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THE GIPSY IN THE THORN-BUSH.

FROM THE GERMAN.

A rich man once hired a boy, who served

him honestly and industriously; he was the

first to rise in the morning, the last to go to

bed at night, and never hesitated to perform

even the disagreeable duties which fell to the

share of others, but which he refused to do.

His looks were always cheerful and contented,

and he never uttered a murmur. When he

had served a year, his master thought to

himself, "If I pay him his wages, he may go

away; it will thereby be most prudent not to

do so; I will therefore save something, and he

will stay." At last the end of the third year

arrived; the master felt in his pockets, but took

nothing out; then the boy spoke.

"Master," said he, "I have served you hon-

orably for three years; give me what I have

earned."

"My dear fellow," replied the niggard, "you

have served me well, you shall be generously

rewarded." So saying he gave him three crown

pieces. "A crown," he said, "for each year;

it is liberal; few masters would pay you such

wages."

The boy, who knew very little about money,

was quite satisfied; and he set out then to see

the world, singing to his heart's content, but

as he leaped a bush, a little man appeared be-

fore him.

"Whither away, brother Merry?" asked the

stranger; your cares seem but a light burden to

you!"

"Why should I be sad," said the boy, "when

I have three crowns, wages in my pocket?"

"And how much is that?" said the man.

"Three good crowns," said the boy.

"Listen to me," said the dwarf; "I am poor,

and unable to work; give me the money."

"The boy's heart was good; so he handed

him his hard earned wages.

"Take them," said he, "I can work for me."

"You have a kind heart," said the little man,

"I will reward you, by granting your wishes;

what do you wish?"

"He had," he laughed the boy; "you are one

of those who can whistle blue! Well, I wish,

first, for a bird gun which shall hit whatever I

aim at; secondly, for a fiddle, to the sound of

which every one that hears me play must dance;

and thirdly, that when I ask any one for any-

thing he shall not dare to refuse me."

"You shall have all," cried the mannikin, as

he took a fine fiddle and a bird-gun out of the

bush; "and no man shall refuse what you ask!"

The boy went on his way, and soon over-

took a wicked-looking man, who stood listless

to the song of a bird, which was perched on

the summit of a high tree.

"Wonderful!" said the man, "such a small

animal with such a great voice! I wish I could

get him."

The boy aimed at the bird with his magic

gun, and it fell into a thorn-bush.

"There, rogue," said he to the other, "you

may have it if you can fetch it."

"Master," answered the man, "leave out the

rogue when you call the dog; but I will pick

up the bird."

In his effort to pick it up, he had worked him-

self into the middle of the prickly bush, when

the boy was seized with a longing to try his

REVOLTING INHUMANITY.—A case unpar-

alleled in the annals of neglect and suffering,

was communicated to us verbally a few days

since by a gentleman in this neighborhood. It

was one so revolting to every feeling of hu-

manity, so unlike the civilized and christian

people of the age that we were incredulous

until a lady correspondent, whose humanity

and christianity are known wherever she is

known, confirmed it in a communication now

before us. We regret that we are forbid to

give the circumstances in the touching and

eloquent language it has been given to us.

We would gladly do so, confident that it would

be infinitely better done than we could do it.

But we are perpetually denied this and we

give the narrative in our own version, embody-

ing all the material facts as they have been

furnished to us.

Some 14 or 15 years ago, a Mr. Watson came

from Alexandria, and settled in King George

county, as a merchant. He married a young

lady of highly respectable family in that coun-

ty, by which marriage he had four children.—

Watson was unfortunate, he became at the

same time a bankrupt and a widower. With

his little children, two of whom were daugh-

ters, he lived on a small farm which he rented,

three miles below the line separating Stafford

and King George. During the coldest of the

weather in the latter part of December last,

his children were seized with whooping cough

and he was obliged to keep them prostrated. Whilst