

Children's Department.

THE KING AND THE MILLER.

Near Sans Souci, the favorite residence of Frederic the Great, there was a mill, which much interfered with the view from the palace. One day the king sent to inquire what the owner would take for the mill; and the unexpected reply came that the miller would not sell it for any money. The king, much incensed, gave orders that the mill should be pulled down. The miller made no resistance, but folding his arms, quietly remarked:

"The king may do this, but there are laws in Prussia."

And he took legal proceedings, the result of which was that the king had to rebuild the mill and to pay a good sum of money besides in compensation.

Although his Majesty was much chagrined at this end to the matter he put the best face he could upon it, and turning to his courtiers, he remarked:

"I am glad to see that there are just laws and upright judges in my kingdom."

A sequel to this incident occurred about forty years ago. A descendant of the miller of whom we have just been talking had come into possession of the mill.

After having struggled for several years against ever-increasing poverty, and being at length quite unable to keep on his business, he wrote to the king of Prussia, reminding him of the incident we have just related, and stating that, if his Majesty felt so disposed, he should be very thankful, in his present difficulty, to sell the mill. The king wrote the following reply with his own hand:

"My dear Neighbour,—I cannot allow you to sell the mill. It must always be in your possession as long as one member of your family exists, for it belongs to the history of Prussia. I regret, however, to hear you are in such straitened circumstances, and therefore send you herewith a sum of money, in the hope that it may be of some service in restoring your fortunes. Consider me always your affectionate neighbour, FREDERIC WILLIAM."

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