THE PRODIGAL JUDGE

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SYNOPSIS.

The scene at the opening of the story is laid in the village of Hillcrest, Kentucky, a place to be sold, and the Judge Lemuel Pitts, who presides over the county court, is discovered by Constable Crenshaw, a business man, in the act of trying to settle a dispute between Tarvin, a farmer, whom Hamilton Pitts, the Judge's stepbrother, owes money, and Tarvin's daughter, who has been adopted as a daughter by Captain Tarvin's father, the Judge's brother. Hamilton Pitts, who is a lawyer, has been appointed administrator of Captain Tarvin's estate by the Judge. Tarvin, who is apparently dead, throws a brick through the window of the room in which the Judge is sitting, and Hamilton Pitts declares that Tarvin is not dead, but is only shamming