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LITTLE BIRD TO UNCLE BILL. (Respectfully dedicated to the Spry-Book of ever mother in Christendom) Dear old Uncle Bill, I let you hear;

SELECT STORY.

A Story of the Days of Charles II.

Caleb Pomsford—one of those anomalous which unquiet times ever produced out of their tumult and capricious uncertainties...

'A daughter,' said Caleb, the usurer, demurely. 'A daughter! Is she fair? Marry, we will see her. We should take it well that some should intercede for him, as we feel for the stout cavalier that he hath received some neglect.'

ing a terrible look upon him; 'am I so far in thy power—so much beneath thy thumb—' 'I am your friend, if you will let me be so, for all that's come and gone yet, I, alone, can save you from the utter ruin that now hovers over you—can clear imbricatures, and free the old hall from every debt, which hangs like down-casting ivy around it.'

the usurer, with an effort 'he left a paper here with me.' 'Oh, if Valentine were but here!' signed Mabel wearily, and only seeing help where her heart was, though it made the yellow face of Caleb grow white gathering wrath.

commission to inquire into the careless statement, and to see justice done him. 'Would she tell him her story?' Mabel did so. The brave knight's gradual fall to poverty under the insidious working of the usurer. The story of Valentine's perilous position in the Tower, add the utter groundlessness of the charges against him.

prest, and the lady is at hand. We love to do justice to our friends—and why should I not favor them, so honest and so good?' 'What can this mean?' muttered Pomsford, turning to the altar.