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The Mongol turned and joined the latter. "The Persian, too, is right !" Why and Wherefore of the extraordin- three of them, can I?"

"I am grateful-so grateful!" ex-1 claimed the happy father, fondling his daughter's hand. "Grateful to all of

"Do not forget that most of your Mongol. velous treasure on earth! And now, citedly, according to your and your daughter's pledge, I claim her as my own-my

bride-my wife!" "Fair and just!" admitted the Caliph of Bagdad; but his words as well as Zobeid's exclamation of horror and consternation were swallowed in the

Indian's angry: "Why-the pretensions of this Mongol are absolutely preposterous! Saved Zobeid's life, did he? By Shiva! There is hardly a Brahmin or holy fakir in Hindustan who is not familiar with Sanjivnividya-the science of restoring the dead to life!"

"Pardon me," sneered the Mongol, "but why did you not use this marvelous science?"

"Partly because, in my excitement and grief, I did not happen to think of it; and partly because, knowing that Zobeid would marry me, I did not wish to rob you of the glory of having cured—ah!"—he smiled like the cat that has stolen the cream- "the future Queen of India. For I claim Zobeid's hand. Here"—as he gave the magic crystal to mzem—"is the greatest rarity on earth! Without its help we would not have known of Zobeid's terrible plight! She is mine—mine—

"There is something in what you say," admitted the Caliph. He turned to his daughter. "Zobeid, I really be-"Wait a moment! Just wait a mom-ent!" cut in the Prince of Persia. "A fiddlestick for magic globe and magic apple! Valuable—I grant. Also interesting. But it was my magic flying carpet which brought us here in time to save the Princess' life. Here"—as he spread the rug in front of the couch "is the greatest treasure, the rarest gift in the Lord Allah's Creation! By its token I claim your daughter's hand. O Caliph of all the Faithful!"

"By the honor of my beard," said the

other two Princes who were busy ans- "But, father dear! I am an obedient wering the Caliph's questions as to the daughter. Still-I cannot marry the

"Hardly!" admitted the Caliph. "Then-what shall I do!" "You are mine! cried the Indian. "Minel" exclaimed the Persian. "Mine! Mine own!" growled the

gratitude belongs to this little magic They surrounded the Caliph, clam- Bagdad.

slave girl; and once more addressed ers so that they could not see. She the Caliph: "I have succeeded! I spoke low words to the crystal. She



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murmur. "The Thief of Bagdad is on

"Oh-" Zobeid forced back the exclamation. "Yes. He flies. Flies through the air-mounted on a great white he with shiny silver wings! Over valey he flies-and mountain-and streamand forest-and desert! West he flies home—to Bagdad—astride his great,

Zobeid laughed aloud with happi-ness. She called to the Caliph: "Father! Father, dear !' "Yes, little daughter?" he asked,

turning. "What is it?" "Here am I," she laughed again, like a donkey between three bundles of hay-and I do not know how to

"Not a very flattering comparison to yourself," smiled the Caliph of

apple!" suggested the Mongol. "With oring, arguing, quarreling, protesting. "Nor to my three suitors, I am afraid its help I restored life to your charm- They drew him to one side while the Zobeid went on, "for they represent ing daughter. Life! The greatest gift Princess, obeying a sudden impulse, the three bundles of hay. Without the in the world! Ah!"—he bowed deeply before the Caliph—"the greatest rarity in the world! I found it! Be pleased, O delightful Zobeid, to accept it as show us what Ahmed is doing."

Indian's crystal, they could not have sian's carpet, they could not have consense so quickly. And without the a present!" He gave the magic fruit to Zemzem was sitting cross-legged in Mongol's apple, they could not have Zemzem, the Princess' faithful Arab front of the couch, her back to the oth- cured me. Which of the three shall: I

"If you choose one, the other two found and brought back the most mar- stared into it. Then she looked up ex- will object," replied her father, wearily. "They have already deafened me "Heaven-Born!" came her sibilant with their arguing and counter-arguing, their a cusations and counter-accusations." He sighed. "Oh -I am so

"So am I," said the Princess. "Let us all go to sleep. Tomorrow will be

"A good idea, daughter!"
Still grumbling, the three Princes assented. They left the apartment. But the Mongol, after bowing good-night to Zobeid, stopped for a moment near the window, as if wishing to look at the glorious view of Bagdad, golden and green beneath the setting sun Three times he waved his handkerchief. He smiled thinly, cruelly, as almost immediately from a tower nearby an immense, triangular, red-and-gold flag was dipped—three times—in answer. He knew that flag. The battle flag of his race. It was stiff with gold;

Whatever the morrow's decision, Zobeid would be his. the would come soon. Bagdad would fall asleep.
And then his Mongol warriors jumping to arms—the attack! Again he bowed before the Princess,

Alone with Zemzem, Zobeid stared into the magic crystal; stared into it to her heart's content.

(To Be Continued.)

ROADS GOOD FOR CARS.

Ose People Are Enjoying Them-seives These Days. Oso Station, Dec. 22 .- The recent snow has made the roads good for cars. A few of the people are using sleighe. A large crowd from here attended the concert at McPherson school house, on Friday evening, and report a good time. Our teacher, Miss Garrett, Tweed has returned home for her Christmas holidays. A few people around here took in the concert at Sharbot Lake on Saturday night; also the dance

We are all sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Joseph Warren, at-so Miss Vers Crawford and all wish them a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. William Conboy, Arthur, and Elmer, also Mrs. John F. Bourk and Wilford spent Sunday evening at Joseph Warren's. Samuel Swain, Kingston, spent a few days, last

week, with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Bourk, Spring-Water, Sask., are visiting their brother, Joseph W. Bourk, Mr. Victor Swain visited at William Warren's on Sunday. Wedding bells will soon be ringing.

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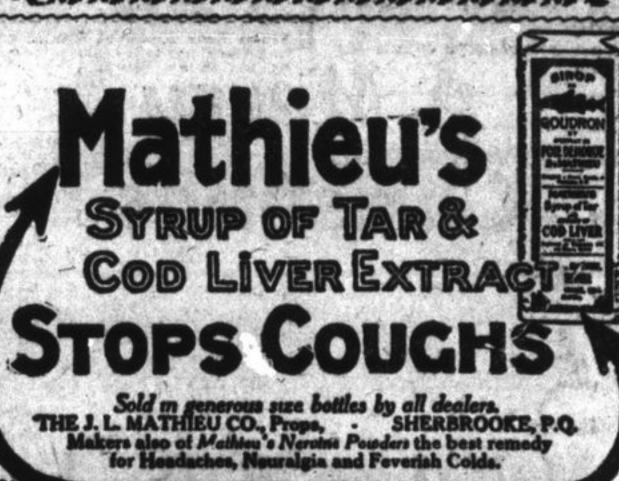
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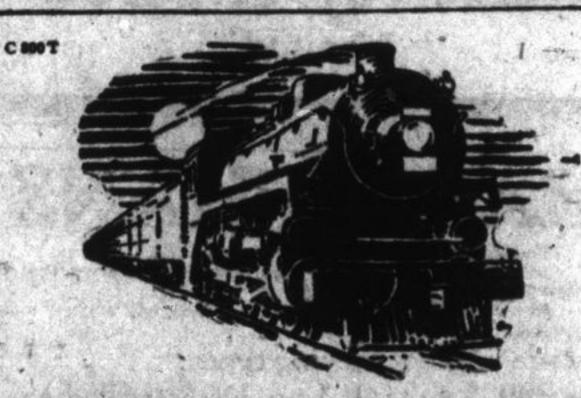


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