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Through a lattice of boughs and leaves
On the old gray mill, with its gambrel roof
And the moss on its rotting eaves.
I hear the clatter that jars its walls,
And the rushing water's murmur below,
And I see the black froth rise and fall
As the wheel goes slowly round.

I rode there often when I was young,
With my grist on the horse before,
And talked with Nelly, the miller's girl,
As I walked my turn at the door,
And while she tossed her rickets brown,
And flirted and chatted so free,
The wheel might stop or the wheel might go—
It was all the same to me.

'Tis twenty years since last I stood
On the spot where I stand to-day,
And Nelly is west and the miller is dead,
And the mill and I are gray.
But both, till we fall into ruin and wreck,
To our fortunes of toll are bound,
And the man goes and the stream flows on,
And the wheel moves slowly round.

RUBY'S VISIT.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES.

"Let her come to the farm," said old Mr. Ennis. "She'll enjoy the blue-bells and the peach orchards, and the white clover blossoming along the roadside. It will be a great deal cheaper than Newport and more sensible than Cape May."

"Oh, papa, do let me go!" said Ruby, clasping her pink fingers ecstatically together. "Mamma, say yes."

A year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Aden Archer would have considered this sort of thing as nothing more nor less than banishment. The Misses Archer had never been anywhere else than at Saratoga, Long Branch and Atlantic City. But times were altered now. The "financial pressure," whatever that might be, had acted very unpleasantly on the atmosphere of the Archer household. Euphelia, the eldest daughter, had just discovered that Mr. Fontenay Favier, to whom she had engaged herself, was not next heir to an English baronetcy, at all, but a defaulting clerk from Thread-needle Street, with half a dozen detectives after him; and Allecia, the second blossom of the family-tree, had been unceremoniously deserted by Mr. Dallas, of the Polo Club.

"If a girl—aw—hasn't got money, you know—aw," said Mr. Dallas, "there's no use—aw—in keeping up the thing. We ain't like wavers nowadays, to be foiled by—aw—the prophets. We must—aw—have cash."

"But, mamma," pleaded Ruby, "you said I was to come out this winter."

"Child, don't be absurd," said Mrs. Archer. "I said you should be introduced into society, if Euphy and Allece were married, but they're not; and I can't go into ball-rooms at the head of a regiment of daughters. What would people say?"

"It ain't my fault that they're not married," pouted Ruby; "and I am so tired of the nursery. Mamma, can't I go to Atlantic City with you?"

"Certainly not," said Mrs. Archer. "And mind, Rubina, if any one asks you how old you are, you must say sixteen."

"Why," cried Ruby, with open brown eyes of astonishment. "But I was seventeen last birthday!"

"There's no sense in your growing up so fast!" pronounced Mrs. Archer, irritably.

"How can I help it?" said Ruby, almost ready to cry. "I can't put a stone on my head, can I?"

"There are the girls to consider," said Mrs. Archer, sorrowfully.

"How are they to be bettered by my telling lies about my age?" retorted Ruby.

And then her mother told her to hold her tongue and not speak again until she was spoken to.

So that old Uncle Ennis' offer was truly welcome when it came, and merry little Ruby was like a lamb led home upon the hills that sloped down to the blue tides of the majestic Connecticut river.

She tore her dimpled brown fingers with blackberry-briars; she rifled birds' nests for additions to her collection of eggs; she romped like a child, whilst called a boy, until all of a sudden she was recalled to the facts of real life.

She had come in from the blackberry-fields all sunbrowned and happy, her cherry lips stained with the purple dye of the fruit, to find Uncle Ennis poring intently over a couple of letters.

"Well, little one," said he, "what do you think? Here are two surprises for you!"

"Two, uncle?" she cried.

"One to a picnic-party at the Great Gorge."

"Oh, can I go?" exclaimed Ruby, jumping up from her bowl of bread and milk. "Jerome Franklin told me that—"

"Hold on, lassie—hold on!" said Uncle Ennis. "The other is a proposal of marriage. Mr. Duharry wants my sanction, and all that sort of thing."

"Mr. Duharry, indeed!" said Ruby, turning very red. "A stuffy old professor who don't know anything except about the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum!"

"You don't like him, pet?"

"No, indeed, I don't."

"Then," said Uncle Ennis, indulgently, "there is an end of the whole thing. Only when my little girl begins to receive offers of marriage, it gives me a queer sort of feeling."

Ruby ate her bowl of bread and milk silently.

"I wish they wouldn't!" said she.

"Some day you'll wish they would," said the old gentleman.

And he laughed so heartily at his joke that Ruby could not help but laugh also.

"But one thing you must mind, my little lass," he added more gravely—"let that Jerome Franklin alone."

"Why, Uncle Ennis?" said Ruby, earnestly.

"He's a wild fellow," said Mr. Ennis. "These Franklins never any of them came to good yet."

"But perhaps he will," said Ruby.

"I wouldn't try the experiment if I was you," said Uncle Ennis.

And just then Ruby looked up and saw Harry Safford standing in the doorway.

"I wonder," she thought, "if he has heard all we have been saying. I don't like Harry Safford one bit. He is so precise and dignified, and Polly Twitter says he thinks I am a romp. What business has he to think about the matter one way or another?"

So Ruby rose and went out of the room with the steepest step that she could command; and although Harry waited till nine o'clock, she never came back.

"I wanted to ask her to go with me to the picnic at the Great Gorge," said Harry to Mr. Ennis. "Do you think she will accompany me?"

"Well, I don't know," said Uncle Ennis, looking intently into the bowl of his pipe. "I rather guess, by what she said, that she calculates to go with Jerome Franklin."

"Safford's dark face flushed.

"Is he a fit associate for her?" he inquired.

"No, I don't think he is. But girls are queer!" just reflectively added Uncle Ennis. "I would tell 'em you went 'em to one way, and see how straight they'll start in the other!"

Harry Safford went away with a heavy heart. One smile would have made him happy and she had not even vouchsafed him that.

But the next morning there came news that Jerome Franklin had disappeared most unexpectedly, and so had a considerable sum out of the safes of Fordyce & Fordyce, in whose legal chambers he officiated in the capacity of clerk.

And the first thought that flashed into Harry Safford's mind was:

"Now I can argue Ruby Archer to go to the Great Gorge picnic with me!"

And yet Harry Safford was not more selfish than most men.

Just within the cool shadows of the Ennis woods he found Ruby herself, her hat hanging down her back, her tresses all disheveled, her blue eyes drenched in tears.

"Why, Ruby?" he cried. "What is the matter?"

"I've lost him!" sobbed Ruby, clasping her hands despairingly. "He has gone!"

A sudden chill seemed to gripe poor Harry's heart. Had she then loved his rival so well? Were they actually engaged?

"And it's all my own fault, too!" continued Ruby, with a fresh burst of tears. "Uncle warned me how it would be. He warned me against having anything to do with him. But I would have my own way. And now I am rightly punished. He's gone. Jerry has run away!"

"But I can't help it!" wailed Ruby. "Did you then love him so well?" bitterly demanded the young man.

"Didn't care a snap about him!" cried Ruby. "But uncle told me to let him alone, and I disobeyed. And now he has run away, and what will uncle say? Oh, I do wish the dog-catchers had captured him before I ever unfazed his chain!"

"Ruby," said her amazed lover, "what on earth are you talking about?"

"Why, about Jerry, the red Irish serf, to be sure!" said Ruby. "What should I be talking about?"

"Is that all?" said Safford, with a great sigh of relief. "Then you may set your heart at rest. Jerry is safe enough. I passed little Tommy Eaton on the mountain-road, a few minutes ago, bringing him home with a chain and a rope. It is of the other 'Jerry' I am speaking—Jerome Franklin. He has run away, also, with a lot of money out of Mr. Fordyce's safe."

"Has he?" said Ruby, apparently very little interested in this secondary piece of information. "Well, I am not at all surprised. I always wondered where he got the money to pay for so much jewelry. I'm sorry for his poor mother, though. Are you quite sure that Jerry is safe, Mr. Safford?"

"Yes, quite," said Mr. Safford. "And now, Ruby, that you cannot go to the Great Gorge picnic with Mr. Franklin—"

"But I wasn't going with him," said Ruby. "He asked me, and I said no."

"With whom, then, are you going?"

"With nobody at all," said Ruby, with a charming pout. "Nobody has asked me."

And she looked at Harry from under her thickly curling lashes with such a laughing, mischievous glance, that he promptly followed 'up his advantage.

"Will you go with me, Ruby?" said he.

And Ruby made him a low courtesy and answered, demurely:

"Yes, please, sir. Now let us go and find Jerry!"

Uncle Ennis was dozing over the weekly paper—he had read it twice through already, but he seemed always to regard himself as devoted to literature when he fell asleep over the weekly paper—when Harry came to him with Harry Safford, leading the red Irish serf by its chain.

"Oh, uncle, I'm so sorry!" said she, pitifully.

"I am so glad, Mr. Ennis," said Harry.

"But I let Jerry out for a run, and he got away from me, and little Tommy Eaton brought him back; and please, uncle, I'll never disobey you again. But, uncle, that isn't all!" she added, adding excitedly.

"Eh?" said the old gentleman.

"What next?"

"I've promised to marry Harry Safford."

"Hello!" said Mr. Ennis. "But I thought you disliked Harry Safford?"

"Oh, no!" cried Ruby, with earnestness. "Only I was afraid he disliked me. He called me a romp!"

"So you did," confessed Harry Safford.

"But you are the dearest little romp in the world, and I love you better than any one else in existence!"

So Ruby was married to Judge Safford's son, and the older Miss Archer and her sister were forced to confess that "our little sister" had led off the marriage minstrel with distinguished success.

"But only to think," said Ruby, "of his being jealous of Jerome Franklin! How silly men are, to be sure!"

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