

"How did Jinks learn," asked Beatrice, "and where did you play with him before?"

"Ah, little lady, it was hard work for both me and Jinks. We had many a weary hour together at our 'play,' as you call it, learning first and showing off after, in a circus, when we were both younger. Jinks is a good old age now, and you must be kind to him—he was always my pet of all my trained ponies. He was so obedient and quick to learn. He used to sit at my fire often, and I have slept beside him. Now the circus is scattered, the horses and ponies sold, and all of us clowns, trainers, and showmen either wandering, like me, or settled down in quiet dull homes."

"Would you not like to have a settled home too?" asked mamma.

"No, my lady," said the wild looking showman; "not even to live in your beautiful place would I give up my free, changing life—never three days in one place. It is my happiest time in summer, making children laugh at my tricks, and enjoying the sunshine as I walk from one village to another. And now I'm off again, with a grateful heart to you all for your goodness. Take care of Jinks; and, if I live, I'll come again to see him."

And off he went, and Jinks neighed after him to come back.

I saw Jinks a month ago, and he is as nice as ever.

The Wise Men of Schild.

Once upon a time the men of Schild thought to themselves that they would build a Town Hall; and they worked so hard that very soon they were ready to put the roof on.

Ah, but that was a business!

Early in the morning a bell was rung, and then everybody went to his place; some above, some below.

One, two, three; and the roof was popped on; and then how pleased were the men of Schild with their new three-cornered Town Hall!

But when they were inside they were very much puzzled.

Why, it was as dark as pitch! Whatever could be wrong with the house? There were the walls, and there was the roof on the top of them, and outside was plenty of daylight. Yet directly they got inside it was so dark they could not see each other. The fact was, the men of Schild were so very wise that they had forgotten the windows.

At last one man said, "Let us catch a good lot of sunshine and bring it in;" and that struck them all as a capital idea.



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Out they all went; and one man had brought a great sack, which he held open for the sun to shine into. Then he tied the mouth up very quickly, and ran to empty the sun's light into the Town Hall. Another had got a basket, and was chasing the sunbeams with a pitch-fork, and one very clever man had actually brought a mousetrap to catch one with.

They all worked hard; but the Town Hall remained as dark as ever.

Well, it happened that a stranger passed through the town, and he went to the Mayor, and said,

"Why don't you take the roof off? You'll have plenty of light then!"

"Of course, that's it," cried the wise men; we ought to have thought of that before;" and off came the roof they had just put on.

As long as the summer lasted and it did not rain, this answered very well; but, dear me, when winter came, the poor wise men had to put the roof on again, and then it was as dark as ever. They didn't know what to do!

But one day, as one of them was feeling his way out, he came to a chink in the wall, through which the light was shining. All at once it struck him what was the matter with the Town Hall.

"Why!" he cried, "it's because we forgot all about the windows!"

And that was just what the wise men of Schild had done, and after that nothing would do but each one of them must have a window all to himself.

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