

20. Aladdin looked out of the window, and saw that the palace had gone. He was so surprised that he could not speak, for he had not yet been home, and did not know what had taken place.

21. At last, he said, "It is true the palace is not there, but I have had nothing to do with taking it away. Pray give me forty days to find it, and if, in that time, I do not succeed, I will give myself up, and you may cut off my head."

"Very good," replied the Emperor, "I take you at your word."

CHAPTER VIII.

THE MAGICIAN OUTWITTED.

1. Aladdin went away very sad. For three days he walked about the town, asking everybody he met if they had seen his palace anywhere.

2. On the third day, he was walking by the river bank, when his foot slipped. As he fell, he rubbed the ring on his finger, and at once the Slave of the Ring stood before him. "What would you have?" asked the Genie.