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"THE THIEF OF BAGDAD"

dwell in Paradise!"

the Jews!"

"A lie!" exclaimed the other.

voice rose a hectic octave.

"The truth!" insisted Ahmed.

"Softly, softly!" came the Captain'

"As wise as Solomon, the King of

ram; raised hairy, high-veined hands.

you tell me what its contents are ?"

merchant's triumphant reply. "My

purse holds three golden tomans from

Persia, one chipped at the edge; a

warning; and he went on: "There

Donglas Babbanks' Pantasy of the Arabian Nights, by

He walked with a mincing step, his | the Righteous!" wailed Tagi Khan. wicked, shriveled old face topped ludicrously by a coquettish turban of pale cerise, his scanty beard dyed blue with indigo, his pointed finger nails gilt in a foppish manner, his lean body clad in green silk, and holding in his bony right hand a large cluster of lilies at which he sniffed.

All this Ahmed saw and disliked. Saw, furthermore, protruding a little from Tagi Kahn's waist shawl, the sagging plumpness of an embroidered purse. A fat purse! A rich, swollen, but one way to decide this matter. bloated purse! A purse to stir the im- | Whoever owns this purse knows its agination of both the righteous and the contents." unrighteous!

"Mine-by the red pig's bristles!" thought Ahmed, as the other passed the fountain. "Mine-or may I never laugh again!"

Already his right hand had descend. ed. Already his agile fingers were curling like question marks. Already the purse was sliding gently from Tagi Kahn's waist shawl when-for let us remember that Ahmed was stretched flat on his stomach, his bare back warmed by the sun-an inquisitive intensified and combined with tonics | mosquito lit on his shoulder and stung

He wiggled; twisted. His tapering fingers slipped and

looked up, and saw his purse in Ahmed's hand. "Thief! Thief! Thief!" he yelled, reaching up, clutching at the purse,

grabbing its other end. "Give it back to me!" "No! No!" protested Ahmed, pulling the purse away and transfering it quickly to his left hand. "It is mine own purse! I am not a thief! I am an honest man! It is you, yourself, who

are the thief!" And, appealing to the people who came crowding up on a run, he continued heatedly, with every expres-

sion of injured innocence: "Behold me this Tagi Kahn! This oppressor of widows and orphans This worshipper before the unclean gods of compound interest! He accuses me-me-of being a thief!"

"You are a thief!" bellowed the merchant. "You stole my purse!"

"The purse is mine!" "No-mine-O Father of a bad Smell!"

"Goat !" came Ahmed's reply "Goat of an odor most goatish! Abuser of the Salt!"-and he jumped down from the ledge and faced the other.

Standing there in the bright, yellow sunlight, poised on the balls of his bare feet, ready for either flight or combat as the odds might advise, he was a fine figure of a man; short rather than tall, but perfectly proportioned from narrow foot to curly head, with a splendid breadth of chest and shoulders, and long muscles that were like running water. There was here none of your clumsy, flabby, overfed Nordic flesh, like a greasy, pink-andwhite suet pudding, but a smooth, hairless torso, with the crunching strength of a man and the grace of a woman. The face was clean-shaven except for an impudent little mustache that quivered with well-simulated wrath as he heaped insults upon the stammering, raging Tagi Khan.

The crowd laughed and applaudedfor Tagi Khan had not many friends in Bagdad-until finally a gigantic, black-bearded Captain of the Watch shouldered his way through the

"Be quiet, both you fighting-cocks!" he thundered threateningly. "This is Bagdad, the Caliph's town, where they hang men in chains from the Gate of Lions for shouting too loudly in the marketplace. And now-softly, softlywhat is the trouble?"

"He took my purse, O Protector of

kin; and a handful of small coins from the lands of the Franks-cursed be all unbelievers! Give me the purse! It is

"One moment," said the Captain. He turned to Ahmed. "And what do you claim the purse to contain?"

"Why-" laughed the Thief of Bagdad-"it contains nothing at all, O Great Lord! And-" opening the purse and turning it inside out-"here is the proof!" But he kept his right leg very quiet to keep the stolen money, which he had plopped into his baggy breech-"The purse was never his," asserted es, from rattling against the rest of his Ahmed, boldly displaying the disputed loot and thus giving him away. article and holding it high. "It is a

Laughter, then, from the crowd. most precious heirloom bequeathed to Riotous, exaggerated, falsetto Orienme by my late father-may his soul tal laugher-presently topped by the Captain's words:

"You spoke the truth, young man!" He winked at Ahmed shamelessly "A lie! A lie! A lie!" the merchant's and brazenly. For a year or two earlier he had borrowed a sum of money from Tagi Khan; and, the first of every month, had paid high interest and substantial instalments without, thanks to the o'her's miraculous calculations, "A wise man!" commented the being ever able to diminish the princi-

He addressed the merchant with

crushing, chilly words: "Consider, O Wart, that the Pro-Unblushingly, the Captain of the phet Mohammed-on Him the bless-Watch accepted the flattery. He stuck ings and the peace!-recommended out his great beard like a batteringhonesty as a charming and worthwhile virtue! No-no . . . " as Tagi "Wise indeed am I!" he admitted Khan was about to break into a flood calmly. "And now-my Tagi Khanof bitter protestations-"consider, fursince you claim this purse, suppose thermore, that the tongue is the enemy "Gladly! Readily! Easily!" came the of the neck!"

(To Be Continued.)

bright, carved silver medjidieh from A would-be bridegroom from Cen-Stambul; eighteen various gold pieces tral Europe, applied to Magistrate And Tagi Kahn, feeling the jerk, | from Bokhara, Khiva, and Samarkand; F. Richards in Winnipeg for a "tema shoe-shaped candareen from far Pe- porary marriage" license.



Figured in Historic Sod Turning

This antique looking wheelbarrow and spade do not appear capable of very hefty service now, but nearly half a century ago they carried the weight of a very important event — the ceremony marking the commencement of the construction of the Canada Central Railway through Pembroke, Ontario. Following the ceremony, the spade with which the first sod was turned and enthusiastic crowd, were presented to Miss M. P. Moffat, daughter of the Reeve of the village, the lady who performed the ceremony of the naming of the road and christening it with a bottle of champagne. They recently passed into the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which company took over the Canada Central lines in 1881, and will be added to a museum of relics connected with the early days of the railroad which is being formed in Montreal.

So much for the actual ceremony. The Pembroke "Observer" for September 3rd 1875 says: "The assembly then adjourned to a spacious booth that had been specially erected for the occasion, where champagne and beer had been provided for the purpose of drinking several toasts which had been previously agreed upon, by the committee; but a number of individuals, apparently more intent on drinking champagne than doing honor to any toasts, took possession of the tables, and the regular order of the programme had to be abandoned. The Pembroke Brass Band was present and performed some popular airs"

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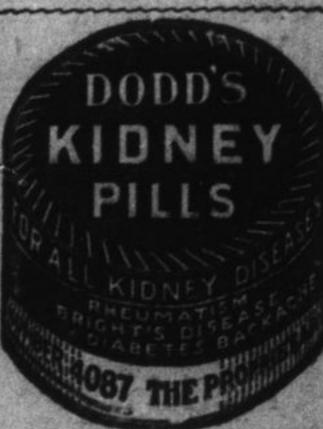
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. H. Watts attended the funeral of Mrs. Hill's uncle, John Freeman, at New Dublin, on Sunday. Miss Leona Church is spending few days here. Miss M. King has re turned back to Brockville after spending a few days at her home. Miss Alma Watts, Athens, spent the the head-rest of a chair or week-end at her home here.

Mennonite colony settled in Mani- than the uphoistery. toba, and the fiftieth anniversary of the event was celebrated last month. a seat on the "water wagon."



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