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WE may find sermons in stonss, but who would look for fairy tales in a sand heap; Nevertheless, in the lost tomb of the last King of the Twenty-sixth Dynasty lies buried the original story of Cinderella and her slipper. There is, indeed, only one variation of any consequence between the two versions, and the ancient one is certainly the more romantic. Cinderella's princely admirer finds in her lost shoe a clue to his vanished enchantress, but King Psammetichus falls over head and ears in love with he knows not whom, from only seeing her sandal. The ancient Cinderella was a beautiful Greek; Sappho calls her Doricha, and that was most likely her proper name, but the Greek people, with whom fairness of skin was one of the highest qualities of female beauty, named her, from the loveliness of her complexion, "Rhodopis," Rosy Cheeks, and as Rosy Cheeks she is known in history. She mentioned by several writers, but the slipper story rests on the authority of Ælian. He relates it as having occurred to Psammetichus. There were three kings of the name, and he probably meant the third (Psametik III. of the Sculptures), the last of the dynasty of the Saïte kings, who was conquered and deposed by Cambyses the Persian. Rhodopis was originally a slave and a fellow bondswoman of Æsop, the writer of fables, in the house of Iadmon of Samos; and, like the heroine of the modern tale, a menial and a drudge, so the parallel holds good from the beginning. Like Cinderella, too, she had a fairy godmother, but a more powerful and lavish one, and her name was Aphrodite. This patroness procured he liberty, and heaped upon her riches; and Rhodopis, to make her name immortal by an offering such as had never been made before, dedicated with a tenth part of her property quantity of iron spits in the Temple of Apollo at Delphi, and this extraordinary gift was still to be seen there in Herodotus's time. Some also say that she built one of the Pyramids of Egypt; but, as Herodotus remarks, those who say so evidently know nothing about it; and however this may be, if Rhodopis was not so simple as our own Cinderella, she was, at al events, more lucky; and, if her coachman, and horses, and chariots were really rats, and mice, and pumpkins, they never resumed their proper shape; and no disenchanting clock sent her hurrying back to her scullery, one shoe off and one shoe on. Midnight never struck for her and she lost her shoe in quite another way At the time I speak of she was said to be the most beautiful woman in Egypt, and she lived at Naucratis, a port on the Canopic branch of the Nile, founded in the preceding reign by colonists from Miletus; and, though a born Greek, living in a Greek city, it pleased her now and then to play the Egyptian, and to adopt the manners and fashions of her new country. And so it came about that one morning, before the sun was yet high, she went down, just as did Pharaoh's daughter, with her maidens to bathe in the Nile. At a short distance from the bank she left her litter, and sought a secluded creek, where, screened in by the feathering papyrus, she would be undisturbed and unseen from the busy river, and there her girls unmade her toilet. Now, the banks of the Father of Rivers are hard in places—a mixture of sand and clay baked by the scorching sun, and rough to delicate feet. So Rhodopis did not quit her sandals until the moment when she stepped down into the still, cool water, herself as white and rosy as the lotuses around her. There, half-wading and half-swimming, she played and frolicked, happy in the pure joy of living, like the gay butterflies that fluttered about the rushes. She gathered handsful of lotuses, and threw them away again; and then, in a lazy fit, she floated on her back, and gave herself up to

thoughts on things in general, and on herself

in particular. But to return to her sandals,

which she kicked off on the river's brink

They lay as she had left them, a pair of dainty

quaint pattern, and with the ever-present lotus, and, most curious of all, the upper surface of the sole on which her foot rested bore the figure of a captive with bound arms, on one sandal an Egyptian, on the other a Greek-s fanciful way of suggesting the dominion of their own over the hearts of two nations. Now it chanced that just above, sailing round in his vast circle, a mere speck in the dancing blue sky, was an eagle, and as the sandals glittered by the water's edge they caught his eye. Now, whether he thought they were good to eat, or whether he was a bird of cultivated taste, I know not, but straightway he swooped and seized one. Rhodopis, roused from her reverie by the rush of wings, caught sight of the great bird as it flew off, and, frightened, set to screaming, and then ducked. By the time she had recovered herself and taken in what had happened, the eagle and her sandal were in the next parish. Of course, directly it was all over, her girls, who had been busy telling one another secrets, began in their alarm to hide everything away in a place of safety, as if they expected a whole phalanx of eagles were coming to carry off their mistress's clothes. And no doubt they had some reason for their concern, for ancient ladies had a variety of amiable little ways of producing sympathy in their slaves when things went wrong: and Rhodopis, sweet as she was to look at, was like the rest. But, after all, it was not a very serious matter, for Rosy Cheeks had cupboards full of sandals at home, and besides, her litter was only round the corner, so, after her first astonishment and fright were over, she thought little more about it. Now this event was in reality the turning-point of her life, for what did this mysterious bird do, but fly straight away with his prey, over the Delta, far up the long river to Memphis, and there, as if his mission ended, he dropped the sandal before the judgment seat of King Psammetichus. The King was sitting in the open air, close to the city gate, dispensing justice to his subjects. The sun was hot, and the imaginations of plaintiff and defendant equally inventive and inexhaustible, so Psammetichus was bored-his thoughts wandered far away, and he fell to building castles in the air. Now no Oriental could ever build a castle in the air, or otherwise, without giving it a mistress: so he pleased imself by imagining for his ideal palace an deal beauty. He pictured her with the eyes of the gazelle, the voice of the nightingale, the litheness of the panther, the tread of a goddess, and as his thoughts dwelt still on the dainty toes that hardly pressed the ground they rested on, the sandal fell from heaven plump at his royal feet. Astonished out of all dignity, he jumped up, stared up into the sky and down at For Sale by Clift, Wood & Co.'y, the slipper, and then stooped and picked it up -for no one had dared to touch it. Was it a goddess's? No, it was a lovely little shoe, but certainly an earthly one, with the print of five little earthly toes distinctly marked on it -the very little toes he had just been dreaming of. Then of a sudden it became plain to him. It was an answer from the gods to the wishes he had just been indulging in-he had planned a castle, here was a mistress for it "Let search be made," cried he, "for her who owns this sandal and by these signs shall you know her: Whosoever the shoe fits, and who has the fellow shoe, and who can explain the symbol on the sole, she is the rightful owner; bring her to me, that I may make her my queen." To hear was to obey, and the messenger started on his search. Many days he travelled down the Nile, making proclamation of the will of Psammetichus as he went bearing the sandal on a cushion. And wherever he came through the whole land of Egypt there was a routing out of cupboards and a hunting up of left-off shoes, in case by chance there might be found among them a match for the wonderful sandal; but none came to light, and the maidens were left forlorn. At last he came to Naucratis, and when the proclamation reached the ears of Rhodopis she remembered the rape of her sandal, and knew herself the one sought for by the King. The ambassador was admitted to her presence, and then at last the shoe fitted. "And here," cried Rhodopis, "is the fellow shoe, and this is why I wear these symbols, on the soles—as Greece is captive to my beauty, so shall Egypt be, and Egypt's master!" And then she went with him to Memphis, and when the King, whose heart

was sick with waiting, saw her, he succumbed

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