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clouds the sky was perfectly clear. The ship had been slowing down considerably during the last 24 hours, and, to insure being on the central line of totality, had gone some way out of its course; in fact, it seemed almost at

to breakfast we found on each plate a bit of smoked glass; and to insure our getting a good view all the awnings were taken down, so we had nothing to complain of, not even the weather. The sun was shining serenely as ever, and the sea was calm as we could have

"At about 10 o'clock a clergyman was asked to give a few words of explanation concerning the phenomenon, but he had scarcely commenced when the alarm was given that the eclipse had begun. This took us completely by surthrough our smoked glass there was a ever. Do you agree to this?"

vailed, there was a kind of dull grayish hue over everything, and the general appearance of the sea was like that dead handed it to him, and he started calm which marks the approach of a great storm; and then, as we watchmoment later and the sun was entirely after him as fast as ever she could.

silvery light shone out, reaching in we had taken it all in a beam of light shot from the other side of the moon "Our position at the time was 12 de-

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The Magie Song Bird

[By Elizabeth Platt.] The king's daughter, Elsbeth, had fallen under the spell of an evil enchantment. For weeks she had been asseep. The most learned doctors and wise magicians had come from all lands, but all their arts and incantations failed to awaken her. She was the only daughter of a great king who had incurred the displeasure of a queer creature called a Kobold, who lived in a fairy wood, not far from the palace, and, out of revenge, he had cast his spell upon her. In vain the king begged the Kobold to lift the spell from his beloved daughter; but the Kobold only laughed in his most wicked man-ner, and none dared touch him, for fear of a greater evil coming upon the kingdom. Now, there lived near by a young man by the name of Otto, so handsome and good and with such courtly manners that the people all called him Prince Otto. Otto had long loved the princess, and so much did he grieve that this trouble had come upon her that one

night he dreamed that away to the north, in No-man's-land, was an old witch called Mother Timeless, who had a magic song-bird whose song was so wonderful that could the prin-cess once hear it the dread sleep of search of the bird. His way lay through the fairy wood, and as he walked on, he saw the fairies and BROCK gnomes stare at him from the forest flowers; but as it was midday, he knew they could do him no harm. He fluttering on the ground. Otto tenderly took up the bird and put it back into its nest. The bird was very grateful, and said: "Otto, take this feather, and when you are in danger throw it into the air and call on the King of the Birds, and I will help you." Otto thanked the bird, took the feather, and put it into his pocket. He was now at the end of the forest, and as he rested the North Wind came hurrying by, and, knowing Otto's errand-for the wind always knows secrets-and having a good heart in spite of his rough manner, he spread his broad wings, took Otto upon them, and whisked him over land and sea, and dropped him be-

fore a little black cottage.

"Surely," thought Otto, "this must be the cottage of the old witch." So our disposal. A private yacht could not have suited us better.

"The general excitement was considerably heightened when on sitting down to the fire was an old woman with fore the fire, was an old woman with a red cape over her shoulders and a curious staff by her side. "I thought you would come," she said, "for I read it in the coals." "Are you Mother Timeless?" asked Otto. "Yes," said she, "I am Mother Timeless. I have lived for centuries. I have seen the young grow old and die, and cities and kingdoms pass away, and I live among graves." And she laughed a laugh that made Otto shudder to hear. force of laborers and assistants, five tain nothing injurious, and may be used prise, for we had been told officially bird," and, going to a curious cabinet, that morning that the eclipse would she brought out two caskets, and, putbegin at 11:58, but it was evidently ting them before him, said: "Hark ye! totality that was meant. It was most In one of these is what you seek. If amusing to see how that meeting broke you choose the right one, take it and up, lecturer and audience rushed away, go your way; if the wrong one, you and sure enough when we looked are to remain and be my slave forpart of the sun's circumference obscured.

"The progress of the mass and ever. Do you agree to this."

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replied, "Mother Timeless, I agree to this."

Now, the caskets were alike "The progress of the moon was in size and shape, but not in color, scarcely perceptible, but gradually the one being red and one blue. Otto had sun was blotted out, the temperature almost decided to take the red casket fell considerably, and the light began when a whisper, like a breath, "Take to grow less. About five minutes beme and you won't be sorry," came fore totality a most uncanny light pre- from the blue one. So Otto said, "I will take the blue casket." The old witch, laughing wickedly,

homeward. He had gone but a little great storm; and then, as we watched, we could see a silvery light sud-looking around, saw Mother Timeless denly appear all round the moon. A riding on that curious staff, coming "The sky overhead was dark blue, But he thought of the feather, and, fading into gray, and finally into lilac throwing it into the air, said, "King near the horizon. The whole effect was of the Birds, come to my rescue!" and not unlike a sunset, only the same immediately there sprang up a thicket colors were visible all round the hori- of thorn trees so dense and tangled zon. A few stars could be seen in the that the witch was caught thereby, neighborhood of the eclipsed luminary, and held fast for one thousand years. but at the darkest it was not necessary Otto was now exhausted, and as he to have any artificial light to read or rested under a tree his friend, the North Wind, came blowing by, and, "The corona itself was a magnificent seeing Otto, took him up again and sight. All round the moon beams of carried him swiftly home. Over the fairy wood he took him, so close that some places to about twice the moon's the tree-tops bowed their head as he diameter. The 2 minutes 9 1-5 seconds passed, and, the princess' window beof totality was all too short to admire ing open, he landed him right in the the beautiful sight, and almost before chamber at the feet of the king, who was sitting in a crimson chair by his daughter's couch. The king was very and seemed to chase away the darkness angry, but Otto told him of his dream immediately. The sky and sea soon as-and his journey, and the king said, sumed their natural colors, and the "If your bird can awaken the princess, then may you have her for your wife, with half the kingdom." Otto opened the casket, and out came the beautiful bird, its little body white as snow, and its wings a faint rose color. As it hopped on the silken cushion of the fair Elsbeth, it sang a song so sweet and wondrous that it sank into her

very soul. And lo! the spell was The princess awoke, took Otto for her husband, and there was feasting and rejoicing throughout the kingdom. The wicked old Kobold vanished, and was never seen again. But the Magic Song-Bird lived with them always in never sang that wonderful song again. -The Outlook.

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What will people who live a century or two hence think of the following from the Bishop Burton Chruch accounts for 1897: "To killing worms in the bust of John Wesley, 15 shillings"?

months in the penitentiary for stealing ed the fountain of life. and it is ribbons and other decorations from filled with olive oil! tombs in the Greenwood cemetery, in Brooklyn. She told the judge that it was a shame to let such nice finery go who are suffering from Coughs, Colds,

the United States treasury. The pounds of human hair is used annuamount was only a little over \$100,000,- ally in the civilized world for adorning of this money was nominally in cir- principally the fair sex. The largest culation at the time. THE day of long prayers in public is supposed to have long passed away,but a 45-minute supplication is reported from Dundee, Scotland. In St. John's

Established Church, recently, Rev. Mr. Naysmith, the assistant pastor, prayed from 11:20 o'clock till 12:05, in spite of the facts, as reported, that weary worshipers left the church and that the pastor, Dr. Grant, pulled his coat-tails to cut him short. A LONDON churchwarden, who is

also a licensed victualier, was summoned for cruelly torturing a cat. A policeman looking in the window at 1:30 in the morning, saw the defendant knock the cat off a gos bracket and endeavor to set his dog on it. When the dog showed unwillingness, the defendant struck the cat with a wooden form and stunned it, and then held it down while the dog worried it to death. His defense was that it was a stray cat, and that he could not prevent the dog from attacking it. The magistrate sentenced the defendant to a month's imprisonment without the option of a

A SEA serpent story, which is worthy of an American origin, comes from Scotland. The crew of a Dundee sloop put into Aberdeen and reported that their vessel had been chased for nearly eight miles by a huge sea serpent. Two shots fired into it from a gun, we are told, only exasperated the monster. "Raising its huge body into the air to a height of 50 feet, with a hissing sound, it bore down upon the vessel, leaving in its wake a wreath of foam." The terrified seamen put on speed, and the hoisting of a white sail eventually startled the creature, causing it to disappear.

"NEARLY all the animals eat 'concentrated food,' whether it be beans or grain, hoarded by the hamster, or nuts and hard fruits by the squirrel, nuthatch, and possibly some of the jays," saye a writer on "Animals in Famine" in the Spectator, London. "But there is one vegetable-eating animal whose food is neither concentrated nor easy to move. On the contrary, it is obtained with great labor in the first instance, and stored with no less toil after it is procured. The beaver lives If you want a good, bright, cheerful during the winter on the bark of trees. As is is not safe, and is often impossible, for the animal to leave the water of the long nights get Liliywhite as is is not safe, and is often impossible, for the animal to leave the water of the long of that this is so. "I had severe headache for over three years and was the long of the long municated." Which means that when the blood is purified by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, perfect health is cylinder and machine one at lowest to lengths, dragging them below the surface, and fixing them down to the Marriage licenses issued; no witnesses.

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"ANOTHER familiar legend," says the Critic, "has been relegated to the limbo of the untrue, and it is a question if there will be anything left for the next generation to pin its faith to. This time it is the 'Prisoner of Chillon,' be-loved of, and quoted by, every school-girl. In the cell where the 'Prisoner' languished so long, there was shown a circle worn in the stones by his feet in walking round and round a pillar to which he was chained. M. Vuillet, one of the members of the Grand Conseil of Name and prices stamped on soles. No one should think of buying without first getting our prices and seeing our tions of the country, had disappeared. He brought the matter before the council, and was chagrined to learn that the famous track had not been made by the captive whom Byron made famous, but had been industriously scraped by successive keepers of Chillon, who, for exhibiting it, had received large pourboires from sympa-

thetic and sentimental tourists." DR. PARKER, of London, England, is said to have the growing habit, which many professors of homiletics would criticise, of basing his sermons on one or two terms that occur in several places in the Bible. His text on a recent Sabbath, for example, consisted of the two words, "or rather," and the sermon that followed was an advocacy of the better way, and the clearer view in spiritual matters. "Here is the broad distinction," said the preacher, "be-tween Christianity and every other religion. Other religions are seeking God; the Christian religion is seeking man. Do not listen to people who are making Christ's religion one of a thousand others. The religion of Jesus will not sit down with other religions and say, 'Fellow-religions, let us confer. Christianity never confers; it rules. My Lord did not bring in a conference; he

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brought in a kingdom." This is good

and timely doctrine for both sides of

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His example has become contagious in San Francisco, and there are some THE roofs of broughams, says Lon- Mrs. Caroline Parrish, in the Sherman had walked a long distance when he don Truth, have been raised of late in House, and go through the anointing process. All of them claim to have found virtue in it.

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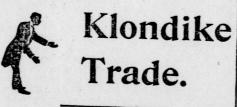
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ter, John?" she demanded as she en-"Nothing, my dear," replied her husband, as he looked up at her in sur-prise. He was on his hands and knees playing horse with the 4-year-old, while the baby sat in the corner, gurgling and laughing.

"Nothing!" she exclaimed; "nothing! Do you know that you have knocked square yard of the plastering from the ceiling of the room below this one?" "Have I, my dear?" he asked, meek-"Have you!" she cried. Of course you have. Further than that, you upset a water pitcher or something, and a good

deal of the paper downstairs is ruin-"Did I, my dear?" "Yes, you did," she asserted; "and the neighbors tell me that the racket here has been simply awful; and the worst of it is that you have been re-

"Yes, you. You needn't try to get out of it. They recognized your voice. They could hear you clear to the corner yelling 'Whoa!' and 'Get up!' and all that sort of nonsense, and the people downstairs say you were the one who was galloping up and down the room, and jumping over the chairs. They could tell by the way it jarred the house. The children couldn't possibly have made such a racket. What in the world have you been trying to do?" "My dear," he returned, meekly, "do you remember what you said to me

when you went out?"
"Distinctly," she replied. "I told you above all things to keep the baby quiet, for there was somebody sick downstairs.' "Well," he said, with the air of a much injured man, "I have kept the baby quiet in the only way possible to

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