

By Daylight

The next morning, when Tom woke, he could not think why he felt so happy, until he remembered the garden. The appearances in the hall seemed less likely than ever; but the impression on his mind of what he had seen through the garden door remained unchanged. Yet now he began to think that visiting that garden would be less easy than he had reckoned last night. His aunt and uncle would certainly do all they could to stop him; they did not want him to use the garden, else why had they kept him in the dark about its very existence?

That made Tom remember his anger against them, and he determined to shame them. He would have to play a very careful game: by innocent-seeming references he must hit home, without ever letting them suspect that he knew of the garden and intended to go there.