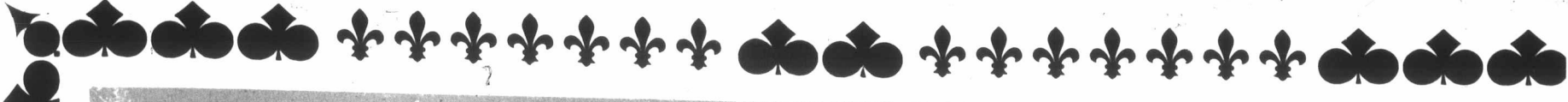


dream. "Open them, at—is it really—real!" Then, as she untied the, Alice gave a cry of "A book! a book!" he how lovely!" But when e other and found a box chocolates, words quite he could only go across and, flinging her arms s her again and again. i one for me, little her grandfather, wist- ce, ashamed of her ne- nim warmly, too. "I— ou cared, grandfather," y; and again she won- if people liked you to u loved them, even if eem to; and she was so g out this problem that hear her grandfather r until he had called her maid," he said, "Alice, e present for you too, away before I could give d he laid two new half- hand. There was more, han enough to do and o fill up the time to the as dinner and when y went to the din- oter surprise await- ere, for the usual- le was bright with ribbons, and by every groups here and there, oured crackers, while dishes were piled high Never had Alice, nor grandfather, enjoyed so happy a meal in that er dinner they all went awing-room and talked games until the light hey sat by the fire and do think," said Alice, he merry games with nished up the evening, he most wonderful and as anyone could pos- shall know now that it ory-book Christmases— Aunt Alison.

THE MODEL

old of a beautiful sta- stood in the market alian city. It was the reek slave girl, and re- as being beautiful, d-dressed. A ragged, orn street child came atue one day in her opped and admired it. the pure white marble ouch her. She went hed her face and comb- Next day she came be- e again and gazed at vingly, as before. It tion for her again, and me and washed and attered clothes. The be a favorite place of , and each time that its sculptured loveli- a glimpse of a more until she became a hild.



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