Mill, Mine and Master

By Mrs. Jennie Davis Burton.

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their tasks, the glowing lakes and accident, but within three days she was streams of 'white-hot metal in the process of 'tapping off," and the square face and heavy brows of one man whom Paul Ruble touched upon the shoulder. "March, let your helper relieve you. Ladtes the is the best workfrom in the dron it

"March, let ýour helper relieve you Ladies, this jis the best workfman in the whole range of mills. He had some idea of lifting himself above this sphere at one time; but there's a sort of magnetism about the business, it would seem, that drew him back again. Tell them how it is, March." "There's more heart in the iron than there is in some men," said March, "and that jis the whole story, except that I grew up in the mills and don't side of them." Something thrilled Madeline Darby as he spoke, an unmistakable memory of that firm, rather moody face under

side of them."
Something thrilled Madeline Darley as he spoke, an unmiatakable memory of that firm, rather moody face under circumstances very different from his present surroundings. She was elimbing the mountain-side in short skirts and stout boots next day, when she had disappeared and picked up the key, which had been snugly reposing beneath the sole of her slipper, and found herself blushing under the eyes of Royal March. He had a specime of ore in his hands, and had evidently been prospecting by authority, for he gave her the impatient glance one be stows upon an intruder, then lifted his hat is out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha aside to let her pass. But Miss Darley put out both hands, with a mistoha as anotion to leave yon acmpletely puzzled, though I knew the hand estimation of Paul Ruble, who you completely puzzled, though I knew to have a barley pondered over her in her declining age that the poor lady had become little better than the creature of his will.
"He is an evil man, Madeline, a hyporchi har words the light of memory of the sole will have been a blind

With her words the light of memory broke slowly over him, presenting a night scene in a railway carriage, with himself, a slim young fellow, saving a still younger girl from the operaa sim younger gin non the opera-tions of a showily-dressed woman, who had thrown a chloroformed handker-chief over the sleeping girl's face, and was relieving her of her jewelry when detected in the act. With conscious-ness restored, the girl overflowed with crediting, and the two roung neople gratitude, and the two young people grew confidential during the remain-der of that night journey, and parted with the feeling of regret which is natwith the teening of regret which is have prad to the circumstances, never ex-pecting to meet again. But with seven years between that time and this they were face to face."

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ley awoke to a sense of the danger into which she had drifted, and the waking minute we stay "Whereas, I have ju swamps on the shores of the Gulf sparrow's eyes he will go frantic with You're a pack of contrary idiots and my kinsman, Paul Ruble, has been guilty of fraud and deception in im-posing on me certain improvements now used in the machinery of the mills disgust. Sparrows and linnets, too, will refuse food offered them on a piece of blue paper, and dislike the ap-Nicoya, on the Pacific coast of Costa looked down through the opening I'll have no more to do with you," was Mr. Ruble's gracious response as he came in the shape of the following let Rica, she found at one time and an tuca, she found at one time and an-other nearly a dozen and killed several. When Mrs. Kerr's expedition goes to the tropics her knowledge as to the ex-act locality where the birds may be found will be ach inclusion. and there, a few inches below me, was the deadly third rail. Two other women had fallen on top of me, and were screaming with all their might. I knew what would happen to me if I touched that rail, and I held myself ter: "My Dear Maddy-If you are doing pursued his way. If the fates had combined to aggrapearance of any one wearing a blue dress. Medium light blue affects them no better at getting into Mr. Ruble as his own invention; and wh as his own invention; and whereas, being impressed by what I considered his practical genius I have heretofore named him as the heir to my estates, this codicil is to revoke such disposi-tion of my properties to the aforesaid Paul Ruble; and, furthermore: I, Mur-ilda Ruble Darley, being sound in mind, but feeble in body, do hereby devise and bequéath all the estates and personal properties of which I may die possessed to my beloved grandno better at getting into Mr. Ruble's good graces than you managed with Aunt Murilda-though I must say I think she was most shabby, after rais-ing our expectations by paying your schooling, which I never did believe most, but blue serge they scarcely mind at all. Thrushes and blackbirds object to yellow, but will use red or blue dried grass left about their haunts to build the outer layers of their nests. Yellow vate him, they could have taken no surer means than by sending Royal March to confront him near the mouth found will be of incalculable She hopes to secure and mount fine specimens for several museums. It is not alone for the jabiru that the up from it." "But how could you do it." her friends asked her, "with the weight of two other persons pressing you down?" "Well, I'll tell you," she said. "I happened to remember that I had left on my desk at home a recipe I had copied from some paper for the cure of corns. Do you think I was going to let anybody find that lying there? Not for worlds! The mere thought of up from it. of the mine. "The men were quite justified in leav "Ine men were quite justified in reav-ing," said the latter. "I will be the judge as to that," re-torted Ruble. "As for you, sirrah, con-fine yourself to your own place after this, or I'll send you adrift as surely as I do those insubordinate hounds." expedition is being arranged. Mrs Kerr says that Central America is an unexplored treasure land for natural ists, being the meeting place for the Northern and Southern Hemispheres grasses they will not use. - Chicago Journal. in them boarding schools where silly In them boarding schools where siny chits, get such proud notions in their heads as sets 'em high and mighty above their own kith and kin, as I have fold you is migrateful and what I never expected to see from my own Why Washington Was First. The class in history was discussing the cruel conduct of King George and die possessed to my beloved gran and having much of the animal and vegetable life of both. It is comparaas 1 do those insubordinate hounds. The blue pallor of quivering wrath was in Ruble's face as he saw the other's brows knit and darken. "What do I mean? I mean that your intolerable presumption, and your chance meetings child and more than all poor Darley's daughter, though if it had been one of Smith's it wouldn't have surprised me e consequent revolution among the lonists in America. The teacher had-st ended a very interesting discourse id then asked who was the first Pres-Madeline Darley, on conditio that she shall make such restitution as justice demands to the actual in ventor of said improvements of which he was wickedly defrauded—said in tively little known, too, except on the beaten paths, and there are many won-ders that are yet to be exploited. Mem-Not for worlds! The mere thought of Now don't you tell anybody about this or I'll never speak to you again." for the man is more contrary every day of his life. Which brings me back to say that the girl has gone away after his last tantrum, and if you ain't get after all, you't better come home and take up some of the work, for with the six children and three boarders I can't get along. Your affectionate mother, "HENRIETTA SMITH."
The missive dropped into Miss Darrey in the violent tempered step-father presiding, her with whatever good looks and good traits she might once have posses cloug since worn out, leaving children. so many young imps of mischied but the muscles stood out them--what wonder
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for the descent he faced around. for the man is more contrary every day of his life. Which brings me back bers of the strange family of tapirs are there, and Mrs. Kerr has seen and "George Washington," said the whole But it leaked out, somehow .-- Youth's Class at once. "Why was he chosen?" "Because Roosevelt wasn't born then," said a little five-year-oid.—Al-bany Journal. killed them. In Costa Rica at one time Mrs. Kerr lived some distance from any town, Companion. A Jerome Jeu d'Esprit. Mr. Jerome was seated in his office her husband being superintendent of . mine, and it was there that she suc ceeded in killing a large tapir, or danta as they are called by the natives. Mrs Kerr said: "My passion is hunting, and oking over the papers in some pool "These gamblers will beat us yet,' ne of his assistants ventured to sug In "Light Distress." In "Light Distress." An old lady and her two daughters went into a millnery store, says the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer. The young women wore mourning hats. The eld-er woman said to the cierk: "I want a moraning hat, for I am in mourning. But my darter here," point-ing to one of her companions, "is a wid-der of two years' standing, and she is in light distress. Give her a hat with blue feathers on it." as I led a somewhat isolated life ther It was always looking out for some ad venture of that kind. The native boys knew of this, too, and one day came to me in great excitement with a tale o the track of a very large danta which 'Well, I'll just bet you ten to one that they won't," Mr. Jerome respond-Rejoicing in his chief's confidence in good cause the assistant commended they had discovered on the mountain. the same, but respectfully and I went out alone as I always do. Two people make too much noise, and I bet, wholly on moral grounds, never allowed any of the boys to go the same, but respectfully and firmly declined to take the short end of the

ISS DARLEY'S pulses beat quicker for the savage wildness of the scene she stood regarding-the red lights of the furnace fires streaming out into the black night, the workmen casting gro-their darks the dowing lakes and

orite and a traitor. You were right in disliking him, and I have been a blind old fool. But we will have justice done yet. The will goes into the fire, for one thing, my dear, and we make for one time, my dear, and we have another one putting you in the place where he never would have been but for his base and most unwarranted pretensions—never, believe me!" But after all Aunt Murilda had died and Paul Ruble came into possession of

the controlling interest she had held in mills and mines, and Madeline hung the distorted key upon her watch-chain as she thought, with a sigh, of how differently her life might have turned had her relative's intention only been carried out. Whatever impulse made her take possession of the key she had no thought of using it to dis

cover her intended husband's secrets Her opinion of the man was so far from flattering that the less of these which came to her knowledge the better the thought

"I wonder that Heaven doesn't send in that tottering roof on your head," he muttered, as if invoking such an end. A moment more and a dull rumend. A moment more ble shook the earth. The sound like sullen thunder died away, and the sur shine down, the wind whispered light-ly amid the leaves, but Boyal March shivered in the summery warmth and turned pale under the tan of the fur-nace fires. What struggle possessed 题

nace fires. What struggle possessed him for a moment, what better impulse was trampled out as he sprang down the pathway, he best knew. A storm came up with the evening. Such thunder, such lightning, such down-pouring torrents, were unknown even in that region of storms, but while the tempest raged, the furnaces threw their steady glow athwart the wild, wet darkness, and the night force were thrilled by one of those horrible acclthrilled by one of those horrible acci there is the of those borrhow acceleration of the acceleration of t and their strength and active usefulness forever-and this man was Royal ham-March. A message to Miss Darley brought her to his bedside by mid-

"No, 1 am not dying," as he met the stricken fear in her dyng, as it meters stricken fear in her face. "But even men who are doomed to live sometimes have confessions to make. Has Mr. Ruble come home?" He had not.

"Send searchers to the old mine. caved in on him this afternoon. L them make haste, for this storm Let them make haste, for this storm is likely to flood the mine, and drown any living thing there like a rat. I knew it and left him, Miss Darley, but it wasn't entirely because of you," an-swering a question he read in her face. "I may have been so mad—I was— and that added to an old wrong put remeder in my heart. Do you remede and that added to an old wrong put murder in my heart. Do you remem-ber the invention with which I hoped to make my fortune, years ago? He stole, just as I was sure of success after the long time I spent in perfect-ing it, and he has risen since, while I have been pushed down until he made a virtue of giving me work, and claimed gratitude for the meager wages paid back by the hands that robbed me. I don't expect you to for-give me for teiling you the truth about him. I might hope for your pity if I had not such a black sin to lay bare, but as it is—" but as it is-

"As it is; I am so far from good myself that I am grateful to you for setting me an example in forsaking the setting me an example in torsating the wrong and turning to the right." The old mine had caved in upon Mr. Ruble, but a lodgment of some of the supporting timbers had saved him from being crushed to death; and in from being crushed to death, and has quarters so narrow that he could not stand upright, he had ample leisure during the long night to reflect upon his sins, and fright enough to resolve upon atonement when the waters gath-ered about him and rose gradually to his chin; but these varied sensations feel away from him when his release was effected in the breaking light. Miss Darley stood in the doorway

Miss Darley stood in the dorway when he arrived, a pitiable figure, at his own house. She was a little worn with her sleepless night, more than a little changed in an indescribable, haughty way which repelled him, yet Mr. Ruble forced himself to do some

is broken since I know how much came you through the meanest of thefts.

the cars had been overturned and had on its side. It was fairly well filled with pasengers. Many of them were bruised, but none was seriously hurt, and willing hands soon assisted them Two or three facts were not long in connecting themselves in Miss Darley's mind, and if she changed her intention about using that key, the result certhe roof all sagging and the pillars about using that key, the result car tainly justified her. It unlocked a cumbersome secretary where Aunt Murifia had kept her private papers, and brought to light a codicil to that will of which the old woman had re-pented, which document in her upright at Mr. Ruble's table, at the next dimer, the poor all sugging and, the pharts party given by the latter. """ "I want to see how he looks in a drawing room," said she; and he looked very well, as Faul Rüble inseit, was forced to acknowledge, with no pleas-tor the difference of life strong as other men. Well go to work elsewheres if its were being the look of the strong as other men. and willing hands soon assisted them in clambering out of the wreck. One of the passengers was a young married woman who had taken a seat next to a window. This is the story of her escape, as she told it afterward to intimate friends; "When the car went over I fell against the window and broke it out. I locked down through the opening. Colors Birds Don't Like. Red will annoy a turkey-cock as much as a bull, but a sparrow will not let it disturb its mind. But if one In eight months spent in Guatemala Mrs. Kerr saw but one other jabiru besides that one she shot, but in the let it disturb its mind. But if one shakes a blue rag in front of a caged handwriting declared:

Mrs. Kerr's Latest Expedition is in Quest of a Rare Bird.

AN FRANCISCO has been the starting point for many strange expeditions and acploring parties bound globe on all manner of pe-cular quests; but one of particular note to those interested in natural his-is now being planned here. The the tropics is a wonderful great white bird, nearly six feet tall, and with plumage which glistens with the mary clous sheen of satin. This bird is rare, so rare that even natural histori is confess that but little is known of it. Its scientific name (and naming it is about as far as the scientists have got) is Mycteria Americana, but its ians confess that but little is known of it. Its scientific name (and naming it is about as far as the scientists have got) is Mycteria Americana, but it is commonly called the jabiru, which title almost like a joke on the bird or part of a nonsense rime. So far as is known, not one of the species is to be found in any useum in the world, and it is principally to gain specimeas of the snowy bird that Mrs. E. L. Kerr is forming the expedition which will go to Central America and the United States of Colombia. Mrs. Kerr has lived in the tropies for nearly twenty years and has devoted most of her time to the study and collection of birds and animals found there, being a naturalist of no small knowledge and a woman of remarkable courage and a woman of remarkable courage and and of his travels he has been accom-panied by Mrs. Kerr, who has thus had unequaled opportunities for ex-ploring territory little known to natur-alists. The jabiru is by no means a barn-yard fowl even there. Mrs. Kerr hav-ing seen in all the time she was travel-and in out-of-the-way places always. She is an expert shot and has killed five or six of these treasures of the ar, the shot size of a two-year-hand in out-of-the-way places always. She is an expert shot and has killed five or six of these treasures of the ar, but has never been able to preserve the skins, as she had not the necessary the skins, as she

but has never been able to preserve the skins, as she had not the necessary materials with her. The first she ever saw was while she was hunting egrets in Guatemala. She and her husband were camped on an island in a large delta formed by the union of two rivers and she wort cut clone with her gun world of natural science can be secured in Central America, Mrs. Kerr will not feel that her trip has been in vain, but she is also desirous of taking the memand she went out alone with her gun. As she was standing by a little pool she was startled by the appearance overhead of a huge white bird, which bers of her party, among whom will be an expert taxidermist, to South Amer-ica, where she will show them wonders in the United States of Colombia. Fau she saw at once was something new and strange to her. The wings of the jabiru have an unusual stretch, the end feathers alone being at least twen-ty-four inches long, and it flies with up into the Santa Marta Mountains will Mrs. Kerr lead her little band, and there, on the Lado del Coche, or Lake of Pigs, is to be captured the hultri, a ty-tour inches long, and it mes with remarkable swiftness. As it came near, Mrs. Kerr shot it and it fell with a mighty flapping and splashing in the shallow water beside her. Upon in-spection Mrs. Kerr saw that it was a of Pigs, is to be captured the funct, a fierce species of the condor, as large as an American vulture and about the same color. They are strangely equipped with spurs on their wings, at the shoulders and the first joints, and jabiru, but of a variety unknown to

When the size of the birds is consid "We get queer orders now and then in the eigar business," said a manu-facturer who has a retail store in Broadway. "I have a customer who has been dealing with me for years and who never discovered that smok-ing ten eigars a day between breakfast and dinner disagreed with him until he was fifty-three years old. For a month I have missed him. Last week he came in again and brought the big-gest and blackest eigar made for stock about four inches long and extremely sharp it may be readily realized that The best known are the Australian There is a substrain the second secon species, but these American birds, which are found from Mexico south to thing in the sentimental line. "Oh, my Madeline, I thought I would never see you again!" which are found from Mexico south to Patagonia, are more imposing and beautiful, being at least a third larger and of gayer plumage. The Australian jabiru is white, but with a bare black head, the neck and legs, the lower half of the wings and tail being a dingy black also. The one to be searched for by this expedition has the bare head and neck but the feathers are all white they are a somewhat formidable foe From here Mrs, Kerr's expedition will go by steamship to some point on the western coast of Central America there they will get horses and burros. "Your Madeline never will be seen, sir," she replied. "I am free to con-fess that what you had, and not what you were, attracted me, but the charm better, she thought Meanwhile Mr. Ruble was not a litthe nettiled at its loss. He rode away in the afternoon to one of the coal mines from which mutterings of discontent had been making themselves heard. emember rightly, a set Miss Darley's countenance fell. "But I failed, too," she answered, rankly. "And I find it hard to forprocure Indian guides familiar with the wilds of the interior and disappear from the haunts of civilization.—Sap Francisco Chronicle. to you through the meanest of theffs." Her fingers were twisted in her chain, and as Mr. Ruble's abashed eyes fell they rested upon the key which was suspended there. His lips twitched and turned ghastly, and next gest and blackest cigar made for stock give myself, because a mean and hyp-ocritical person gained by treachery what I ought to have had by right." What a chord of sympathy should and neck, but the feathers are all white and neck, but the feathers are all white and neck, but the feathers are all white and of a peculiarly shining, shimmer-ing appearance, while the lower third of the neck is covered with coral-hued wattles, giving, a touch of brilliant color to the huge bird. The massive beak, nearly a foot long and slightly upturned, is black and polished like ebony. The jabiru is exceedingly shy and difficult of approach, frequenting only remote, swampy districts and building its nest always in the tops of the tallest trees. It belongs to the wading birds, being a member of the crane family, and lives entirely on fish. In cight months spent in Guatemala 200 cigars made from his favorite to-bacco, But he wanted them five inches and neck but the feathers are all white A knot of miners were gathered on the hillside, awaiting his approach. , "What now, you rascals?" he asked, angrity: "Why are you not at your It Gave Her Strength. One of those accidents on the cle-vated railway that fortunately happen very seldom had taken place. The train had run off the track, and one of angrify: work?" moment he fell forward writhing in a fit, long and one inch in diameter at the what a chord of sympathy should stir in March's breast, he best knew, in each other awoke and intensified, and it was due to Madeline's imperious demand that Mr. March was invited to make his appearance in that upper stratum of society which found itself at Mr. Ruble's table, at the next dimer. party given by the latter. centre, close-rolled. "We don't manufacture that size ex-A decent-looking man took off his hat "We don't manufacture that size ex-cept for trick cigars," I said. "I know what I am about," he re-plied. "The doctor says I must smoke only one cigar a day, and I mean to obey him. But I want that one cigar to run the limit."-New York Press. As he made answer for the party. "We was a comin' to tell you, sir, as how we'd put in our last strokes. 'Tain't noways safe in that mine with

SHE'S A GREAT HUNTER. MORKER IN EVERY CL WORKER IN EVERY CLIME The Sun Never Sets on Any Land

Where it Has Not Gained Recognition by Modest Merit.

The sun never sets on any land the sun never sets on any land where the American mule is not at work. At least, such is the claim of Missouri-ans, to whose State the mule has brought international fame and local good forware.

good fortune. Eighty thousand American mules, many if not most of them from Mis-souri, were shipped to Africa during the Boer war, and now the mules for the work on the Panama Canal are to be forwarded from New Orleans. Local dealers there, it is renouted, ex-Local dealers there, it is reported, ex-pect that fully 10,000 will be needed. They are preparing to submit bids, and arrangements are being made to bring in from the plantations as many of the animals as may be needed. A former Assistant Postmäster-General will do the purchasing, and the stimu-lus of this increased demand is already manifest in Missouri. The demand for American mules for

The demand for American mules for Cuba, for South Africa, for the Philip-pines, for Manchuria, and more re-cently for Panama, has added to their value in the domestic market. In 1895, ten years ago, by the De-partment of Agriculture estimate, the value of the hogs in the United States was \$220,000,000 and of mules \$110, 000,000-twice as much national wealth in hogs as in mules. This year the estimates are: Hogs, \$283,000,000; mules, \$251,000,000. The American mule has gained recog-nition stowly. Garlands at county fairs, prizes at agricultural exhibits, and even blue ribbons at live stock shows have not advertised him. Mod-est metic has won its own way.—New

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WISE WORDS.

Divine strength is essential to divine

None think the great unhappy but the

great.-Young. Liberality is quite different from hos-pitality to lies.

Revivals do not come in answer to prayers of rivalry.

The greatest firmness is the greatest mercy.-Longfellow. Mighty little of the bread of life comes from the crusty man.

Success grows out of struggles to overcome difficulties.—Smiles. Every one can master a grief but he that hath it.—Shakespeare.

Some men would rather argue about

If these two valuable additions to the

when wounded will fight ferociously

lietetics than eat their dinners The only good thing about post-mor-tem praise is that no one believes it.

The best perfection of a religious man is to do common things in a perfect manner.—Bonaventura.

I will not be concerned at other nen's not knowing me. I will be conerned at my own want of ability Confucius

Obeying the Doctor's Orders.

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