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THE ARABIAN BEAUTY.

Arabian laws of loveliness say that rived. be headtiful a woman's physique rived.

"How I wish I had alone," she cried in the bitterness of alone," she cried in the week after the wedding, and stood her soul the week after the wedding. tally exactly with the following ing to Mr. Fortescue, who had stood her soul the week after the wedding, her hair, evebrouse leads ing to Mr. Fortescue, who had stood when she heard that Mr. Fortescue had when she heard that Mr. Fortescue when wiles are the eye, white; head, neck, of the transaction. arms and waist, round; back, arms and limbs, long; forehead,

THE WHITE LACE FAN.

"Twenty-five shilling! Oh, dear!

And Nina laid down the pretty trink-

She was a sparkling, black-browed

et and walked slowly out of the shop.

brunette, with great, languid eyes, a

mouth like wave-wet coral, and a shy,

bewitching way which gentlemen called

charming and ladies couldn't appreci-

ate at all. Miss Philpotts was just

ed Nina to be her second bridesmaid;

the other bridesmaids had given such

Nina to herself. "Oh, dear, what a

wretched thing it is to be poor! And

give Nellie nothing on earth but a

Mr. Fortescue was the name of the

and Nina-well, she liked him, too -

just a little. At all events, she was

anxious to stand well in his eyes, and

from this, quite as much as from her

affection for the bride-expectant,

sprang her desire for the white lace

fan with the lavender silk lining and

Allie Mortimer had given a gold watch

and chain, and Esther Ames a silver

smelling bottle with a diamond-stud-

"I must give something decent!"

together; and she went to her grim

Uncle Leopold turned upon her

Carrols that sovereigns flutter through

the day like sparrows. I gave you half

a sovereign the day before yesterday.

It is all that you can have at present."

"But, uncle, here is a sovereign ly-

"Humph!" and Uncle Leopold shrug-

that if you want it. It's a counterfeit

ded stopper.

old granduncle.

ing on the desk."

sibly have taken it."

in her purse and went away.

"Oh, Mr. Fortescue! is it you?"

present for Nellie Philpotts."

one's eyes."

"Miss Carrol!"

sort of manner.

before.

ing. Here it is."

spare me a sovereign?"

sharp and withering glance.

what will Mr. Fortescue think if

two-and-sixpenny handkerchief!"

like had no wish to be behindhand.

Then of course I can't afford it,"

fan upon the counter.

Her hair, eyebrows, lashes leaning against the counter, with exleaning against the counter, with exscuely engaged himself to Newton & leaning against the counter, with exscuely engaged himself to Newton & leaning against the whole sctually engaged himself to Newton & emplay patience, during the whole Taxley's pretty assistant. "Do you think Nellie will like it." Amy Charnock thanked God for the

answered with enthusiasm. "It is a gift alike worthy of the giver and of the recipient."

Nina smiled and flushed up. Praise

from such a source as this was very sweet. "What is the price of it?" Nina Carwhen she reached home.

"Twenty-five shillings, ma'am," the "What a beauty it is!" soliloquised she. "What a ridiculous idea it was of Uncle Leopold's that the coin wasn't Rue Keller, in Paris, a short time ago small ticket which hung to the elegant | good !"

But she kept the story of her purchase to herself.

"Which of the girls was it who took this sovereign?"

Mr. Taxley's little black eyes glited in his indignant fingers like an aspen leaf upon its stem.

about to be married, and she had ask- woman, looked round, and said: "It was Miss Charnock, I know, because she remarked on its brightness when she paid it over." elegant wedding-gifts-and Nina, girl-

tered the proprietor. "The coin is bad!" And Amy Charnock came. "That white lace fan, with the lav-"Counterfeit? O, Mr. Taxley, that ender silk lining and the pearl sticks, cannot possibly be! I took it from an would have been the very thing," said elegant young lady."

"Can you describe ther?" Amy hesitated.

"She was very pretty, with black citement. eyes and hair. She bought one of these white lace fans." "Humph," said Mr. Taxley grimly.

"No doubt all this is very satisfactory, but our rules are invariable and from a given calf to manufacture a stringent-most stringent where the receiving of bad coins is in question. Your services will be required no longer, Miss Charnock, and the sovereign will be deducted from your month's ing eyes, and whom the girls all liked salary. Sorry, of course"-as a look of blank dismay came over Amy's face-'but it's our rule. Otherwise we should be losing all the time. Pass on please, Miss Charnock, Miss Fettridge is waiting to speak to me."

So Amy was discharged. was to become of them?

said Nina, compressing her cherry lips absorbed in these sorrowful reflectil midnight of the following day playtions to take any note of the outer ing works by Wagner, comic opera, world, she stumbled against some one. ballet music, and grand opera.

"Uncle Leopold," she said, "can you the street lamp shone plainly on his friend, who poured down his throat face as he lifted his hat and spoke the coffee, tea and eggs, beaten up with "You know, child, I cannot," said he, customary phrase: "Money isn't so plentiful with the

"I beg your pardon!" But Amy Charnock stopped him.

said falteringly. "You are the gen- | Signor Gravagni offered to make a fur- Saracenic rule, when the city of Cortleman who was with the lady who ther bet that he would keep on for bought the lace fan? Don't you re- another six hours, but there were no member me, sir? I am the girl who takers. sold the fan-at Newton & Taxley's." ged his shoulders. "You're welcome to "I do remember now," said Mr. Fortescue, supremely puzzled. "But may

-a dead loss, so far as I am concerned. I don't know where I could pos-"I don't wonder you are puzzled at "But it looks good, Uncle Leopold." my strange address," Amy interrupt- him? "Of course it does, else I shouldn't ed, with a little hysterical laugh. "But have been sold as I was. Take it away the sovereign she paid was a counter-

child,-take it away! It's not pleasant | feit, and it has cost me my situation." And she told the simple story of her tribulations.

to be reminded of one's folly by the perpetual witness lying there before Mr. Fortescue listened with the deep-And so with a sigh Nina put the coin est interest. He was one of nature's gentlemen, be it said to his honor. He "I don't believe it's bad," said she would have helped an old fishwoman, to herself, a sudden idea springing in- across the Strand, or stopped to pick to her mind. "I dare say it is good, up the tattered shawl of an organonly some old fogy or other has re- grinder's wife as readily as the emfused to take it from Uncle Leopold. broidered handkerchief of a Flora At all events, I mean to try the ex- McFlimsey, but it is only natural to periment. It certainly can't do any be interested in the tears that obscure harm, and I do want the fan so much!" china-blue eyes and the words that flow from lips that are like a cleft

cherry. "It seems scarcely possible," said he. "that Miss Carrol would give you a counterfeit coin. It must be a mis-

Nina colored scarlet. She was a lit- take." "It may be," said Amy simply. "But tle vexed that Mr. Fortescue should have overtaken her just on the thres- I know that I have been turned out hold of Newton & Taxley's emporium; of my place; and if she knew-" "Will you go with me to her house?"

and yet why should she be annoyed? "If you think it will do any good." "Am I in the way? May I accom-So they went together. pany you?" he asked in an off-hand Uncle Leopold was in his study, and

"Oh, certainly, I shall be delighted! Nina was copying out some paper or I-I was only going to buy a wedding other for him when the two visitors were shown in. Nina rose to her feet, "Ah! Then I shall be interested, coloring hot carmine. She knew the too. May I venture to inquire what it sweet face of the shopgirl at onceand something told her that her se-

Nina's heart pulsated a degree or cret was revealed. "Nina." said her grand-uncle, turntwo more rapidly as she advanced to the counter and addressed a shy, ing sharply around, with a heavy frown darkening his brow, as Amy "I was looking at a white-laced fan Charnock told her simple story, "is it Old mortgages paid off on the here yesterday. Will you show it to me possible that you could be so devoid here yesterday. Will you show it to me of principle as to use that coin after of principle as to use that coin after A bright look of intelligence came I had plainly told you it was a coun-

over the girl's face. She remembered terfeit?" "I-I did not know, 1 thought perhaps-" stammered poor Nina.

the young lady's interest of the day "You see the mischief you have done, interrupted Mr. Carrol. "Let it be a "Oh, yes, ma'am!" said she. "White, lesson to you. I must see this Taxley with pearl sticks and a lavender lin-"Twenty-five shillings I think you fellow at once. This poor girl must be "And must I send back the fan?" "I will take it. Please pack it very cried Nina, bursting into tears of mor-

"Pardon me," said Mr. Fortescue, in-"No, I am in a hurry-I will take it terposing here. "Let me have the

And, half-conscious that she was for Miss Carrol." doing wrong, yet unwilling to deny herself the luxury, and resolutely "We are poor; but we are no beggars. persuading herself that no harm was My niece can afford neither to send done. Nina Carrol handed over the 25-shilling fans nor to allow others to

counterfeit sovereign with five shill- send them for her." ings in payment for the glittering And so Nina had to fall back upon The girl took it without a word, and after all on which she had embroidered presently a little papered packet ar- her friend's monogram. "How I wish I had let the coin

So one wedding made another. And

FREAKISH MAN

Some Foolhardy Wagers Made by Foolish Individuals.

Perhaps the most foolhardy feat on She looked at the fan with delight record was that of a French cabinet maker named Paul Parmentier, who, while drinking in a wine shop in the offered to lay a wager of five francs that he would jump out of a fourth RATES year, payable in advance—\$1.50 may be charged if not so paid. The date to which every floor window without hurting him-

Treating the offer as a joke his comrades accepted the bet, but were horrified when Parmentier rushed intered like glass beads behind the to the road, and, climbing up four moony glasses of his double-convex flights of stairs to his own room, threw himself into the street. He was picked up with his left leg broken and seri-The bookkeeper, a fat, middle-aged ously injured internally.

A short time ago the circus at Bolton, England, was the scene of an exciting incident, a local barber, nam-"Call Miss Charnock at once," mut- ed Settle, having undertaken to shave a man in the hon's den. The event duly came off. The building was crowded to excess, and the barber, attired in all his tonsorial habiliments, completed the task amid the most profound ex-

> Another extraordinary feat was that performed by a Vienna shoemaker not long ago. This individual undertook pair or boots within twenty-four hours of the animal's death.

Early in the morning of the ap- The Chronicle pointed day a calf was killed in the presence of numerous witnesses. The shin was at the tannery shortly afterwards; it was properly tanned, and turned over to the spirited shoemaker that very evening, and next morning it appeared in the shape of a pair of She hurried home through the wan- boots, which were worn by the man ing twilight, her heart feeling heavy who owned the calf the day before.

as lead in her bosom, her cheeks pale | Reverting to feats of a different nathe carved mother-of-pearl sticks. For as ashes; because with Amy Charnock ture, we may mention the performance it was a question of sheer starva- of Signor Gravagni, a Milanese pianist, tion whether she retained her situa- who made a bet that he would play for tion at Newton & Taxley's or not. twenty-five consecutive hours, with Its Local News is Complete. And then there was the rheumatic old only an interval of half an hour for mother, and the little brother, who refreshment. He won triumphantly, must be kept at school, and- Oh! what for he went straight on without taking the stipulated period of rest. Start-As she hastened along, too deeply ing at eleven at night, he kept on un-

It was a gentleman, and the light of From time to time he was fed by a wine. A jury of eight musicians took it in turns to watch the performance. So far from being exhausted at the "I-I surely am not mistaken," she end of these extraordinary proceedings,

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