A POLISH ELIAS.

(Concluded.)

"I am Rebecca," said the matron, turning up the flame of the little oil lamp, and looking harder at the stranger.

"Do you not know me, Rebecca?" The light now fell on his face, and with a cry Rebecca recognized the features of her defunct husband.

"It is a ghost!" she gasped. "I knew that he must be dead!"

She was nearly fainting, and the fiery-headed young man had to sustain her with his arm.

"I am not dead," said Mendele somewhat shamefacedly, for he felt that he had not done what had been expected of him. "But I have come back, Rebecca. The Malach Hamoves was over long in appearing, and I was wasting my time over there consuming the bread of idleness—"

"You have come back—you have come back alive. Mendele! Wai geschrien! Oh! that I should have lived to see this day!" cried Rebecca in piercing accents, as soon as she had grasped the full meaning of the situation. "And do you mean to say," she continued indignantly, "do you mean to say that you have forfeited the merit of your long pilgrimage to the holy city? You will not sleep by the side of your forefathers!"

"I shall sleep in my own bed again," said Mendele, doggedly. "Wherefore should I pay 80 kreutzers a week for a filthy couch at Jerusalem, while my place at home is standing empty?"

"And pray what do you mean to do now that you have come back?" said the still incensed Rebecca.

"What I did before I went. I shall go on keeping my shop as before—"

"Your shop!" now exclaimed the fresh-colored young man, who for many months past had been accustomed to regard it as his shop, and he turned pale with a horrible emotion.

"But you are too old, Mendele!" cried Rebecca wildly, in a last desperate attempt to ward off this dreadful nightmare which had come upon her thus unexpectedly. "You are too old! seventy-one you will be in autumn, and the prophet says: 'Thy days shall be—'"

"The prophet has made a wrong shot in my case, anyway," put in Mendele, dryly, "For I feel a long way further from death than I did two years ago. I may live and rejoice for many a day yet to-come." But the prospect contained in his words was too much for the sensitive Rebecca, and she had sunk down on the nearest chair, while hysterical sobs shook her ample bosom.

"Why do you weep, Rebecca, my dove," said Mendele Bluhdorn. "Have you no word of welcome for your husband who has come back to you?"

"I am weeping for your wretched, soul, Mendele," sobbed his high-minded wife, "Oh! that a man with one foot in heaven should be base enough to return to the earth again!"

Next morning the inhabitants of Blotatyn were surprised by seeing the discarded signboard with the name of Mendele Bluhdorn hanging again at its former place over the shopdoor, and the news that Mendele himself had come back in the flesh spread like wildfire through the town. The inhabitants of Blotatyn were not only surprised—they were also aggrieved at this unexpected termination to the drama of the Polish Elias. He had cheated them out of their admiration and veneration under false pretence, and this is a sort of cheating which even a Jew cannot countenance. Loudest of all in his righteous indignation was the young man with the fresh color and the firey locks, for was he not the greatest loser by this unexpected resurrection!

Stripped of the halo which he had proved himself so unworthy to wear, Mendele Bluhdorn sank back contentedly into his former insignificant character. It is ignominious to have to record that the prospects of spending a few more peaceful years behind his worm-eaten counter had finally out-weighed the proud hope of securing a foremost place on the judgement day.

The aged Elias had been right in saying that he was a long way off dying yet. His lengthy pilgrimage and the pedestrian exercise it had entailed had freshened up his faculties and put renewed vigor into his constitution. His eye was brighter, his carriage more erect and his hand steadier than it had been for years previous. He had, in fact, taken out a new lease of life, and returned to Blotatyn twice the man he had been before. He lived to the age of 93, and it was his Rebecca who preceded him into the land of shadows after all. Nor was this the only benefit Mendele reaped from his expedition to Jerusalem, which, if it had turned out a failure from a spiritual point of view, was undoubtedly as great a success from the commercial as well as the sanitary aspect. The branch of trade hitherto so sorely neglected in that town was now provided for by Mendele Bluhdorn's solicitude, and henceforward there was a connecting link which bound the distant Polish village to the city of Solomon.

From time to time a bulky cask was conveyed by the Blotatyn carrier to the nearest railway station, and whosoever took the trouble to read the address written thereon in Mendele Bluhdorn's cramped and crooked handwriting could assure himself that its destination was Jerusalem, and salted butter its contents.

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The Trade in Decorations and Titles.

From the St. James' Gazette.

The trade in foreign titles and decorations, of which we gave some account a few months ago, is extending. An enterprising gentleman at Kensington has been plying the well-to-do residents of Vienna with a circular offering stars, crosses and titles on the instalment system—so much a week and no payment down. To show that, although these very favorite terms are offered, the "firm" is not a new one, the circular states that it has been in existence for twelve years, and that it counts a large number of customers in Germany and Austria. The list issued by the gentleman who calls himself "our firm" includes sixteen decorations, and the prices, compared with those of some other dealers in these wares are a trifle high, which may account for "the firm's" willingness to accept payments by instalments.

The Papal decorations are the cheapest; the Orders of Christ (which dates from 1317), St. Gregory, the Holy Sepulchre, and St. Sylvester being offered for £125 each. But for the Servian Order of Takovo, which was created by King Milan so recently as 1878, £150 is asked. The Austrian orders are the dearest on the list. Even a Knight's Cross of the Iron Crown, which dates only from 1805, costs £3,000. A bewildering variety of titles of nobility are offered at prices ranging from £900 for a barony to £3000 for a dukedom.

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Milton Jayne, of Setauket, N.J., died on Monday from blood poisoning. Three months ago he lost a horse from glanders, and in doctoring the animal he absorbed the poison through a cut finger.

A suit brought by spiritualists against the town of Randolph, Vt., to obtain a share of the town's money for the support of the gospel, has been decided in favor of the town by the supreme court.

In one of the many Bibles scattered about a hotel in Grand Rapids for the use of its guests a matter of fact drummer wrote in large letters on the title page an appeal for "less Bibles and better beds."

The boys in the Chinese mission school in Boston appear to prefer women teachers. One of them who, in the absence of his own teacher, was put under a man teacher, seemed uneasy. When asked the reason he replied, "me want old gal!"

It is impossible to publish the novel Col. Burnaby of the Guards, killed in the Soudan, left behind him, because no one has been able to decipher the manuscript. It has been examined by one who knew the author's handwriting well and has been in the hands of a professional "decipherist," but nothing can be made of it.

A hole was formed by the sinking soil lately in one of the streets of San Bernardino, Cal. The Index of that place says: "From this hole a volume of smoke has been rising for four days and nights. A peculiar, sulphurous smell permeates the air in the vicinity, and, as no one knows whence the smoke comes, some alarm has been felt."

A French dentist named Duchesne has got into serious trouble owing to the death of a patient while under the influence of laughing gas. The French law requires, it seems, what is not required here or in England, the presence of a doctor when anæsthetics are applied. Duchesne made a false declaration to the effect that the doctor whom he called in when the patient failed to revive had been present all the time of the operation, and this is going against him.

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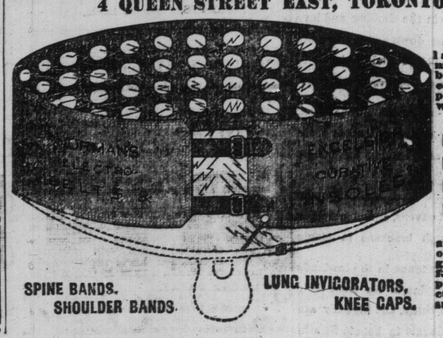

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