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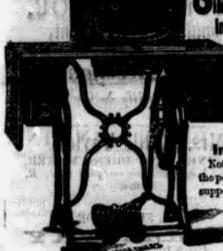
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THE TALISMAN.

It was midnight, and a bride of rare beauty was sented within a boudoir of the gay city capital of France. A dainty femme de chambre had but just left the apartment when Frederick de la Tour, open wood fire, the folds of a beautiful robe of light, soft texture thrown around

'My darling !' exclaimed De la Tour, 'I could not come before."

As he spoke he threw himself upon his knees before her. 'Our friends have just gone ?' asked his

listener. 'Yes: and I am with you."

'Do not kneel, Frederick, there is room for you on this couch,' continued Madame 'Let me remain thus. It seems as if I

must be dreaming; that all this happiness feature became impressed upon my mindcannot be real; that you are not indeed mine to love and cherish, I cannot remove my eyes from your dear face, dreading that you will vanish from my view."

Be very sure that I do not propose to vanish,' responded Madame de la Tour. Yesterday I was the widow of Lord Meis ville, and to day I am Louise de la Tour, your wife. Y u see, strange as it may eem, you do not dream."

Frederick de la Tour had good reason to suppose that a fairy had been meddling with his affairs. Within a few months past he had enjoyed a streak of inestimable good fortune He had become rich and happy beyond his fondest hopes: This was how it happened:

One afternoon, while returning from his office, he was in the Rue St. Honore arcosted by a lady who was striving in a magnificent equipage. 'Monsieur ! Monsieur !' she called.

The footman had lowered the steps and riage. Astonished beyond measure, he

'I have received your letter, Monsieur,' continued the lady, in a charming musical voice.

'A letter from me, Madame ?' responded Frederic, in a tone of surprise.

'Yes; did you not write so me?' 'Never, Madame, to my knowledge,' was the respectful rejoinder

'You will kindly excuse me,' continued the lady, I have made an absurd mistake, and my only excuse is that you so greatly resemble a friend of mine that I mistook you for him. Great heaven!' she added, much confused; 'what must you think of me? And yet the resent-

blance is striking." Ere the lady had completed her explanation, the carriage had been driven into a magnificent hotel, Frederic of course. offered his hand to assist his companion to

'I would explain further, Monsieur,' continued the lady. 'I am Lady Melville.

De la Tour bawed. By the beauty of the speaker he was positively dazzled, and accepted with delight an invitation to

'My name is Predeficite la Tour,' he mid; 'I am only a struggling artist.'

The singular meeting described had resulted, us has been said, in the marriage

of De la Tout. 'Come and sit besble me,' continued

Madame de la Tour. 'I have something to say, but cannot speak while you remain kneeling. It is quite a story, and must be told to you." Frederick obeyed.

'Once upon a time, continued Louise' 'I knew you would fell me some fairy story,' exclaimed the young husband; 'but while you speak it is music.' 'Nay, listen to me, friend. Once upon

a time there was a young girl, born of patents who had once been rich. At the age of fifteen she was brought to Paris by her father, who found that at Lyons be was gaining but little money. For four years that father struggled against miversity, but finally illness seized him. To be brief, dear Frederic, he died in a he spital, and soon the poor mother followed, and the young girl was left alone. Had there been a fairy in the story I relate, she certaily would have appeared, but there was none. The girl was in Paris without relatives, without friends, without means to pay. She sought work, but obtained none,

Time passed. At length every cent was gone, and for twenty-four hours no particle of food passed her lips Oh! Prederic, you who have never known buager and misery cannot understand the suffering I might picture, cannot know the pain endured when forced to beg, and cet to implore alms the girl was compelled. At dark one evening she crept forth from her lodging; the night was cold and rainy. In her desperation she accosted a young man, who halted, searched his pockets, and then threw her a coin. At this instant a gen d'arme perceived the girl.

'Come,' he said, 'I arrest you for beg ging. You follow me to the lock-up." 'At these words a cry of despair was

wrung from the lips of the unfortunate woman. Quickly the young man inter-

"This young girl is an acquaintance of naine; I know her; there is no begging in the question. Come he continued, ading the frembling girl, 'it is time you of the public peace."

'Leaning on the arm of the stranger the girl walked on." Do not fear, Mademoiselle, whispered

the young man, placing a purse in the hand which lay in his . I will accompany you until we are out of sight of Certierus.

'Why; I remember the girl, exclaimed De la Tour.

'And also know the man? 'I do. It was no other than myself.' True. As we passed beneath one of the street lamps I saw your face, and its every

You had saved my life, and perhaps my very honor, and I had reason to remember you.' 'To remember me ?'

Indeed, yes. You little thought that the woman to whom you gave alms and protection would become Lady Melville, and was your future wife."

'This does indeed seem like a dream

said De la Tour 'To you; but to me it is reality.' 'And you, so beautiful, so truly lovely,

begged in the open street ?" 'Once, and once only.'

'I did not see your face.' 'No; for it was covered by a vell. On the following day-one, in fact, that I regard as one of the happiest in my life-an old lady, in whom I had fortunately iuspired confidence and some interest, ennamed I was raised to the position of been lucky enough to marry her 'adding; quivers made of pi-ces of old blankets or companion and confidential friend. One 'L herse's would be much happing; flaunch. motioned to De la Tour to enter the car- companion and confidential friend. One day I was presented to an acquaintance of sile were a wife and mother," my patroness, Lord Melville. He was a man of about sixty, tall, thin, but of degri-

fied bearing." 'Mademoiselle,' he said, addressing me, I know your history. Will you marry

'Marry you ?' I questioned, much sur-

prised. 'Yes. I have an immense estate which I do not wish my nephew to inherit. My health a delicate, and my life lonely. If I can credit all I have been told, you are good and pure. Will you be Lady Melville "

'I loved you, Frederic, who knew not of my existence. I loved you, although f had not seen you but once. I could not forget, and there was something in my heart and soul that fold me, we should meet again, that our lives would run in the self-same current; how, I know not, and yet I felt sure. When I looked at Lord Melville, and saw his stern expression of face, I feared be simply wished to marry me in order to carry out his re-

'His persussions were redoubled, knew that his years were many, and that | song." my fortune would be great. I thought of you and how I could benefit you did I but possess wealth, and at last I yielded consent, and became Lady Melville."

'How strange it all scems,' replied De la Tour

Yes, dear love, as you have said, like some fairy tale I, a poor, friendless orphan, became the wife of one of England's richest peers.'

'Happy Lord Melville!' exclaimed Frederic, 'be had the power to enrich 'He v as happy,' continued Madame de

pa. Tour, tand never regretted his choice. He knew that I had seen you before our marriage.

You told him ? 'Yes, all. It was not until after our marriage, Frederic, that I again saw you, and although we soon learned to read each other's hear's, our lips were silent. Lord Melville was wealthy beyond my wildest expectations. He could not spend his income, and with that wisdom peculiar to him he realized that while the difference between our ages rendered love increassible, gratitude would attach me to him. Three months after our marriage Lord Melville died, leaving me all he possessed, and I resolved never to marry again, unless I could espouse the one man who always held my hear;

'And you won the love of that man ?' Without his knowing me to be the beggar woman his kindness had protected," rejoined Louise de la Tour, extending her

You remember, continued the speaker, that I refused the purse ?" Yes; you accepted but one coin. Only one, and at that time I was ai-

most starving. 'But it procured you food,' 'No,' repited Madame de la Tour, un clasping a ruly necklace that encircled her white throat. To this necklace hung an exquisite medallion.

See, dear Frederic, I did not part with

my treasure! As she spoke she touched a spring and disclosed a coin. 'It is the one I gave you!' exclaimed

De la Tour. Yes. 'And you retained it ?' 'I would sooner have parted with my life. I showed it to a taker, and arked

food his kindness permitted me ro eat.' Yes, my dear, I knew you, but you did not recognize me.'

'Surely, there has been a fairy in my life,' replied be. 'Why do you say so ?"

Because, when you saw me first, I was only a poor, struggling painter but from the time of our meeting the tide changed, and prosperity visited me."

'Would you know the name of the fairy?' It was you, Louise, exclaimed Frederic, joyfully. 'You bought my picture?' 'Many of them, and have won your love.

'Yes, my heart, my very soul-' Frederic de la Tour took the gold piece and pressed it to his lips. To that same bit of gold he owed happiness and for-

'While I am the fairy,' continued the precious talismata.

LINCOLN AS A MATCHMAKER,

It was about a year before the full of Richmond, when both north and south seem ed tottering to ruin. that a young lady who had known Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln for years visited Washington. She was an excep tionally sensible, warm hearted, refined wo man, gifted with a marvellous voice and a graceful figure, but she was very homely She called at the White House, and when she had gone with his wife into a private gaged me as her seamstress. My gayety room, Mr. Lincoln expressed his surprise returned. From the service I have to a friend that some good man had not

> A few moments later Major Cvolunteer officer, thoroughly respected by the President, and a batchelor, came into the study. Ar. Lincoln looked at him-

thoughtfully. ·What are you going to do when the war is over. C -- ?' he asked suddenly,

Seek my fortune, I suppose, was the startled reply. 'There it is in the room,' A frank, girlish laugh was heard at that moment, 'No

you can't go to seek it now; business first, That evening there was a reception at the White House. The President beckoned to

Major C--Lis en! A lady, whom they oculd not see because of the crowd, was singing in a voice of great beauty and sweetness some gay song. The Major would have moved forward, but Mr. Lincoln detained him, his eyes twinkling with shrewd fun.

face yet." Presently she sang a bullad with such pathos that the Major's eyes grew dim. 'Now go. She's as good and true as her

The good words of Mr. Lincoln probably influenced both parties. In a few months they were married, and the union has prov-

ed a most happy one.
'I did one wise thing in '64.' Mr. Lin-coln said, rubbing his chin, as was his wont when pleased, 'I made that match,'-Ex

A REVOLUTION INDEED.

The Little Rock (Ark.) Gazette says: \* \* During slavery I owned one of the blackest as well as the meanest regro men in South Arkansas. He was known in the neighborhood as Crow Som, I u-eto thrush Som about twice a week. Stea! ! he'd steal from himself and then deny it. Well, when the war came on he was one of the first to turn against me. He went into the army and served till the surrender. After perce was made I moved over into an just been painted that coloradjoining county and went to work, trying to repair my broken fortune. One day a negro that I had working for me knocked down one of my horses, which so enraged me that I struck him several times with my cane. He went away and returned with a Constable, who summoned me to appear before a magistrate. Officers were not so numerous then as now, and the magis rate's office was several miles away. Well, sir, when I got there, who should I see on the bench but old Crow Sain; He was fut und greasy and had on an enormous pair of spec- Do you think I've got a weaden leg? tacks. When everything had been made ready court was opened, and old Sam giv-ing me a searching look, remarked; Pears to me that I've seed you afore."

Look here, Sam," I said, 'I don't like News. to be mixed up this way. Try to settle this offair without malica.

De law is gwine to hab its direck course said Sam, 'Things hab kinder changed since we were in busine s together, but de principle of de nigger havn't revoluted. Dis nigger is as big a raseal as I used to be, so Mars John I'le discharge you, fl.nging de black ape in de cost,"

A tenspoonful of turpentine boiled with your white clothes will aid in the whitening INDIAN CHILDREN.

Indian bubics are never placed in rocking cradles, and lullabies are never sung to so the them to sleep by their drudging mo-thers. Tied upon a straight board in early infancy, they are suspended from poles and him to trust me. He did so, and the for hours in the sun, and taken down only

following day I was able to pay for the to be fed. When first pinioned to the board, they ery pitcou-ly, but after a lime seein to become accustomed to their car tivity, and remain quiet. It is this kind of cradle that

makes the Indian straight. The appearance of these little ones is striking and peculiar They have brown skins and quaint little faces and although their lodi s are rendered almost immovable, their sharp black eyes seem to flash out the incipient treacher, and cruelty they have inherited from their parents.

An Indian mother has but little tenderness, and when she concludes that her \* pappoo e' has been nurse! for a sufficient length of time, & piece of meat is forced into the mouth.

Rel of from the confinement of babyhood comes to the childeren when they are large enough to creep; and it is surprising how soon the use of their limbs is found. They at first tumble about in the teepies, and play with the dogs, but they are ou fort at an earlier go than white children, and use a bow and arrow before white babies learn even to put on their shoes,

Indian girls receive but little attention from their fathers. Their mothers instruct them in cooking, caring skins, and other wigwam duties, and are proud of what they

ccomplish. The life of an Indian boy is all sport nd pastime. He is much petted by his father, and roams and hunts at will . bow he makes of hard wood, and strings it with raw hide. His arrows are blunt, and are made of cottonwood, and carried in

Each Indian boy whose father can afford curried or taken care of, but mercilessly ridden in the race or hunt. When around comp, the horses are left in a herd, and watched by the squaws. The animals feed n summer on what short grass they can get and in the winter eat bark and twigs and

the dried buffalo grass, Gala days come to the little Indians, and that of the sun-dance is one of great sport and fessing. They have foot-races, ponyraces, a game of throwing tomahawks, and shouting at the marks with bows and ar-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 -The bill acompanying the report of the Joint committee on the reorganization of the army. which was presented to the Senate to-day by Burnside, provides that the general of-ficers should be reduced to six, "namely ; Two Major Generals and four Brigadier Generals for the permanent organization, instead of eleven as at present. The re-Wait a bit,' he said 'Don't look at her duction to take place by ensualties that the present organization shall consist of not nore than 25,000 enlisted men, inclusive of signal officers.

Three negroes in Hertford County have been sent to the Pententiary for five years each, for assaulting with intent to kill a negro who voted for Hon, J. J. Yeates,

Suitable dower for a widow-a widower. Why is dancing like milk? Because it trengthens the calves Why is an Englishman like a bee? Be-

ause he is ruled by a queen. What class of women are most apt to give tone to society? The belles.

At what time is a cigar like an old maid? When there is no match for it. One of the cusiest ways to get a "greenack" is to lear up sgainst a door that has

An Irishman has always an unswer for anything. A Corkenian, on being asked at breakfast how he came by "that black

eye,' said "he slept on his fist," A man never really knows the exact 'power of the press' till he sticks his fingers in the thing, and leaves the ends of them there to remember him by

Mercer-Stockings, mise? Yes, miss. What number, miss, do you -- . Matter of Fact Young Lady - Why, two of course! That popular cry, "Another lie nailed,"

while he was lying before her, - Danbury Why did Sisera go to Jaei ?- Herald. Probably because he was deserted by his Basl; or it may have been that like the people of the Louth he prefured juil to Barok rule,-Richmond State.

No veteran smoker would enjoy smoking in the dark, because to smoke properly one must have a light.

The South is continually scolding the North for waving the bloody skirt, and yet it persistently waives the subject itself. How inconsistent!—Phil. Bulletin.