

FAVORED WITH FORTUNE.

On the great Arabian desert, from three different points of the compass three travelers slowly approached one another. Nearer and nearer they came, until presently they joined company. At first there was a moment of suspicion, and all were on their guard; one laid his hand on an old razor, concealed on his girdle; another fumbled in his turban for a shoemaker's awl; and the third and last, shook his sleeve until the pair of shears hidden there was in his hand. All drew back the mantles that had protected their heads from the glaring sun and drifting sand, but had no sooner recognized one another than they set up a great shout of joy, and throwing themselves into each other's arms, (as well as their indignant would allow them) embraced.

All the barber, had but one eye; Kall, the tailor, had but one hand; Kall, the cobbler, wanted a foot. "Happy is the day when we met again!" cried the one-eyed; "pray to you come this side of me that I may better see you; why, Kall, you are less a hand; and you, Kall, less a foot. I myself want an eye, and pray let me tell you how I lost it. So let us be seated, and rest awhile, and I will relate to you all concerning my misfortune."

The three then seated themselves, and Ali, the one-eyed barber, commenced. "You know that I was bred a barber, and no one could more diligently or do better in my trade than I did. One unlucky day a great lord came to me and wanted his head shaved. I scaped his pate nicely, sharpened my best razor, and went to work. One-half was done; I caught hold of the other side, my dictators, to get at the other side, when, as ill-luck would have it, the brush full of lather went into his eye; he roared with pain, and getting into a rage, gave me such a drubbing that when it was over, one eye was gone. My customers all left me; no one thought a one-eyed man could shave, and I was ruined. Now, a beggar, I am going to Mecca to try if by prayer I cannot assuage Mahomed, and beg for good luck once again in my life."

"I thank your case a bad one," said Kall, the one-handed tailor, "now listen to mine. One day there came into my shop a one-eyed man, and ordered a vest. He must have been a great personage, for the garment I was to make was of the most costly kind, such as are worn at the palace. I worked diligently, and when it was finished I took it to his house. He wanted to try it on; he put one arm nicely, and when he had it into the other sleeve as far as the elbow, when he yelied with pain. 'Rascal,' he cried, 'villain of a tailor, you have left a needle in the sleeve, and this, you dog, and he began to beat me with a big stick, and when it was over my hand was gone. I could no longer sew; my trade all left me; and now, a poor wretch, I am traveling to the holy City, to implore the great prophet to take away his curse from my accident they arrived at Mecca, kissed the holy stone, and their devotions finished returned without harm to Bagdad. Rouzauz purchased a large house, with beautiful gardens, and here lodged Ali, Kall, and Kall. They spent their days in the happy way in the world, and had all ways a word of comfort and a gift of charity for the unfortunate."

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"Sometime afterward the Sultan sent for me. In order to make myself pleasant to the commander of the faithful, I brought him a new vest. You, Kall, made it; a fortunate needle went into my arm—I lost it and could not go. The Sultan had planned a secret expedition to carry on war with a neighboring country, and I was to have been in it. They were all taken prisoners by the enemy, and are now toiling as slaves, under harsh masters. Kall, had it not been for you, what would have been my fate?"

"But to you, Kall, my gratitude knows no bounds. Know that a friend gave a grand feast, there was to be merry-making and dancing, and I was an invited guest. Thinking my old shoes rather worn, I ordered from you a pair of yellow slippers, and surely some good fortune took me to you. There was a nail in one of them, and I threw you out of the window. I could not attend the feast, and lucky was it that I did not, for they danced about so that the floor fell in and the roof on the top of them, and every soul was killed. Had I gone there, it would have been an end of me. In those days, I was hasty and bold; but the loss of my limbs has taught me a lesson—from the want of them I can no longer indulge in those bursts of passion, and am now as docile and quiet as a lamb. Thankful for the great prophet for the kindness he has shown me, and in order to do penance for the misery I have caused to others, I determined on a pilgrimage to Mecca, having sworn not to take off these rags, nor to enjoy any of the luxuries of this life, before finding the three preservers of my honor, liberty, and life. Though clad so poorly, I have much wealth, more than enough for us all. Will you forgive and share with me?"

"We have nothing to forgive," they all answered, astonished. "For carelessness and want of skill, we throw ourselves on your mercy." Here Ali, Kall, and Ben-Rouzauz turned toward the East, and bowed nine times toward the tomb of the great prophet, in order to show their thanks. Just then they descried a cloud of dust in the distance, and soon a band of mounted robbers tore over the sands toward them. Their swift horses soon bore them near the four travelers, for they were eager for plunder; but seeing four such miserable objects, all in tatters, and all so maimed, and not worth a sequin as slaves, with a curse at them for the trouble they had given, and a laugh at them for their sorry appearance, they presently disappeared in the opposite direction.

When they were out of sight, Rouzauz lifting up his hand to Heaven, cried out, "Another miracle! blessed be Allah! How fortunate favors us! If it had not been for our wretched appearance, we should have been robbed and murdered. Now, my friends, that the robbers are gone, let us journey on toward Mecca."

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