

a bunch of Calgary sharps.

Their fun is of short duration, for their uncle soon finds them out, and tells them ~~they are~~ there is going to be no lingering in Calgary, but they are to start off for North Dayton at once. He hurries them along to the station, and puts them aboard a train, giving them an envelope, in which he tells them is their tickets and a present. The two can hardly wait to open the envelope, which they feel sure contains cash. The children are fidgetting around, and ~~Dick in his indignation~~ Birdie slaps Patrice. Dick, irritable and nervous, is furious with Birdie for hitting the child, and his unexpected intervention in Patrice's behalf, causes the child to crawl upon his knee, and put her little face against his. The feeling of the child in his arms unexpectedly awakens something new in Dick Dayton, but he is ashamed to reveal his feelings to Birdie, who pretends to sneer at him, but in reality has snuggled up a bit nearer to little Maurice on the other side of her. The envelope in fact contains no money, but a deed to a 340 acre ranch situated at North Dayton. It is in fact a corner of the great Bar Bar B grain ranch, and, as explained in a curt note from John Dayton, has a house and buildings, is fully equipped, and besides implements and machinery, there are 10 cows, 10 pigs, 10 horses, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, everything in fact necessary to a mixed farm. Moreover it is stocked with food. This is the start in life he had promised them. It is up to themselves now to make good.

As land owners, the young Dayton's begin to feel excited and important, and for the first time in his life