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THE ARABIAN BEAUTY. Arabian laws of loveliness say that a woman's face should be like a rose.

THE WHITE LACE FAN.

I. "What is the price of it?" Nina Carroll asked eagerly. "Twenty-five shillings, ma'am," the assistant answered, referring to the small ticket which hung to the elegant fan upon the counter.

And Nina laid down the pretty trinket and walked slowly out of the shop. She was a sparkling, black-browed brunette, with great, languid eyes, a mouth like wave-wet coral, and a shy, bewitching way which gentlemen called charming and ladies couldn't appreciate at all.

Mr. Fortescue was the name of the gentleman who was to be "best man" at the wedding—a handsome young graduate with an auburn mustache, a head of curly Saxon hair and laughing eyes, and whom the girls all liked and Nina—well, she liked him, too—just a little.

"I must give something decent!" said Nina, compressing her cherry lips together; and she went to her grim old granduncle. "Uncle Leopold," she said, "can you spare me a sovereign?"

"But, uncle, here is a sovereign lying on the desk." "Humph!" and Uncle Leopold shrugged his shoulders. "You're welcome to that if you want it. It's a counterfeit—a dead loss, so far as I am concerned. I don't know where I could possibly have taken it."

And so with a sigh Nina put the coin in her purse and went away. "I don't believe it's bad," said she to herself, a sudden idea springing into her mind. "I dare say it is good, only some old fogey or Uncle Leopold. At all events, I mean to try the experiment. It certainly can't do any harm, and I do want the fan so much!"

II. "Miss Carroll!" "Oh, Mr. Fortescue! is it you?" Nina colored scarlet. She was a little vexed that Mr. Fortescue should have overtaken her just on the threshold of Newton & Taxley's emporium; and yet why should she be annoyed?

"Oh, certainly, I shall be delighted! I—I was only going to buy a wedding present for Nellie Philpotts." "Ah! Then I shall be interested, too. May I venture to inquire what it is?"

"Oh, yes, ma'am!" said she, "White, with pearl sticks and a lavender lining. Here it is." "Twenty-five shillings I think you said the price was?" "Yes, ma'am; twenty-five shillings." "I will take it. Please pack it very carefully in the box."

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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.

III. "Which of the girls was it who took this sovereign?" Mr. Taxley's little black eyes glittered like glass beads behind the moony glasses of his double-convex spectacles.

"She was very pretty, with black 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 stringent—most stringent where the receiving of bad coins is in question."

"I beg your pardon!" "But Amy Charnock stopped him. 'I—I surely am not mistaken,' she said falteringly. 'You are the gentleman who was with the lady who bought the lace fan? Don't you remember me, sir? I am the girl who sold the fan—at Newton & Taxley's.'"

"I do remember now," said Mr. Fortescue, supremely puzzled. "But may I ask—"

"I don't wonder you are puzzled at my strange address. Any interrupted, with a little hysterical laugh. "But the sovereign she paid was a counterfeit, and it has cost me my situation."

"It seems scarcely possible," said he, "that Miss Carroll would give you a counterfeit coin. It must be a mistake."

"It may be," said Amy simply. "But I know that I have been turned out of my place; and if she knew—"

"I—I did not know, I thought perhaps—"

"Do you think Nellie will like it?"

FREAKISH FEATS. Some Foolhardy Wagers Made by Foolish Individuals. Perhaps the most foolhardy feat on record was that of a French cabinet maker named Paul Parmentier, who, while drinking in a wine shop in the Rue Keller, in Paris, a short time ago offered to lay a wager of five francs that he would jump out of a fourth floor window without hurting himself.

Treating the offer as a joke his comrades accepted the bet, but were horrified when Parmentier rushed into the road, and climbing up four flights of stairs to his own room, threw himself into the street. He was picked up with his left leg broken and seriously injured internally.

A short time ago the circus at Bolton, England, was the scene of an exciting incident, a local barber, named Settle, having undertaken to shave a man in the lion'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 excitement.

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

Early in the morning of the appointed day a calf was killed in the presence of numerous witnesses. The skin 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 boots, which were worn by the man who owned the calf the day before.

ALL ON WIND. Tom Harmon, whatever became of him? Oh, he's here yet. Buildin' up quite a reputation on wind.

How's that? He's invented three different bicycle pumps, and now he's working on a flyin' machine.

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