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BY RIGHT OF INHERITANCE

William Miller, who was recently and the pleasure of reading his own biography, was one of the first inventors of Texas oil wells. Passing the question of financial profit, he will be furnished him with at least \$50,000 a year. He paid \$100,000 for the Lone Star state to protect his property, and there he met a man who answered to the title of colonel. One day, when this man and the poet were together, the talk turned to the war of secession. Miller thought his companion had taken part in that struggle, but the colonel said he had been a non-combatant. Then Miller made a bold guess about that the title was derived from the militia commission; but not so, nor was it a result of an appointment on the governor's staff. Neither did it come from service during the Spanish-American trouble, and it was not earned by foreign military experience.

"Ah," said Miller at last, thinking he was the mystery solved. "You command the Texas dragoons at one time."

They were brave men, and it was an honor to lead them.

"No," said the colonel, "I never had anything to do with the rangers."

"Well, tell me," persisted Miller, "is that title merely assumed? Have you no right to it?"

"Certainly I have a right to it—the best kind of a right," replied the colonel in an offended tone. "If you must know how I got it, I'll tell you. I inherited it."

"Inherited it?" ejaculated Miller. "From whom—your father?"

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