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Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

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GIRL'S UNSELFISHNESS.

The courier whose name was Co-operation and the boy and the girl continued their ride on the way to the main road which led to the House of Secrets.

The boy and the girl were having adventures and a good deal later on they hoped to reach the House of Secrets.

"You see," said the courier they were now with, "there are several more roads along which you have to travel and a number of hills to be climbed before you come to the House of Secrets."

"We saw it in the distance from the top of a mountain," said the girl. "The witch showed us the room which we were first going to visit. We looked through her great field glasses which can show things so far away."

"She showed us the door of the room," said the boy. "It was an outside room. I believe most of the rooms are outside ones, aren't they?"

"Yes," said the courier. "But we mustn't find out too much about it now. I am going to take you along a little further."

"You've both been pretty good adventurers. You've both been ready to go on and you've made mistakes and have in the long run been glad of them for they've shown you quite a good deal. So I'm giving you this ride. We're going faster than you could walk, naturally. This is a little lift, you see, to help you on your journey."

"I can't take you there all the way for you'd miss lots of excitement and fun. Even if this is easy it wouldn't be fun to always ride through life or along roads. Sometimes it's nice to walk. In fact if you're going to have adventures you can't hurry too much. It's impossible. But this little lift won't hurt you."

As he spoke he noticed that the girl's head had dropped on her shoulder.

"Quick," he said to the boy. "Hop off and go to the spring beyond yonder birch tree. There get some water in the large shell which is always there. Make haste."

He jumped off the horse with the boy and lifted the girl down gently as the boy rushed off for the water.

"Oh dear," the boy thought excitedly to himself as he stumbled hurriedly to the spring. "we're just happy when something happens to worry and



"I'm So Hungry."

trouble us again." He dipped up some water and hurried back.

The girl lay on the ground. "Pour some of the water over her," the courier said to the boy. The boy did so.

The girl opened her eyes slowly. "I'm so hungry," she said in a weak voice.

"That's it," said the boy, "how thoughtless of me. She hasn't had anything to eat since yesterday. I had my breakfast with you and I forgot that I didn't meet her until after breakfast. Oh, will you ever forgive me?"

"I knew you had forgotten," said the girl.

"And I was thoughtless too," said Co-operation. "I've got a few things to learn myself too. None of us are perfect. No matter if we do manage to get somewhere and get on and help others we still have lots to learn. But here I'm talking when she should have some food."

He pulled off his knapsack and gave the girl an orange from it. Then he gave her a biscuit.

"We'll all have a big meal shortly," he said. "Perhaps it would be better, as long as you are so faint, to eat but a little at this time."

"I feel so much better," said the girl. "How silly it was of me! I will try to behave better. I am of no use on this trip."

"Of course you are," said the boy. "I might have done the same thing if I hadn't had food. And you didn't stop us to complain or make any fuss. I would have, I'm sure."

They were sitting by the roadside now. "It's all wrong to excuse myself by saying I forgot. It was selfish of me to forget. That's what it was," said the boy.

They all had a delicious meal later as they sat by the roadside, for the courier's knapsack was filled with goodies.

Wanted to Be Good.

"Dear Lord," prayed five-year-old Bettie, one evening before retiring. "please make a good little girl out of me, and if at first you don't succeed, try, try, again."

CONQUEROR COULD NOT WRITE

William I of England Signed His Name by a Cross to a Charter He Granted.

In the collection of Norman charters sold recently in England, the property of Baroness Beaumont of Carlton Towers, York, there is strong presumptive evidence that William the Conqueror was unable to write, for a grant signed by him and Matilda, the queen, bears their crosses.

This collection of Norman charters was made by the antiquary Thomas Stapleton, one of the ancestors of the barony of Beaumont, and has been preserved for centuries at Carlton Towers. Its sale is attributed to the costs of the war and the present high taxes.

The earliest grant is undated, but was made between the years 1067 and 1079. It is in Latin, on vellum, and is a grant by Walderand (de Meulin?) for the salvation of the soul of his lord, William I, king of the English, and others, to St. Stephens church, Caen, of the Church of St. Mary. Inserted in their names are the crosses of the witnesses, William, king of the English; Matilda, the queen; John, archbishop (of Rouen?); Roger Belmontensis (Beaumont) and Robert Belmontensis (Beaumont). The document is one of the most interesting autographs that is likely to come into the auction room for some time. The evidence of William the conqueror's illiteracy is not conclusive, however, as it may have been thought beneath the dignity of the king to write his name, as William Roberts suggests. King Henry I also signed one of the charters with his cross.

EAST INDIA SLOW TO CHANGE

Eight Varieties of Marriage in That Region Remain as They Were in Manu's Day.

There are eight varieties of marriage in India, all of them outlined by Manu, the great Hindu lawgiver, and it is not until one comes in contact with such examples of custom that one realizes how little the native Indian has advanced to meet modern ideas, an exchange says. The eight ways of marriage are:

Brahmya, which consists in a gift of a girl bedecked with ornaments to a learned and virtuous bridegroom who has been invited for the purpose, accompanied by proper religious ceremonies.

Dulva, or gift of a girl decked with ornaments to a priest who is at that time officiating at a sacrifice.

Adsha, or gift of a daughter in consideration of a pair of bullocks given by the bridegroom.

Parajapatya, or gift of a daughter after the father has thus addressed the couple: "May both of you perform your duties together."

Asura, or gifts of a girl after her relatives have given as much wealth as possible.

Rakshasa, or forcible capture of a girl after her relatives have been killed or wounded.

Gandharba, or a voluntary union between a young lady and a man.

Paisacha, or the seduction of a maiden who is asleep, intoxicated or crack-brained.

Razor, Strokes to Shave.

There is a barber in London, England, with a nice taste for figuring, and he has computed the number of razor strokes that go to a clean shave. He offers to prove the general correctness of his count on any customer. "You shall keep the count yourself, sir," says he.

The first man counted 150 strokes made by the barber. "Much too low, sir," said the barber. "But knowing you were counting I couldn't help taking longer strokes. It takes more, sir, usually."

His own computation is that, on an average, it takes 200 strokes to shave a man. Now if he shaves so many persons a day, so many days a week, how many times does the barber use his razor a week?"

"Undreds of thousands, sir," says the barber. Pinned to something more exact, he claimed 288,000 for one week.

The Calm Level.

I have seen the sea lashed into fury and tossed into spray, and its grandeur moves the soul of the dullest man; but remember it is not the billows, but the calm level of the sea, from which all heights and depths are measured. When the storm has passed, and the hour of calm settles on the ocean, when the sunlight bathes its smooth surface, then the astronomer and the surveyor take the level from which to measure terrestrial heights and depths. When the emotion of the hour has subsided, we shall find that calm level of public opinion below the storm, from which the thoughts of a mighty people are to be measured, and by which their final action will be determined.—James A. Garfield.

Tests for Diamonds.

The true diamond is not cut by a file, has a specific gravity of 3.52 and a luster that shows clearly even when the stone is immersed in water. A small drop of water dropped on the face of a clean, dry diamond preserves its globular form and does not spread. When a line is drawn on a diamond with an aluminum pencil, and it is then rubbed briskly with moistened cloth, the line disappears. The commonest test is to draw the edge of the stone over glass; the diamond cuts it without much pressure, while the imitation merely scratches it.

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