

AT THE MILL.

BY MARY E. PENN.

He was a big awkward fellow, working with patient skill in an old fashioned saw mill, and living on the outskirts of a pretty village.

His home was a grey old farm-house where he dwelt with two maiden aunts, one of whom was a weak, fragile invalid, quick-tempered and querulous; the other was stout and strong in body, but idiotic and silent.

Often he was tempted to go away—to rush out into the world and leave the old place to the dogs, and the old women to the work-house; but a dogged sense of duty held him, so he stayed and worked on.

One of the handsomest farms in the county had stretched its green fields about the old house twenty years ago, but when Ralph Mydock's young wife died and left her baby boy, the husband, always reticent, had grown positively gloomy.

His two sisters seldom heard him speak, but one day, when little Ralph was about five years old, his moody father said, in a strange, stern way—"I'm going to sell the farm. You two girls can live here in the old house, and I will deposit money enough in the bank to keep you, until I can send you some more. I shall go to Australia."

Hulda, the invalid, cried out pitifully, but her brother paid no heed.

Hannah, the idiot, stared stonily, but spoke not.

That day the farm and mill on the little river were sold to a large company that had been trying for some time to buy it, in order to erect a cotton mill there.

Ralph Mydock came home, and packed his trunk, but his motions were unsteady, his face pale, and before night he was sick, very sick.

There was little that two helpless women could do for him; the farm hands were dismissed—all but Jared, who was to stay and take care of the cow; so they sent him off for the doctor, but when he returned Ralph Mydock was dead.

Ten bitter years dragged slowly by. The little money in the bank was soon exhausted, and partly upon charity, partly by the few vegetables the neighbors helped them to raise in the garden patch, the two old women and the awkward, sullen boy lived on.

It was well known that a large sum of money had been paid to Mr. Mydock for his farm, but the company had failed almost immediately after, so nothing was done about the cotton mills and from the hour of the payment, when the legal papers were signed, all trace of the money disappeared as though it had been dropped into the sea of oblivion.

Lawyers searched the old house, looking over the few papers and books that Mr. Mydock had evidently intended to take with him, and searched his wearing apparel, and gave up in despair.

Little Ralph grew up, a stout, healthy lad, and when he was fifteen, he asked some of the neighbors to help him rig the old saw-mill anew, so that he might saw logs and thus eke out his scanty support.

Everybody felt kindly towards him and season after season, when the water was high, he would work night and day among the logs earning quite an independence.

It was here that Gertrude Kendennis found him one day early in June.

He had seen her bright face about the year before, but had turned away from her pleasant words with a modicum that was almost rude.

For what had his weary, toilsome life to do with beauty and kind words? What indeed?

And yet she would not let him be. She went every day and watched, as by a resistless fascination, that pitiless, great saw tearing its slow way through the logs, making them useful while seeming only to destroy them.

He was twenty years old at last, and she was nineteen.

She had been fussing about the old house, making the gruel for Hulda, and trying to coax a smile upon Hannah's stolid face, but really only waiting for Ralph to return from his work.

He came in soon and seeing her standing alone in the clean, poorly furnished room, he went straightway to her, and taking both her hands in his, he said—

"Now Gertrude—Miss Kendennis—you really must not come here in this manner. People are talking of it down in the village. I heard it remarked upon to day, and if your uncle should hear of it, he would send you to a nunnery or kill me outright."

"Oh, you don't want me here!" she said, trying to speak playfully, but with a little more in her voice.

"I do—I do," he answered, putting his arm about her, holding her close, and touching her hair with a quick, caressing motion.

"God knows that it is worse than death to send you away; but, my darling, see the long, weary life stretching before me. See the work to be done here, and you hovering just like some bright bird out of reach. Could I drag you down to share this poor old nest? No, no! it would not be right. I have served duty too long to dare to desert her now."

"But you are so young," she murmured, leaning his face on her shoulder—he could feel her breath against his cheek.

His heart beat so fast he thought it would strangle him; and that moment of rapture paid him for the suffering of years.

"So young and so ambitious—and there is the invention down at the mill. I am sure that it is going to work well."

"Yes; but I have been to the village to-day for the last time, trying to raise even fifty pounds to pay for the patent, and I cannot do it. Nobody has any faith in it; they think it is a boy's scheme, and I am quite discouraged."

"Oh, if I only had my money!"

"Yes, but you have not, my darling; nor would I touch one penny of it if you had. No, you must go back to your own home and your own relatives. I shall never marry, dear, but I shall cherish your memory as my one blessed gift. Now don't feel badly, don't."

They were both sobbing together by

this time. She put her arm around his neck, and their two tear-wet faces nestled against each other like two grieving children.

Hannah put her white, flabby face in at the door, to say that dinner was ready, and seeing the young people standing together there, she started nervously, and exclaimed—

"Laws sakes! that's courtin', now, ain't it?" and as they neither moved nor spoke, she went softly across the floor, and whispered—"Ralphie, boy, are you goin' to be married?"

"Yes, Auntie," answered Gertrude; "and we want your blessing."

"But you want your money, too, don't you?"

"Yes, certainly; the marriage portion," said Ralph, bitterly, brushing the tears from his eyes and trying to give his lonely life one more.

"Then come up-stairs," she laughed out, in her queer, wild fashion.

"What does she mean?" asked Gertrude, wondering.

"I do not know," Ralph answered. "I have not heard her speak so many words at a time in ten years."

Beckoning them to follow her, she climbed the worn old stairs—up, up to the dusty garret, where broken chairs and long-lying spinning-wheels made up the furniture.

Down behind the big chimney crept the deaf woman, and drew out a large bundle of rags, in which there were sly-hidden rolls of strong parchment.

They opened them there in the changeful light that filtered through the time-stained window.

There were twenty thousand dollars in gold. The price of the farm lands. Not a great fortune, it is true, but a fabulous sum for the young people, who were bravely and defiantly married ere long, to the great wonder of the village folks.

And Ralph's invention was a queer new saw that has been winning much notice in the mechanical world for years.

O, happy loved and loved!

China at Bay.

A London telegram of 3rd inst. says a despatch to the Times from Tien Tsin announces that the American minister, John Russell Young, has arrived there and is acting under instructions from Washington.

He informed Li Hung Chang that the French Government had requested the mediation of America. Li Hung Chang asked the privilege of inspecting the telegram and was much surprised at the contents, which merely reiterated the French demand of the ultimatum of Aug. 19, with the additional statement that Admiral Courbet would continue operations.

Li Hung Chang replied, saying that France had entered Min River peacefully, but had destroyed the arsenal and a fleet constructed by Frenchmen. After avenging Langson twenty-fold the demand of the French for indemnity was monstrous.

The Tien Tsin convention made every possible concession to France, and why should she seek more? He hinted that China is better prepared for war than formerly. "Let Admiral Courbet," said Li Hung Chang, "attack our Northern defenses, and he will find his task harder than that at Poochow two months ago. China was willing to conciliate and satisfy France. Now she is determined upon war a la outrance. The government and people alike are prepared for it." Li Hung Chang asked minister Young if the smallest state in Europe would submit to like oppression, to which the latter replied, "No."

Li Hung Chang said, "Then why should the greatest nation in Asia?" Replying to a question from minister Young, Li Hung Chang said the action of the French had nullified the convention, but if France had fulfilled her obligations, China had done likewise. Minister Young applauded the viceroys' patriotism, and explained to him that he was obliged to obey orders from his government and present the French demand.

Fate, Poor, Funny, & Fallid.

Considering all the ills that attack little children, it is a wonder that any of the poor little youngsters live to grow up.

There are children who are truly objects of pity. They seem almost bloodless; their cheeks are thin and pinched; their eyes are hollow; and their skin is tightly drawn over their foreheads. They are nothing hearty about them. They do not enjoy their lives. They are suffering from the debility that leads to marasmus.

For a child of the pale, poor, puny, pallid child. Hand it a bottle of the Shaker Blood Syrup. Here is life even for the most delicate, the most debilitated; for the child almost given up for dead. Pure blood is what the child needs, to bring it up. The little digestive apparatus will recover. The pale cheeks will fill out. The weary groan of the child will be exchanged for the merry prattle of infantile gladness. Your druggist will tell you what wonders the Shaker Blood Syrup has done for very sick children. For sale at Mackenzie's Medical Hall, Chatham, N. B.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE by the subscribers, their valuable property situated in the centre of the town of Chatham, being the stand and premises where they formerly conducted their business. It is large and commodious, has a large frontage on the river, is a desirable site for a steam mill, distillery, warehouses, or erections of any description. There is a store and small warehouse on the premises, also a small boom connected with it, and it is altogether an excellent property for commercial and ship purposes. For particulars apply to

D. & J. RITCHIE & Co., NEWCASTLE, N. B.

MILL FOR SALE.

To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION, at Chatham, Wednesday, 15th October.

NEXT, AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON, ON THE PREMISES.

The Mill Property and Machinery formerly owned by Peter Loggie, consisting in part of one ROTARY SAW MILL, CAPACITY, 50 M Per Day, One SHINGLE MACHINE, ONE FLAXER, 12 feet, 24 inch knives, One MOULDING & SASH MACHINE, One PORTLAND CEMENT MACHINE, One TENSON CHINE, One BORING MACHINE, One JIG SAW Complete, and sundry other machinery suitable for Joiner and Ship work.

TERMS made known at time of Sale. For further particulars, apply to the Subscribers.

GUY, BEVAN & CO.

Teacher Wanted.

A Second Class Female Teacher is wanted for the School in District No. 3, Alnwick, (Burr Church) to commence let. November. Salary \$100 Address, JAMES ANDERSON, Sect. to Trustees.

Teacher Wanted.

ALL amounts under twenty dollars due the Alnwick Foundry Co., if not paid by the 1st of October, will be placed in an attorney's hands for collection.

H. A. MURHEAD, Manager, Alnwick Foundry Co., Chatham, N. B., Aug. 27, 1884.

General Business.

CATTLE SHOW

Ploughing Match!

The Northumberland Agricultural Society will hold a Cattle Show and Ploughing Match on the

Farm of Dr. Pallen, Chatham

Tues., 14th October.

The Conditions and Prize List will be made known by posters in the usual way.

R. STAPLEDON, President. D. T. JOHNSTONE, Secretary.

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Persons desiring to insure, best consult their own interests by communication with the Agent WARREN C. WINSLOW, Barrister at Law, BERNARD'S BLOCK, CHATHAM.

Mr. Winslow, who has lately been appointed Agent of the above Company, will furnish all the information in reference to the various plans of Insurance offered, and parties should consult with him in order to fully understand the benefits to be derived.

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NEWCASTLE, 24th June, '84.

NOTICE.

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Law Notices, etc.

Notice of Sale.

To Peter Loggie of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, Carpenter, and Elizabeth T. Loggie, his wife, and to all others whom it may concern.

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 1st day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and made between the said Peter Loggie of Chatham in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, Carpenter, and Elizabeth T. Loggie, his wife, the first part, and James B. Snowball, of the same place, Merchant, of the second part, which mortgage was duly recorded in the records of the County of Northumberland, on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1881, in volume 60 of the County Records, Pages 531, 532 and 533, and is numbered 121, the said Peter Loggie and Elizabeth T. Loggie, his wife, and the said James B. Snowball, of the first part, and the said Peter Loggie and Elizabeth T. Loggie, his wife, of the second part, have caused the said mortgage to be sold at Public Auction on Saturday, the Twenty-fifth day of October next, in front of the Post Office, Chatham, in said County, at twelve o'clock, noon, the lands and premises in said Indenture mentioned and described as follows, namely:—All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town and Parish of Chatham aforesaid, being part of the lands formerly owned by Patrick Henderson, deceased, which piece is bounded and abutted as follows, to-wit:—Commencing at the south west angle of the lot and owned by W. S. Sinclair and John Loggie, and extending easterly along George Hewitson's northerly side line, one hundred feet to the west side of the Chatham Joint Stock Company's lands; thence northerly along George Hewitson's land side line, one hundred feet to the east side of the said road or street, being the place of beginning, which said piece of land was conveyed to the said Peter Loggie by Thomas Brule, by deed bearing date the tenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and also all that piece of land, with the exception of that part of it conveyed to Joseph Forrest situated in Chatham aforesaid, and being the same land that was conveyed to the said Peter Loggie by Arthur Stewart, Jenima Stewart, John Saxsmith, and Harriet Saxsmith, by deed bearing date the twenty-second day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, as by reference thereto will more fully appear. Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, and the rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the revenues and profits thereof, &c., and the said Peter Loggie and Elizabeth T. Loggie, his wife, and the said James B. Snowball, of the first part, have caused the said mortgage to be sold at Public Auction on Saturday, the Twenty-fifth day of October next, in front of the Post Office, Chatham, in said County, at twelve o'clock, noon, the lands and premises in said Indenture mentioned and described as follows, namely:—All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town and Parish of Chatham aforesaid, being part of the lands formerly owned by Patrick Henderson, deceased, which piece is bounded and abutted as follows, to-wit:—Commencing at the south west angle of the lot and owned by W. S. 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