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The Fruit of the Tree

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In the surgical ward of the Hope Hospital at Hanaford, a nurse was bending over a young man whose bandaged right hand and arm lay stretched along the bed. His head stirred uneasily, and slipping her arm behind him she effected a professional readjustment of the pillows. Is that better? As she leaned over, he lifted his anxious bewildered eyes, deep-sunk under ridges of suffering. I don t s pose there s any kind of a show for me, is there? he asked, pointing with his free hand-the stained seamed hand of the mechanic-to the inert bundle on the quilt. Her only immediate answer was to wipe the dampness from his forehead; then she said: We ll talk about that to-morrow. Why not now? Because Dr. Disbrow can t tell till the inflammation goes down. Will it go down by to-morrow? It will begin to, if you don t excite yourself and keep up the fever. Excite myself? I-there s four of em at home-- Well, then there are four reasons for keeping quiet, she rejoined.



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