But now that he was rich he grew proud, wicked and uncharitable. He and his sons indulged in all kinds of excesses which soon reduced them to poverty and ruin. Having been so haughty and arrogant in their prosperity



they found no sympathy or help in their adversity. One night the father, considerably under the influence of liquor, entered his barn with the intention of reproducing the miracle. He took the lantern as Jesus had done and going to a sheaf ignited it, but instead of a shower of wheat grains the fire spread from the barn to his house which was burnt to the ground and the unfortunate man died in great misery.