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THE TALE THAT ECHO TOLD

By John T. Troth

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In his youth Men Yu had loved and courted Yonda, the beautiful daughter of the King's equerry, and, finally winning her from his rival, Gorlon, had married her, they two living together most happily for three years. Then came to that part of the world the year that no man forgets even to this distant day, when the fetid breath of the white fever was borne northward on humid breezes from the far jungles of Umb. It kissed, among many others, Yonda, who, in spite of all Men Yu's wisdom, wasted away and died in the hushed space between night fade and dawn glow.

One winter evening many years later when Men Yu, resting from his laborious studies, was lost in thoughts (as ever at such times) of the beauty and goodness of Yonda, there came a knocking at his door. Withdrawing the oaken bars he admitted a man attired in gorgeous silks of green and gold, and from the manner of his dress at once knew him to be from a far indeed, to be a merchant of storied Am-bur, whose far-gleaming roofs are reported to be slated with nothing less than the burnished scales of golden dragons overcome in old, forgotten battles, and he dealt in mysterious wares and strange enchantments calculated to divert the mind and beguile the soul away from all sad thoughts. His trafficking was carried on secretly for fear of the anger of the priests, who had great jealousy of the occult powers of his merchandise. Men Yu had often heard of these things and was glad to see them with his own eyes, but steadfastly refused to buy, verted either from his labors or from his sorrow.

At last the merchant, seeing that he was obdurate, confided that he had yet to reveal the most truly amazing thing of all. Feeling in his turban, he brought forth a tiny, violet-colored shell, within whose labyrinthine convolutions he asserted there dwelt a spirit, a mere Voice, called Echo, who, while invisible to any eye, was capable of reproducing, as on a veritable mirror or sound, all that had fallen upon the ear of man since the world was but a little pellet of moist clay, rolled between the thumb and forefinger of God. Men Yu was tremendously interested at hearing this, and asked the merchant for proof of his increable claims. The latter thereupon commanded Echo, and the physicion

at once heard, quite plainly, the confused babble of strange tongues in the streets and bazaars of far-off, Eastern cities, the tinkle of silver-tongued bells on the anklets of dancing girls, and the weird long-drawn cries of priests praying for their minanrets at the going down of the sun.

These wonders, and especially the would indeed prove a most invaluable and diverting companion, and further, he saw the possibility of discovering through her voice many of the lost secrets and mysteries of the past, so he inquired of the merchant his price. The man in green and gold thereupon named remarkable conditions under which alone could he think of parting with this the chiefest of his treasures.

Many and wondrous were the revelations unveiled by the obedient voice of Echo, and without parallel became the fame of Men Yu throughout all the then known world. By the irrefutable evidence of conversations hoary with the breath of centuries and Oppose Operation. 3. What Cancer Is. 4. Why the unrecorded save within the memory of Echo he mastered, one by one, the ments of Food. 8. Medical Endorsements of Our Claim. | moot problems that had vexed the wisest men of his time.

But, improbable as it may appear, although Men Yu never ceased to How a Doctor Can Help. 17. How to Avoid Cancer. dwell affectionately upon his memories of incomparable Yondo, years passed before it occured to him to bid Echo With this book are a number of in- resurrect from the silence of the tomb teresting case-reports, proving the the voice of his love as he had delightgreat value of "Cantassium Treatment" ed to hear it during the cruelly brief in various cases. The treatment is years she had been with him. One simple and inexpensive, and can be wild, stormy night, however, when he was more than usually lonely, he thought of this new wonder and joyfully commanded the shell to give up all of China's coolie millions should those dearly cherished sounds. Echo was unaccountably silent at first and, when he insisted, seemed to speak sadly and reluctantly. Then, as Men Yu listened so hungarily, he heard Yonda's own voice in conversation, not with himself, but with Gorlon, his rival, and through her tones= there breathed a smoldering fire of passion, such as even he had never heard there-

Finally Men Yu rose and, first sealtravelers toward the icy passes of ing the door and windows of his room | colds, cramps and colic, and unless | British Columbia, these resources havjourney beyond Gaw, on the left bank ders from sundry vials, blending them

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