cried Harold and I in chorus. The wolves, startled by our sudden and strange appearance, had sneaked away a few yards, and stood looking at us, with dripping jowls and ears pricked forward. Father made a rush for the old sleigh, caught the dashboard, and swung himself in, just as the wolves began to trot forward in pursuit again. Harold caught the flapping sail and drew it in. I grasped the sheet-line, and passing it through the hand rail again, drew the belling canvas taut against the wind. In an instant we were whizzing onward once more at a whirlwind pace, with the wolves in hot pursuit.

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