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FORTUNE IN A DREAM

There lived at Swaffham, in Norfolk, a hardworking, industrious man who followed the trade of a tinker.

This man dreamed one night that if he took a journey to London and placed himself on a certain part of London bridge he should there meet with a person who would communicate something to him of great importance to his future prospects in life.

The next night he dreamed the same again, and likewise the third night, when the impression was so powerful on his mind that he determined, in spite of the remonstrances of his wife and the ridicule of his neighbors, to "go to London and see the upshot of it."

Accordingly, having made arrangements as to the management of his business during his absence, he furnished himself with a sum of money and set off on foot for the metropolis, distant about ninety miles. He reached the end of his journey late on the third day, and, having refreshed himself with a night's rest, he took his station the next morning on a part of the bridge which corresponded with the description in his dream.

There he stood all that day without any communication to the purpose of his journey. The next day it was the same, and the third, so that toward night his confidence in his dream as well as his patience began to be considerably shaken, and he inwardly cursed himself for his folly in not yielding to his wife's advice and resolved that next day he would leave London and make the best of his way home again.

However, he kept his station until late in the evening, when just as he was about to leave it a stranger, who had noticed him standing doggedly and with anxious looks on the same spot for some days, accosted him and asked what he was waiting there for. After some hesitation the tinker told him his errand, without, however, acquainting him with the place he came from.

The stranger smiled at his simplicity and advised him to go home and in future pay no attention to dreams.

"I myself," said he, "if I were disposed to put faith in such things might now go 100 miles into the country upon a similar errand. I dreamed three nights this week that if I went to a place called Swaffham, in Norfolk, and dug under an apple tree in a certain garden on the north side of the town I should find a box of money, but I have something else to do than to run after such idle fancies. No, no, my friend; go home and work well at your calling, and you will find there the riches you are seeking here."

The tinker was astonished. This, he doubted not, was the information he was seeking, but he said nothing further to the stranger than to thank him for his advice and to declare his determination to follow it. He immediately went to his room and next day set off for home, which he reached safely.

He said but little to his wife on the subject of his journey, but rose early the next morning and commenced dig-

ging on the spot supposed to be pointed out by the stranger. After proceeding in his work a few feet downward his spade struck against a hard substance, which, upon clearing the mold from the top of it, proved to be an iron chest. He quickly removed it to his house and, having with some difficulty broken off the lid, to his great joy found it full of money.

After securing this treasure he discovered upon the outside of the chest an inscription, which, being no scholar, he was unable to decipher. He therefore hit upon the following expedient to ascertain its meaning:

There was in the town a grammar school, several of the pupils from which were constantly in the habit of passing his smithy on their way to and from school. The tinker judged that by placing the chest at the door it would excite the attention of the boys, and thus he should be able to obtain the object in view without exciting any suspicion among his neighbors.

He soon had the opportunity he sought. A number of the boys having gathered round, as was their custom, to witness the operations of the forge, he took occasion to challenge their scholastic skill in the translation of the inscription. Some shook their heads. Others after conning it awhile said it was not sufficiently legible.

At length one older than the rest, anxious to display his superior learning, after scraping and brushing off the rust gave the following solution of it:

Where this stood
Is another twice as good.

Overjoyed at this information, the tinker next morning resumed his labor, and a little below the ground already cleared he found a second chest double the size of the first and, like it, filled with gold and silver coin.

The account goes on to state that, becoming thus suddenly a wealthy man, the tinker showed his gratitude to Providence by building a new chancel to the church, the old one being out of repair.

And, whatever fiction the marvelous taste of those ages may have mixed up with the tale, certain it is that there is shown at this day a monument in Swaffham church having an effigy in marble, said to be that of the tinker, with his dog at his side and his tools and implements of trade lying around him.—Mirror.

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