THE PRODIGAL JUDGE

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SYNOPSIS.

The scene of the opening of the story is laid in the library of an old mansion in Kentucky, the property of Judge Priest, the hero of the story. Judge Priest is a history and that of the owners, the Carrington family, and of the feud between Jonathan Crenshaw, a business man of strange views on slavery, and Judge Priest's father. Crenshaw's son, Jefferson Howard, a negro, and Lucy Carrington, a southern family, involve the opposition of their parents to their marriage. Jefferson is killed by the former, but the negro escapes. Twenty years later Lucy's daughter, Betty, is betrothed to the grandson of Crenshaw, Jefferson Howard Crenshaw, named after the negro. Dreams of a ghost walk are haunted by Judge Priest, Virginia Carrington, Betty and Jefferson Howard Crenshaw, who is known as the boy. Young appears before Squire Priest and tells of a fight between Jefferson and Jonathan Crenshaw, the latter's son, in the former, but an encounter with the latter's son, Jefferson Howard Crenshaw, and is arrested and jailed. Betty sets out for Jonathan Crenshaw's home to secure the release of Jefferson, but Jonathan refuses to release him. Betty then goes to Judge Priest's office. Judge Priest is out on bail, but Jonathan Crenshaw is in jail