THE PERI-MOTHER.

A PERSIAN LEGEND.

A Persian mother sat watching her child. Her face was very beautiful and her clothes were rich and elegant. She wore costly jewels on her neck and arms, and her fingers glittered with diamonds. But her hands were clasped idly in her lap and she looked very, very sad.

"Mamma," said the boy, "tell me what is the matter. You always look as if you were just going to cry. You never laugh like the other mammas."

She smiled and stroked his head, and after looking, in a strange way, toward the sky for a moment, she answered. "Abow, I will tell you a story. Do you want to hear it?"

He looked well pleased, and nesled near her.

"A long time ago," she began, "a rich merchant in our country of Hindostan drove his son away from his home because he had done wrong. The son's name was Siaunsh. He went out, dressed himself in clothes that made him look like a beggar, and sat down under a tree near the river."

She stopped here a moment and thought, "Why don't you go on?" said the boy with childish impatience.

"Did you ever hear of the Peris my child?" she said.

"Ah! yes," he answered, "nurse has told me of them. They are beautiful great fairies with wings, good, and more lovely than anything else in the world."

"Did she tell you so, my boy. It is true, and you never saw such beautiful clothes as they wear. By means of these clothes they can change into any form they please."

"Well, while Siaunsh sat by the water four white doves fell down to the edge. While he watched them he saw them become beautiful women, more lovely than he had ever seen before. They took off their garments and laid them down, while they went into the water to bathe. With a wicked thought in his heart, Siaunsh stole the clothing and hid it."

"How unkind," said the boy. "But what did the women do? They were Peris, were they not?"

"Yes," she answered. They were Peris, and when they saw their wonderful garments gone they did not know what to do, for without this clothing they had no power to turn into any other form, and could not fly back again to their fairy home in the sky. But seeing Siaunsh and supposing that he had taken the garments they asked him to return them."

But he had begun to love the beautiful creatures, and to long for one of them to be his wife, so he told them that if they would promise to live with him he would give back their clothing. They did not know what to do. Siaunsh told wonderful stories about how happy they would be, and at last one of them consented. He gave back the garments, and three of them dressed and flew away like great angels into the blue sky, but the other went sadly to her earthly home.

Siaunsh believed that he could make the Peri happy. He bought for her silks and satins and velvets, gold and pearls and diamonds. He loved her very dearly, and his friends loved her, but every day she grew more sad. At last she had a lovely child, and sometimes she would forget, but not often.

"Where were the other clothes, mamma?" asked the boy.

"The husband hid them, my child," answered the mother. "The Peri never saw them again after she came to her husband's home.

"The man was wicked to keep her," said Abow.

"But she could not help loving him," said the mother, her eyes filling with tears. "He was very, very kind to her, and her boy was beautiful, oh, more beautiful than the sun!" and her eyes were full of tears when they rested on Abow.

"Yes, she loved him, and she loved his friends and she loved her boy, but she longed, oh, she longed to go back to her sisters."

"Poor Peri!" said the boy. "If I had been the son that she loved so much I would have hunted and hunted and hunted till I found those magic clothes, and then I would have given them back to her, and she should have gone home to her sister."

"Dear child," she said, and began looking out of the window once more toward the sky, which sunset was just tinging with the golden glory of evening.

"Is that all?" asked Abow.

"Yes, that is all; you must leave me now, for I must bathe and dress."

"Didn't she get home?" asked Abow.

"No, my dear, no!" she answered.

"Then I wish you had not told me the story. I like to hear stories end right," said the boy.

While they had been talking the nurse had sat quietly by listening, and when the beautiful lady rose to dress she came to help her.

"Lady," she said, "why do you make yourself sad by telling your story to Abow?"

"I cannot tell," she answered, "I can think of nothing except those days long ago, when I flew over the earth in different forms with my wonderful fairy sisters."

"But can you not be happy with your husband, who loves you so much, and with your beautiful son?"

"No," she answered, "never, never, happy. But, nurse, how did you know that I was telling my own story?"

"The Great Siaunsh told me before he left for his far-away journey," she answered.

"Did he tell you where he had hidden my magical clothes?"

"Yes, lady," she said.

The lady did not answer, but went on combing her waving amber hair and making herself lovely with the luxuries of the east.

The nurse watching her was dazzled by the wonderful beauty of the face and figure.

"Lady, she said, "surely no being lives who is so charming as you."

"That is true," sighed the sad mother. "But what is my loveliness worth when I must be a slave?"

"Oh, nurse!" she said, "if you could see me dressed once in my own magic dress, if you could see me as I look when I am a Peri, and not a poor earthly woman, you would see a sight such as your eyes never saw before. Get the clothes for me just once, nurse," and her eyes filled with tears. "I am so beautiful! Would you not like to see me wear them? Just once?" And she threw her arms around the woman's neck.

The nurse could withstand no longer. "Only for a moment," she thought, and though Siaunsh had intrusted his wife to her care, urged on by great desire to see the beautiful creature dressed in the Peri dress, she brought them from their hiding place and gave them to the lady.

They were quickly put on, and Abow, who had come running into the room, stood with the nurse looking with wonder at the lovely vision that rose before them.

The form grew more stately, the face more radiant. The waving amber hair changed to silver sheen. Flowing garments glistened like the sun, and great wings unfolded themselves and spread toward the sky. But the joy that lighted the face was more wonderful than all.

The vision turned, kissed Abow, laid its hand on the shoulder of the nurse, and slowly rising, sailed away.

Abow followed to the window, and, lifting his eyes, saw standing in the golden gate of Heaven which was just above the setting sun, three other radiant forms with outstretched arms.

They clasped the Peri mother as she passed through the gate, and with a wild cry at the beauty of the vision Abow hid his face in his nurse's lap.

Loss of Flesh and Strength.

—with poor appetite, and perhaps slight cough in morning, or on first lying down at night, should be looked to in time. Persons afflicted with consumption are proverbally unconscious of their real state. Most cases commence with disordered liver, leading to bad digestion and imperfect assimilation of food—hence the emaciation, or wasting of the flesh. It is a form of scrofulous disease, and is curable by the use of that greatest of all blood-cleansing, anti-bilious and invigorating compounds, known as Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery."

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R. B. Browning will send to the Grosvenor gallery, London, a portrait of his father, Mr. Robert Browning. It is painted for Balliol college, and depicts the poet seated in his university gown.

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