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## A Fortune Teller

By EMILY DEANE HAINES

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A party of young people stepped luto the dingy rooms of a fortune teller of San Francisco and asked her to tell their fortunes.

"I'm tired of this business," she said. "but I would like to make a little money for my present needs, I will tell you the fortune of a couple whose life is more strange than that of any one whose fortune I have ever told." All agreed to hear the story, and. finding whatever seats they were able, they settled down to listen. The old woman began:

"In the early days of Virginia City there lived there a teamster with his wife, a Scotch woman, who took in washing and kept a miners' boarding house. Neither of the two had ever had any education, and neither could read or write. They were just a plain teamster and a plain washer-

"One day some men came to the teamster and told him they wished to buy a claim of a few hundred feet on Gold bill, but they hadn't quite enough money to pay for it. Had be any savings, and would be, if he had. like to go in with them? The teamster talked the matter over with his wife. and after a long discussion they agreed that they might as well put what they had in the claim since they knew of no way to invest it to get an interest from it. That was a time when no one knew what great wealth there was lu the ground thereabout and whatever the couple bought could be bought for very little money. So they got out their stocking and dumped the bills and gold and silver and copper coins on the table, counted it and took it to the men who were going to buy the claim and paid for their

share in it. "By and by the owners began to take gold out of the mine, and the more they took out the more, it seemed, was there to take out. Suddenly the teamster and his wife found themselves so rich that they didn't know what to do with their money. The teamster stopped teaming, and his wife stopped keeping boarders and taking in washing and set about enjoying their change

"'What's the first thing to do, wife? asked the teamster.

"'Give a big blowout,' she answered. "So they gave a big 'blowout' at the International hotel, asking everybody they knew and everybody they didn't know, and told the landlord not to pay any attention whatever to what any-

"Then they went away to Europe to the Alps pretty well, for they are as to the cost. much finer than the Rockies. But in saw a lot of old buildings not so much use as an adobe shanty and miles of paintings of men and women without it. Then they went to Egypt, where triple throne. there's nothing but sand and obelisks and mummies, and to Greece, where there's a big stone house on a high hill, with the wind blowing through it. They call it the Acropolis, or something like that, but they didn't see any comfort in it, so they came away.

"Next they went to Paris and rode up and down the boulevards and the 'Champs Elizas' and saw shows such as never was seen in a dance house in a mining town and walked through miles of pictures in the galleries and past indecent statues. From Paris they went to London, where they saw a lot of sights of old piles of stones and castles hundreds of years old. But in London they found the first thing to really amuse them while they were gone. That was riding on the busses. They rode all day and some time late into the night, but they got tired even of this and come home thinking that. after all, there was no place like Ne-

"On the shore of Washoe lake they built a big mansion. The site was a beautiful one, with the wall of snow capped Sierras behind it and water in front. Money was no object in its building. It was built of quarried stone and furnished with the costllest San Francisco could supply. A library of books with the name on every volume was one of the furnishings. The door handles were silver, the table furnishings the finest to be had at

that place at that time. "The house was big enough for a hundred families, but they didn't have even a single chick of their own, so they adopted a little girl they named Persia. But the child sickened, They loved her dearly-so dearly that they would have gladly given all their wealth to save her, but the Lord wouldn't take it in exchange, and Persia died, and that left no one in the big house but themselves.

"Next the teamster died and was buried under the shadow of the Sierras. and after her husband's death everything seemed to go against the widow. Her fortune was melting away, and she undertook to save it by speculation. This made matters worse. Her mansion on the lake went with everything else, and at last she was as poor as when she took in washing and kept a miners' boarding house.

"She had to do something to keep the life in her lonely body, so she came to Frisco and opened a fortune teller's shop, and here she is. A quarter each, please, for the story." "What was your husband's name?" asked one of the young men of the

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Dumas' Wealth and Poverty. Alexandre Dumas' rise to wealth and luxury was almost as marvelous as that of his most celebrated here. He built a maguificent chateau, which he named Monte Christo. There he entertained all comers, friend and stran-"Pedomancy, pet?" tans and sighed.

ger alike, with more than oriental magnificence and sometimes with oriental mystery. His purse was open to all who sought it, and the day came when he experienced Timon's fate without acquiring Timon's disposition He could not become a misanthrope, though his fortune disappeared almost as suddenly as it came, and then be learned the ingratitude of men. His last days were passed not in poverty. but in narrow circumstances. He left Paris in the fall of 1870 just us the German army was closing in to beslege it and when France was feeling its deepest woe. To the last be preserved his gavety and youthful spirit. "I had but one napoleon in my porket when I first came here," be said "! go away with two, and yet they call me a spendthrift."

Very Devout. A new parson was presented to Hving in a remote agricultural district and was auxious to make him self at home with his flock as soon as possible. He therefore began his pastoral calls at once. Among the first recipients of these attentions was Farmer Jones, whose family the new parson had noticed to be very regular and apparently very devout attendants at church. Farmer Jones was out, but his wife received the parson. when the following dialogue took place: "I am your new rector, Mrs Jones. I have noticed with great pleasure your regular attendance at church and have lost as little time as posidble, you see, in calling and improving our acquaintance." "Yes, sir," replied Mrs. Jones: "we're 'bliged to be reg'lar at church, for if we didn't go Farmer Smith claims that pew, and we're not goin' to give it up for the likes of him. So my son Peter stands at the door half an hour before service begins to keep 'Im out."-Liverpool Mercury.

Big Hats In Colonial Days. The question of high hats at public places was of some moment, even in colonial days. In 1700 the church at Andover, Mass., put it to vote whether, "the parish disapprove of the female sex sifting with their bats on in the meeting house in time of divine service as being indecent." In the town of Ablington in 1775 it was voted that was "an indecent way with the feminine sex to sit with their hats and bonnets on in worshiping God." Still another town voted that it was the "town's mind" that the women should take their bonnets off in meeting and hang them on the pegs.

King George II. once wished to add the Green park, in London, to his paiace grounds, whether the people liked see all the sights there. They enjoyed it or not. He inquired of his minister

His lordship, mindful of the general Rome and Florence and Naples they discontent then prevalent, answered: "The cost, sir? Oh, it would be a matter of three crowns!"

The king took the hint. The people any clothes on, and they got tired of kept their park and the sovereign his

Merciful. Mrs. A .- I do love lobsters, but I never have them at home because it seems so inhuman to kill them by putting them in a kettle of boiling water. Mrs. B.-Gracious! I never kill them that way-it would be too horrible. I always put them on in cold water and let them come to a boil .-Boston Transcript.

No Satisfying Her. "Women are hard to understand."

"Think so?" "Yes; I told her she carried her age well, and she was offended."

"You don't say!" "Yes, and then I told be she didn't carry it well, and she wouldn't speak." -Philadelphia Record.

#### Misnamed.

Wife-I say, do you know the girl in the flat above us won a plano at the charity bazaar lottery yesterday? Husband-A plano? Great Scott! And that's what they call a charity bazaar!-Meggendorfer Blatter.

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"I've been studying pedomancy, Cuthbert," she nanounced.

"Divination by the feet," she ex plained. "Feet that incline to Matrices are a sign of meanness, Cuthbert." Cuthbert looked down at his Ko to

"A hurried yet silent walk," she continued, "is indicative of criminal to stincts. Your walk is so burried, so noiseless, Cuthbert." "You are speaking of only one of my

styles of walking. Ethel," he answered brightly. "I have another, I used it this afternoon to walk into a jewcler's shop and buy a \$150 engagement ring that I had hoped"-

"Oh, Cuthbert!" she cried, and the next minute the pedomancy expert and a splay footed youth were crowded into one saddlebug chair, and the gas was turned down into a little blue bubble.-San Francisco Chronicle.

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