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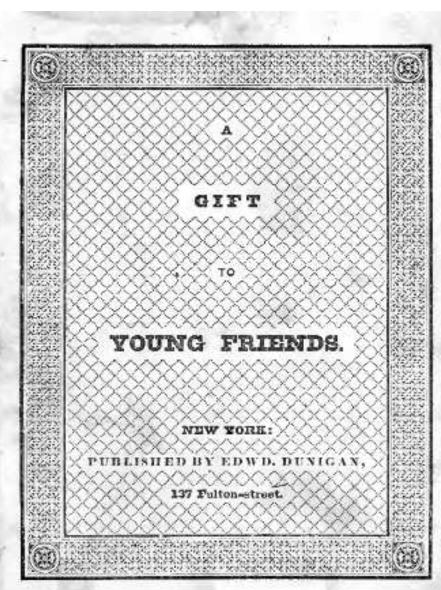
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THE GOOD MAN OF THE MILL.

"Снавьев, give me back my doll, sir," said Jane; "you ought not to take it at all."

"But I will take it, miss; and I will keep it too, as long as I like," replied Charles.

"Then you are a bad boy, and I will not love you," said Jane; "and if you do not give her back to me soon, I will tell my aunt, and she will scold you."

"I do not care for your aunt," said Charles; for he was a sad boy at times, and said things that he

ought not to say, and did things that he ought not to do; and just as he had said that he did not care for his aunt, she came into the room where Charles and Jane had been at play till then; and she could not think why they had left off play, and why they were both so cross; so she asked, "Why do you look so cross, Jane?"

And Jane said, "Charles took my doll from me, and he will not give her back to me when I want her, and so I told him I would tell you, and he said he did not care; so I hope you will scold him, aunt, and make him give me back my doll."

"No, my dear, I will not scold him, for it is a bad thing to scold; but I will tell him how wrong it is to take a thing by force that is not his own, and then I think he will give it back to you, and will do so no more. Come here, Charles; why did you take Jane's doll?"

"I want to try if I can make its eyes shut," said Charles.

- "And so you took it when she did not wish you to have it; is not that the case?"
- "I meant to give it her back when I had done with it," said Charles; "and I would not have hurt it."
- "But, my dear boy, if you did want it for a short time, you did not take the right means to get it; you ought to have said, 'Jane, will you lend me your doll, if you please? and I will take great care of her.' And then, I dare say, she would have lent it to you; or if she could not spare it just then, you should wait till she could spare it."
 - "But she said she could not spare it all day, aunt."
- "Then you should wait till the next day, my dear. Just let me ask you one thing, Charles; would you like me to take your nice new map, when you wish to play with it, and keep it as long as I please? Would not you say, 'it is my own map, and aunt has no right to take it from me?"

Charles did not say a word to this; for he knew he was in the wrong, so he went and gave Jane her doll. Then his aunt was glad, and she said, "There's a good boy; now come and kiss me: sit on my knee, and I will tell you a tale.

"There was once a man who had a nice house, and a field where he grew corn to make bread; and he had a mill to grind his corn; and more fields with grass to feed sheep. And he cut the wool off his sheep to sell; and when the sheep were fat and fit to kill, he sold them too; so that he grew quite rich; and what he did not want he gave to the poor, and they gave him the name of the 'Good Man of the Mill.'

"And there was a great king who was not a good man, but did all the harm he could; and no one thought well of him, for no one likes bad men.

"Well, this king went one day to hunt in a large wood, and in his way to the wood he had to pass