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THE STORY OF LITTLE MUK DY WILHELM HAUFF

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In this story, one of the many famous tales in the tale-cycle "The Caravan," Hauf shows his mastery of the art of simplicity in literature— the unconscious art of the Orient that Western

writers must ever hark back to consciously. Although Germans love long novels, and alough their favorite modern authors write little else, the best things in German prose remain the short stories of such men as Heine, Hoffmann Grimm, Chamisso and Auerbach. No student's knowledge of literature is complete without a knowledge of these forms of literature. They are quite different in idea, construction and type from the short stories of other races and nations.

N Nicea there once lived a man whom everybody called "Little Muk." He was a most wonderful figure. His stature was only four feet. His body was tiny and graceful, but it had to suppor a head that was far larger and wider than the heads of ordinary human beings He lived all alone in a fine, great house, doing even his own cooking.

The people of the city would hardly have known whether he were alive or dead, so little did they see of him, as he emerged from his mansion only once every four weeks, had they not watched the smoke from his chimney every day at noon or seen him walk solemnly up and down on his roof at night. On such occasions beholders on the street might have imagined that they saw a great head promenading there all alone, since his body was so short that it was hidden by the parapet.

The lads of the town were overjoyed when the day came for Little Muk's periodical appearance on the street. They gathered around the door and waited for open and the great head with the still greater turban peered timidly forth, to be followed by the little body, every fez was thrown into the air and every boy danced to the little body. around him and yelled.

shoulders. His legs were incased in flowing breeches, vastly too wide for his tiny
limbs. Around his waist was a broad
belt through which was thrust a dagger
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He never paid the least attention either to their pranks or to their pranks or to their offensive cries, until one day the son of the sichest man in the city trod on his immense silepers. This tripped him, and the little man fell full length, much to the imerriment of he lads. But their lads. But their lads. But their lads are little lads. But their lads are little lads are little lads are little lads are little lads. But their lads their lates are little lads are little lads are little lads are little lads. But their lads their lates are little lads are little lads. But their lads their lates are little lads are little lads are little lads are little lads. But their lads their lates are little lads are little lads are little lads. But their lates lates are little lads are little lads. But their lads the relations are lates lates late

But, alas! These mirages disappeared im to emerge. When the portal swung whenever he came near to them and be

SPADE TO GET A NEW SUPPLY

MUK CREPT INTO THE GARDEN WITH HIS

Hunger and weariness, disappointmen Little Muk merely replied with a grave and fear began to overcome him after he Little Muk merely replied with a gravenod of his big head and moved majestically down the street, dragging his huge
slippers along the patement, for they
were so enormous they would have fallen
from his tiny feet had he essayed to lift hem in walking.

A shabby little cloak hung over his shone gloriously from its towers and

whether Muk were fast to the dagger or luck," said he. "There or nowhere." Dethe dagger were fast to Muk.

As he moved slowly along, the mis- of joy. Then he gathered all his remain-

for some time.

Where the door opened again the frightwhen the door opened again the frightmed lads saw him emerge, escorted with
treat signs of respect. The rich man held

to the country which he had left under such sad auspices.

such sad auspices.

In the first city that he reached he bought garments and a great false beard that disguised him, giving him the appearance of a swarthy, under-sized Arab trader. Having assured himself that he was quite unrecognizable, he went boldly was quite unrecognizable, he went holdly to the city of the King and passed through

where, as he knew from observation, the chief cook used to repair regularly to look for tidbits for the royal table. He had not waited long before the great man came across the courtyard. He examined the wares of the peddlers and at last his

much do you wish for the basket much do you wish for the basker?

Little Muk demanded a modest sum and
the two soon agreed. The chief cook gave
the basket to a slave and went on. Little
Muk hurried to escape, for he thought
that when the transformation begin in
the court they might suspect the figs as
the cause and look for the seller.

The King was exceedingly merry at

The treasurer offered to swear that it was the very gold but was missing from the chamber. The King ordered Muk to be chained and imprisoned in a tower. The freasurer took the gold, estensibly to put it into the treasure chamber, but in reality to take it home. There he took it out to count it. At the bottom of the chest he found a note. It read:
"The enemy has entered my land. I hide here a part of my treasure. The curse of his king shall fall on him who finds it and falls to deliver it to my son. "SADI. King." when the beautiful, richly celore tempting fruit arrived a general extension of surprise and desire escape

Little Muk engaged in sorrowful reflections in his cell. He knew that death was the punishment for stealing royal property. Still he did not like to confess the saving thus secret of the cane, as he feared that he might be deprived not only of it, but also served the saling the beautiful that a saling the beautiful that a saling the saling that he could saling the saling the saling that he could saling the saling t se closely to the wall that he could not turn on his heel.

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keeping them separated carefully so that he knew which were the dangerous and which the healing ones. Then he returned

It was just at a time of year when ripe uits were rather scatce. Little Muk justled near the gate of the palace,

His Majesty will surely like it! How

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FIRST SECTION

FORTY-FOURTH YEA

Body Found on Gran With Skull Knock at the Malleable In

The body of Major Creedy em ed in the shipping department Pratt and Letchworth Company and on the Grand Trunk Ra track on Saturday night abou between here and Paris, by Edv kinson, foreman for the Grantremains of the unfortunate

'Devil Strip" about 3 inches the west rail immediately in the of the farm of Mr. Hugh Barre the Paris Road about 3 1-2 miles the city. Mr. Atkinson who found the

had been to the city in the aftern and in the evening and boarde Grand Valley Railway car to go to the construction camp but th ductor did not stop at the crossing for Mr. Atkinson to so he rode on to Paris and cam on the next car getting off at th loy crossng. Mr. Atkinson the ceeded to walk down the G. track and when at a point in th of Mr. Barron's farm found th of Creedy. He immediately the home of Mr. Barron and ed him and the two went bac scene and lifted the body

Mr. Atkinson and Mr. F. turned to the house and the telephoned the Police Heade of the accident. Coroner Dr

A PRISON FARM FOR FIVE COUNT

Oxford, Brant, Perth, folk and Waterloo to Get Together.

towards establishing a se dustrial farms throughout t tern part of Ontario, and at the time do away with the old cou system, will be considered on nesday, when delegates from W Ontario counties are to meet the vincial secretary at Guelph a ability of establishing one

farm for this district. The counties which have their application under II Hanna's act of 1912 are Brant, Perth, Norfolk and W The position taken by these is that there are a number of their districts whose upkeep i proportion to the number of ers they have to look after. T iminary step toward establis industrial farm for the five c will be an inspection of the Guelph.

Up to the present no count taken advantage of the act of

The above item is incorrect far as Brant County at least cerned. Members of the count cil have not made any applica all; in fact turned down the ition when it came before them ever, it is understood that the willing to join with a deputa order to hear what can be the other side of the case.

TWENTY SKELETON

Twenty Year Old Sea Mys is Now Cleared Up.

[Canadian Press Despatch] NEW YORK, Sept. 29:-- A from Christchurch, New says: A twenty year old my the sea is explained by a ceived here stating that two ors of a vessel wrecked on Ca found the wreck of the Glasg Marlborough, in a cove with skeletons nearby. The Marlh left Lyttleton, N. Z., in Janua for London and never was he again. It was supposed she ter colliding with an iceberg

POWDER EXPLOSION STONEWALL, Man., Sept. Burned from head to foot v was caught in an explosion of kegs of giant powder near t nipeg supply company's build a quarry Sunday afternoon, Wise, aged 35 lies dying at l here. With Robert Porter, walking among the buildings suddenly the building they w ing blew up. Porter was feet, but uninjured. Wise clothes burned from his body

fered terrible injuries. IN REAL LIFE In real life the fireman cues the fair maiden is mar

eats onions-Atchison Globe.