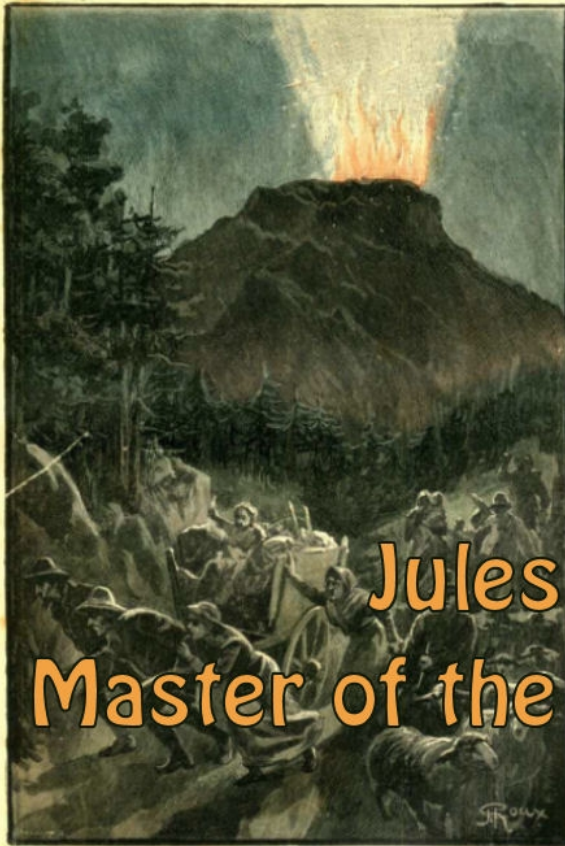


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Jules Verne Master of the World

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THE MASTER OF THE WORLD

by Jules Verne (1828-1905), translated by Sir Richard Francis Burton (1821-1890)

Chief Inspector Strock gets the tough cases. When a volcano suddenly appears to threaten mountain towns of North Carolina amid the non-volcanic Blue Ridge Mountains, Strock is posted to determine the danger. When an automobile race in Wisconsin is interrupted by the unexpected appearance of a vehicle traveling at multiples of the top speed of the entrants, Strock is consulted. When an odd-shaped boat is sighted moving at impossible speeds off the New England coast, Stock and his boss begin to wonder if the incidents are related. And when Strock gets a hand-lettered note warning him to abandon his investigation, on pain of death, he is intrigued rather than deterred. Set in a period when gasoline engines were in their infancy and automobiles were rare, and when even Chief Inspectors had to engage a carriage and horses to move about, the appearance of a vehicle that can move at astounding speeds on land, on water - and as later revealed, underwater and through the air - marks a technological advance far beyond the reach of nations. It is technology invented by and for the sole benefit of a man who styles himself (with some justification) "The Master of the World." This book is a sequel to an earlier Verne novel, "Robur the Conqueror", but enough detail is given to fully appreciate this story without having first read the other. (Summary by Mark)

* 01: What Happened in the Mountains - 15:39 * 02: I Reach Morganton - 16:31 * 03: The Great Eyrie - 23:08 * 04: A Meeting of the Automobile Club - 17:05 * 05: Along the Shores of New England - 17:10 * 06: The First Letter - 11:15 * 07: A Third Machine - 17:35 * 08: At Any Cost - 19:31 * 09: The Second Letter - 02:19 * 10: Outside the Law - 14:29 * 11: The Campaign - 18:30 * 12: Black Rock Creek - 17:59 * 13: On Board the Terror - 17:58 * 14: Niagara - 23:53 * 15: The Eagle's Nest - 18:08 * 16: Robur the Conqueror - 11:26 * 17: In the Name of the Law - 25:25 * 18: The Old Housekeeper's Last Comment - 06:14
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