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I asked why the doors made a noise in the night; she told me that the child's lamp had gone out, and she had lit it again at our neighbor's.

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