

her gown and her beauty and then told her that the prince was waiting for her.

"At that the terrified girl fell upon her knees before him and implored him not to expect her to obey him. Then, as he remained firm, the story of her love for the young shepherd came tumbling out.

" 'I cannot, cannot marry the prince, father, when I love Kenneth. I will never, never marry anyone but him,' sobbed the girl.

"The Earl in a fine rage ordered her back to her chamber. 'Since you are likely to give some such story to the prince, I will answer him for you. I will be obeyed. You will marry Prince Orno. Now go,' he thundered.

"As the frightened girl flew to obey, the Earl sat down heavily in a huge chair, and began to ponder as to how he would be able to compel his daughter to do his will.

" 'She shall, no matter how, but she shall,' he shouted aloud at last, and banged his hand on the arm of his chair.

"As he did this the arm flew open, revealing a secret hiding place. This secret had been lost for decades and almost forgotten by the family. The Earl gasped in astonishment and peered into the arm chair. To his further amazement, there before him lay the famous talisman (wishing stone) which had been supposed to be lost for centuries.

"Forgetful of his distinguished guest, the Earl took this wonderful stone up in his hand and pondered over its supposed power. Then, as he was in a towering rage anyhow, he, on an impulse, wished that his refractory daughter was on the top of a high mountain in a country across the sea. That she would be so placed that she must always gaze at the stars and not be able to look down the mountain. Also that two monster lions should lie at her feet and guard her. And there she was to remain until the prince of her choice should find her.