The Queen of Sheba

The Biblical story of the Queen of Sheba, thanks to its romantic character, has had a noteworthy career, says the Journal of American Folklore. It was embellished by post-Biblical Jewish writers, with a vast amount of fanciful detail. From Jews in North Arabia likewise Arabs, and is used by Mohammed in the Koran, in South Arabia likewise Arabs received it from Jews and carried it across the Red Sea into Abyssinia, and learned historiographers traced the lineage of the royal-family of Abyssinia to the famous Queen. She became and is still a name for all that is magnificent and intelligently curious.

According to the narrative (Kings, x., 2 Chronicles, ix.), the Queen having heard of Solomon's wisdom, comes to Jerusalem in great state, with spices, gold and precious stones to test him; she plies him with hard questions concerning everything that interests her, and receives satisfactory answers—there was no problem that Solomon was not able to solve. Further he shows her his palace and his househe'd arrangements, including the fine bearing and splendid dress of his attendants, with the result that she is lost in admiration of his riches and wisdom. "Happy," she exclaims, "are those who serve you and hear your wisdom, and blessed be your God who has bestowed on you such excellence and happiness!" Then after the usual exchauge of presents she goes back to her own land and we hear no more of her in the Old Testament.

This story cannot be taken as historical. The "Sheba" means, as is evident from the presents brought by the queen, is the famous region in southwest Arabia later known as Veman, the South, the Arabic name (yaman) by confusion with a similar word (yamin) was understood to mean "fortunate," and the conecquent Roman designation. Arabia Felix, has become a part of pur geographical nomenenature. Though the early his tory of this region is not known to na



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"No, he isn't, either," answered William, jun.
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"So's mine." said the son of the experimental psychologist.
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