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The Golden Crown

THERE was once a king who went out by himself for a ride on horseback. He had his scepter in his hand and his golden crown on his head. The day was terribly hot, and the further the king rode the thirstier he became. At length, to his great joy, he saw a pool of water. It looked delightfully cool and inviting, so he got off his horse and, kneeling by the margin, put his mouth to the surface to drink. As he stooped his golden crown fell off into the water. "Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" he cried. "Here's a pretty kettle of fish!" He tethered his horse to a tree to mark the spot and hastened home. As he ran up the palace steps he met the prime minister coming down. He at once told him of his loss and asked advice. "The pond must be drained," said the king, and under guidance of the king the prime minister, the keeper of the realm and a policeman set out for the scene of the disaster. But, though they dragged the pond from end to end, they did not recover the golden crown. By advice of the prime minister and the other counselors of state the king issued a proclamation, which was posted up on the town hall, offering half his kingdom to whoever would restore the golden crown. The reason why the crown could not



be found was really very simple. When it fell into the pool it was seized by a water fairy, who gave it to a goblin for a looking glass. Then the goblin marched off with the golden crown on his head. By and by, feeling tired, he lay down to rest and placed the crown by his side. There he heard the sound of music, and a dwarf approached playing the bagpipes. The dwarfs are distant relations of the fairies. "I suppose, now, you wouldn't part with the instrument?" asked the goblin. "Oh, I don't mind exchanging it for—shall we say—that crown?" replied the dwarf, with apparent indifference. The goblin was delighted with his bargain, and the cunning dwarf took the crown home to his family. Among those who read the notice which was affixed to the town hall was a foreign prince who was seeking his fortune. He gathered all the particulars he could with regard to the lost crown, and then, getting up at daybreak, went to the pool. As he sat by the margin thinking he noticed a little pill box close by him. He took it up. On the lid was written, "Miss Fay." The box apparently contained ointment. It flashed across the prince that he had read of Fay, or fairy, ointment. It was easy to prove whether this was it. He took a little oil and rubbed it gently on his eyes. If it was what he hoped, he would be able to see the fairies should they happen to be about. He started with pleasure. Near him sat one of the "small-people." In her hand she held a looking glass. She was the fairy of the pool. "Good morning," said the prince, raising his cap. "Good morning to you," said the fairy, "and I do hope for quieter times than I've been having of late! Have you come to look for anything?" "I've not come to drag the pool and make a disturbance, but I do want to find a golden crown that was dropped into the water." "I'm sorry you want it so badly, because," said the fairy, "I haven't it. However, you are so polite that I don't mind telling you who has." "And that is?" "The goblin, to be sure!" "Would you kindly give me his address?" asked the prince anxiously. "Then why don't you ask me?" said the princess—Boston Herald.

AIDS TO MATRIMONY.

How Some Girls Increase Their Chances by Devoting Means. There is no doubt of it, between strict parents and limited acquaintances some girls would be absolutely passed by matrimony if it were not for their own shrewdness. Of course it seems hard luck that a girl cannot play the role for which she is best fitted—that of white muslin innocence blushing waiting with hands crossed for the right man. But, alas! we cannot always play in life's drama the part we would prefer, and so it turns out that many a girl who fears to be a white muslin "stay at home" is forced to don her best tailor made and go out to forage for her future.



Of course we are all of us by this time aware of the matrimonial possibilities of settlement work. It only requires a girl who looks stunning in a tailor made and wears a big bunch of violets to good advantage to melt the heart of some susceptible young minister or wealthy young friend of one of the patronesses, perhaps himself a worker. The nurse in her blue gray uniform and her smart cap is nine times more attractive than she would be in her ordinary clothes at home, and she knows it. Besides, think of the chances she has of soothing the fevered brow of pain. Ask any nurse! Many a girl attends a dancing class when she already dances divinely. But the latest, the very latest, is the girl who attends law school. Now, a law school is not a bad place to meet your fate, as plenty of ambitious and energetic young men go there. There are also plenty of plain, hardworking girls who go there to study and get their degrees, to be sure. I am not doubting their sincerity. But notice the pretty girl with the carefully marcelled hair and the beautifully fitted velvet tailor made. She attends the law classes regularly with an object, and, judging from the admiring glances sent in her direction, she will attain it and wear an engagement ring long before the course is over.

A QUAIN ROOM.

Good Effect in Interior Decoration In an Out of Town House. The picture shows a raftered room of brown oak and grayish plaster. A comfortable sofa, with cushions, is the most prominent article of furniture. Behind this stands a screen which hides



the foot of a brown oak staircase leading into an upper room. Over the railing of this hangs a bright colored rug. Similar rugs decorate the floor. There is a large fireplace, surrounded by a mantel covered with attractive pictures. The furniture is of brown oak, to match the woodwork. The entire effect of the room is simple, unpretentious and homelike. R. DE LA BAUME

SEND THIS BOOK EAST.

O. R. & N. and S. P. Ry. Books Tell About The Oregon Country.

If possible, the passenger department of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company and Southern Pacific Lines in Oregon, has surpassed itself in the 1906 issue of its new publication, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and their resources. The purpose of the publication is to attract home-seekers and investors to the Pacific Northwest and this publication is undoubtedly the best messenger that could be sent by residents of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to their friends in the East and Middle West. Beautiful half tones, printed on superb book paper, make the publication, which contains 88 pages and a map of the section, a work of art, but far superior to the topographical make-up of the contents of what has been accomplished, not what might be done, but actual facts and figures accompanied by names and addresses of well known farmers, who are daily laying aside an income that would be a fortune to an Eastern agriculturist. Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. Co. and S. P. Lines in Oregon, has favored the editor with a copy of this publication and informed him that readers of The Observer, by sending the names and addresses of friends in the East, and four cents in postage for each address, may have the book promptly mailed to the addresses given.

Going to the Beach?

Round trip season excursion tickets to Clatsop and North Beach points via the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad were placed on sale May 1st, and will be daily until Sept. 30th, at the Portland office, 248 Alder street, and at the Union Depot, as the popular rate of \$4 for the round trip. Children of half fare age, one-half the adult rate. Tickets good going one day from date of sale, and for return until October 15. These tickets are interchangeable and will be honored for passage in either direction between Portland and Astoria on the basis of the O. R. & N. or V. T. Co. Close rail connection made at Astoria with the boat to and from North Beach points. For all information regarding the beaches and the best way to get there, address J. C. Mayo, General Passenger Agent, Astoria, Oregon, or C. A. Stewart, Agt., 248 Alder St., Portland, Oregon.

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