THE PRODIGAL JUDGE

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SYNOPSIS.

The scene at the opening of the story is laid in the library of an old mansion in Kentucky, the property of Judge Priest, a relative of the owners, the Carringtons, in the absence of Colonel Jonathan Carrington, a business man of Louisville, and his family, and Bob Burney, a former slave. Marshall Wade, Harold, a mysterious child of the woods, and Jeff Poindexter, a negro boy, are present. Terry Ashby has adopted the boy and Daniel Farris buys the factory, but the latter's ownership is disputed by Terry. Marshall, a friend of the Carringtons, appears at Bowles Mills and Harold is arrested by Dave Hocutt, the sheriff, charged with the murder of Farris. Terry and Jeff are also arrested. Harold is arraigned before Judge Priest. Colonel Carrington and family arrive at the home of the boy. Terry appears before Judge Priest, and is released on bail furnished by the plaintiff, Bette Mercer, a friend of Harold. Bette tells Judge Priest that Harold is the boy who disappeared with her and is rescued by Dave Carrington, Jr., and Terry Ashby. Judge Priest appears for the negro prisoners. Terry and Marshall canvass with Morrell an arrangement by which Terry is to marry Bette. Terry tells how he adopted the boy. Daniel Farris buys the factory, but the