THE ENCHANTED

een waves of babyberry and twisted firmly placed. he gnarled and scrubby cedars. Na- One day on the way to school Judy Squire Gardner, winking knowingly. ed to have settled on the land in

a tumble-down hut. Its bro- horses." window panes, stuffed with rags bleached seaweed, gave the place appearance of a blind beggar. A Sal's away."

lid ground, refused to proceed.

the young man, and leaping light-from his cart, he strode up to the "Hast thou taken good care." ndleof his whip on the door. No ically, sponse came from within. The cat licking her chops and looking at she had.

otion inside the hut, a bolt was ing assurance. rawn, and an old, bent woman ap-"Please take the spell off my horse,

Tristram's son comes to old sal for help? Let the pride of the ch be humbled in the dust." 'I never harmed thee," replied the ung man. 'The curse shall descend to the se-

and third generation of them hat hate me," said the witch. 'See, I have brought thee a presand going to the cart he took out a large basket of cohogs and deposited half of them in a bucket near he door. Sal entered the house and soon re-

appeared with a blue Canton pitcher and birds were curiously intermingled. Going three times round the
horse, she uttered a strange incantation and the animal relapsed into
its usual docility.

The only knew about old Sal and
the church bells had been
ringing furiously, summoning all able
her hideous home, thought the girl
bitterly, for a moment; but soon, lost
in the delight of the date, she forgot everything except the pleasure
its usual docility.

"Well I know that." She tapped
her hideous home, thought the girl
men to arms. The home guard assembled in great haste on the rocks
but no British came that night.

"Well I know that." She tapped
her pretty foot impatiently. "But
sembled in great haste on the rocks
but no British came that night. the design of which snakes turtles

s trying to lure my soul to destruc-

"A witch ought to know the whereabouts of that old fellow," said "I'll come," said Judy, and hastily

withdrew, as old Sal came forward toward the house. young man!" said Sal. again. despiseth the witch-woman. The fires of hell shall consume thee."

"Thank thee kindly for thy good jumped into his cart and took his meal. way onward.

truly have flown down on a broomand sheep quickly regained health by ments and magic words, aided generally by the uncanny spell of the blue wines of choicest vintage-to be used Sailors came to bespeak only on great occasions. ucky voyages, and lovers to gain her advice. People who consulted her on business were unmolested; but disaster followed those who approach-

ed her abode from idle curiosity. The incongruous companion of the voman's isolation was a beautiful hild-probably five years old at the ime of the witch's arrival in the The girl seemed the emboliment of refinement and daintiness, her," said Peleg Randall, "and the they destroyed, and on and provis-very different from the sturdy Quaseed corn we are so much in need of." sions sometimes were barely obtainosity about it?"

"I hate it!-' declared Judy; "Sal children of Nantucket.

her when Judy was about seven ears old she went to school at the stance of the selectmen.

"What is The teacher asked: ne, little girl?" dv." replied the child.

"Judith what?" inquired the teach-

Just plain Judy-nothing else Judy," was the answer. t recess the children romped about the yard, while left to her own devices.

there was a whispering, with heads close together. Then little voice piped up, "Judy, the 1's child! The witch's child!" chorus of little voices "Judy, the witch's child!" Judy's cheeks grew redder and redand her eyes flashed defiance, suddenly a defender appeared. ou girls just leave Judy alone. hat's the use of being so mean?' id young Hiram Coffin. "If any fight me, come on!

it no one appeared to accept ode on Hiram, and ever since that bell and crying:

Faith Gardner was Judy's only girl resemble a beauty of the Court of the This growing friendship was cidedly frowned upon by Squire "Indeed, thee quite eclipses me," fire on the south shore to-morrow considering their excellence.

Gardner and his wife. They thought said Faith, a sweet-tempered, fair-that the witch's child could not be a haired girl, who looked very lovely fitting associate for Faith. Neither in a pale blue silk over a white satin then," said Hosea Macy, "and he PITCHER A STORY OF fitting associate for Faith. Neither in a pale her parentage nor her environment petticoat. The south wind came rushing over they remonstrated, and finally con- kissing her.

The south wind came rushing over they remonstrated, and finally con- kissing her. island, bringing to the ear the cluded that opposition only added fuel, "Ma," said Faith, coming down the and merlasses. boom of the breakers. It ruffled to the flame and that it was a species stairs,

figures.

"No.

"Thee is the prettiest girl here,"

"Oh flatterer!" replied Judy, "doc

"I believe thee has been my

Nothing succeeds like success,

Capt. Brandigee danced with Judy,

Judy blushed and answered "No."

"Come out, lad," said Sal.

"Well, old gal, call off your bloom-

"What dost thou here, young man?"

he held out a handful of gold,

then towards the British vessel.

"Put up your money, lad.

zens of Nantucket had seen the ship,

the heel of the oppressor."

said, in a whisper.

in' bear. My eyes, but hain't you

Does thee remember it?"

my dear, good triend.'

he added kindly.

"So would I, Hiram." "Let's find out, Judy, when old rushed toward her, saying, "Come, house, taking care not to awaken Sal, for Dora in my pocket!

Sal's away."

Well, well, I had been a fool, seemed, and utter fool, and the sc

and on it perched a black cat pick up driftwood this afternoon," wicked yellow eyes. said Judy. "Come after school." ded its way across the ruts and at once ushered him in, and they be- of Nantucket mocks of the moor, according to gan to search for the pitcher. Hiram Judy was having such a beautiful erratic fancy of the old horse. climbed up to the top shelf of the time with Hiram that she did not thinking that she was ill, hastened Dora flitted into the study; she look

defined the second of the seco with feet firmly planted on sprained. Judy helped him out, and flashing eyes expressed supreme hap-Some of old Sal's work!" mutter- by the aid of a chan he had no said Hiram.

"Hast thou taken good care of my or of the hut and pounded with the pitcher?" said the old woman, sardon thee say that to each girl in turn?" Judy hastened to assure her that look, "I say it only when I mean it."

"The foul fiends will take thee, thou At length be heard a slight com-

A huge brown bear was another of eared in the doorway. Patches of Sal's treasures. A travelling fiddler much nicer to thee than they were very color held her gown together. had come to the island, and, having then; but we will change all that," pair of sharp, black eyes, beneath the sick bear on his hands, was very glad to sell him for a small sum of money. Sal restored the animal to were not for Faith Gardner. She is health, and now, led by a chain, it followed her tamely about. The bear proved a terror to naughty, children and kept them at a respectable distance, and at the same time served as a heast of burden. It was whis- about eight o'clock in the evening, pered that people going near the and the officers eagerly availed them-witch's house at night had heard the selves of the invitation to the dance, strains of a fiddle and had seen the shadows of a huge dancing creature— laced uniforms among the severe-look-presumably the bear. This seemed ing, drab-colored Quaker youths. conclusive proof to the primitive people that the old woman had sold her kept them at a reasonable safe dis- in Paris.

ches of golden flowers gleamed over of the hour.

tance, and so they had the disad-

Strange to say, the old woman

made no decided objection, though she in sight, No human being seemed the plain glistened white tents, in hand beckoned her. She approached; which tables were spread, and maids the hand held gold pieces. "They "Never let thy shadow fall on this and matrons presided with much mer- are for you," said the voice.

Take care how thou riment over the bountiful feasts. "Come of art thou?" Sal," said Hiram, as he sheep and were at their noonday astonished gaze.

Faith Gardner caught sight of her Old Sal, in her steeple-crowned hat and called out:, "Come in here, Judy and long, rusty black cloak, might if you want to be where the fun is." Judy saw a table spread with all stick from the nearest planet, so little was known about her. The mainland could produce in those "What dost ruined fisherman's hut was found one days, and besides there were viands day to be occupied by her, and she brought in ships from many foreign proved to have some skill in things countries. Nantucket vessels went supernatural. Alling horses, cows to every port in the world, bringing meaning looks first towards the town, home many strange dainties-conthe potent charm of her simple lini- fections from the West Indies, rarest teas from the East, and foreign

"Here's a place for thee, Judy," said Hiram Coffin, making room for The man had come ashore from her beside himself.

The Nautilus comes in port this af- quickly returned. ternoon," said Lovice Macy. "If she can run the blockade," said though it still hovered not many "We shall sit in darkness, miles out to sea. Hiram.

forthcoming soon. her," said Peleg Randall, "and the tirely destroyed, and oil and provis- Does thee remember our childish curi-

plans all made. The town-crier shall announce the ball, if all goes well; but our elders must not know."

"We'll ask the officers of the Nau-

port in time." "The town-crier shall be in the secret," continued Hiram. "He will say this evening, as he goes round the town, 'Nautilus expected, also Terpsichore.' We in the secret will know what he means. Now whisper the news to all the other girls and

tilus."

boys. When evening came great excitement where the mascrline gossips of prevailed among the young people. Hiram and Jonah had taken ing on the wharf. It belonged to his ear quite close to the open wining on the wharf. It belonged to his ear quite close to the open winjonah's father, from whom the young dow, whi-e Sal watched the passersleast," he added, with a look of afman had stolen the key. The floor by. man had stolen the key. The floor was scoured and rubbed down until war. The walls were covered with the likelihood of the expected ships clared Judy, contritely.—Emily Elliold sails and flags of many nations, being able to run the blockade.

said Faith, "if they are in A ship laden with two thousand bar-

been sent ashore to investigate. dered down to Candle Alley, where good money of Louis XIV. Main street stood a little shoe shop, people, town were went to assemble by tice. I thought she hated me."
nosses- night. Here Sal stopped under the "Peace to her ashes," said Hir sion of a large empty room—the en- tide window. The bear very strange- solemnly. tire second story of a storage build- ly preferred to stand upright, with treason is redeemed.

In the store were gathered the vil-

k off his jacket.

old sails and hags of many flations.

old sails and hags of many flations.

The town-crier perambulated the town at his usual time, ringing his been sighted," said the old sail
or, Eliphalet Russell, taking his pipe Men who follow sedentary occupation.—

or, Eliphalet Russell, taking his pipe Men who follow sedentary occupation. "Another battle fought! Many from his mouth and expectorating tions, which deprive them of fresh air When Hiram Coffin, the son of the ealthiest shipowner on Nantucket, nampioned Judy's cause, the other lidren decided that it was best not lidren decided that it was best not lidren decided that it was best not like a child turned up her face, and with such aim into the smouldering and exercise, are more prone to distinct them of fresh air to bring us, I wonder? Listen!"

As Standish spoke Dora frankly and like a child turned up her face, and killed and wounded—meat sale to-with such aim into the smouldering and exercise, are more prone to distinct the lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than orders of the liver and kidneys than orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. The beautiful than the lightly kissed her forefreed. His orders of the liver and kidneys than be lightly kissed her forefreed. The beautiful than the lightly kissed her forefreed. The beaut

must let her know the coast's clear

"we're going over to Mehit- The two listeners at these words surface of the moorland in dark of bewitchment which the child would able Coffin's for a while; does thee moved quickly away. The bear, still outgrow. But Faith's friendship was care?" "Don't get tired at the ball," said advance of the old woman.

Instead of remaining all night with re was in one of those moods where met Hiram. After a little talk about All agreed that the hall was a Faith, Judy decided to return to the gray desolation of a winter day teachers and lessons, Hiram said: dream of beauty, Old black Jim, a house on the moor, having an unde-"Say, Judy, do you know what's West Indian negro, scraped the fiddle fined feeling of coming disaster. Hir- Foster that for the last two years I the centre of the gloomy moor like to know what makes it cure sick the room was alled with whirling about eleven o'clock; for the Quaker people kept early hours. As noise been fool enough to come down As soon as Hiram spied Judy, he lessly as possible she entered the the Grange with an engagement ring

But Judy could not sleep; the ex- seemed, and utter fool, and the soon-Some of the other girls looked jeal-ously at Judy, for Hiram was concart containing a solitary figure When Hiram arrived at Sal's, Judy sidered the most desirable young man the happenings of the day. Suddenly dance, the annual New Year's eve afshe heard a groan from the old wo-fair, I believe I should have made man in the next room. The girl,

the doorsin. The boy, terrified, fell be recklessly happy for once in her 'At one o'clock—high tide, they're coming—the Britishers!" Judy start—to the floor in a heap, and Judy rush—edto the door, but found no one there. When Hiram tried to stand me in the discovered that his angle was obbin, with feet firmly planted on Judy belief, let the consequences by what coming—the Britishers!" Judy start—they might. She danced with spirit and grace. A beautiful color came with horror. "The spy is on the into her usually pale cheeks and her beach and will make the signal fire."

Jack, O, such heavenly mustins "At one o'clock—high tide, they're coming—the Britishers!" Judy start—they might have been having nice tea with mother and me in the drawing room, and mulfins, Jack, O, such heavenly mustins "Jack, O, such heavenly mustins" Judy's first thought was of Hiram -how to get word to him. She look-

ed for the lantern; it was gone. With wildly beating heart she rushed from the house-on and on in the darkness. She hurried along the narreplied Hiram, with a. hurt row streets, and stopped before a big square brick house.

She pounded vigorously with "Forgive me, Hiram," said Judy brass knocker, and Hiram's voice from for I shall be quite a 'great lady,' the window above called, "Who's shall I not, dear daddy? O, here's ever since that first day at school. there?" "Indeed I do, The women are not "It's Judy, Hiram. Dress and

come down as quickly as possible," she said, breathlessly. In a few minutes he appeared. "I would not be here to-night if it "Why, my girl, what is it?" he in-

quired, as the light from the window fell on the excited face. "The British attack the town in an Judy, much to her surprise, soon found herself the belle of the ball. hour! A spy is on the beach, ready to give the signal. He must be ta-The Nautilus had reached port at ken prisoner before he can reach his ship!

Hiram at once aroused several his neighbors, and without waiting making gay the scene in their gold- to saddle their horses, they rode swiftly to the beach.

The sailor stood near a signal fire waiting impatiently for his ship to complimented her on her dancing, and put off a boat. The hoise of the surf soul to the enemy of mankind. Fear asked her if she had learned the art drowned the sound of the approaching men, who soon overpowred the of yours; Standish is so much older sailor and put out the fire. During than you are." vantage of not being able to verify It he only knew about old Sal and this time the church bells had been

While she was absorbed in this procedure, a young girl of seventeen, with masses of tawny hair and big brown eyes, came to the door. Hir-"Ain't seen thee in a dog's age, Judy," he said.

"Sal watches me like a cat," replied the girl. "She says the devil is trying to lure my soul to dear say the old man. The say the old man and miserable. Mr. Standish appeared and showed pretty lifting her head and drinking in the fortably on two legs and talked like and admired with the delicious salt air, mingled with the delicious salt air, mingled with the sweetness of the growing bay-her says the devil is trying to lure my soul to dear skin was found the sweetness of the growing bay-her was recognized as Sal's winter like a say the old more and miserable. Mr. Standish appeared and showed pretty the delicious salt air, mingled with the delicious salt air, mingled with the sweetness of the growing bay-her was recognized as Sal's winter like and miserable. Mr. Standish appeared and showed pretty the delicious salt air, mingled with the fisherman's hut on the beach and was recognized as Sal's winter like and miserable. Mr. Standish appeared and showed pretty the delicious salt air, mingled with the delicious salt air, mingled with the sweetness of the growing bay-her was recognized as Sal's winter like and miserable. Mr. Standish appeared and showed pretty the delicious salt air, mingled with the delicious salt air, mingled with the delicious salt air, mingled with a man. An old bear skin was found the sweetness of the growing bay-her was all the delicious salt air, mingled with th

The High Court of the Colony conch ought to know the whereof that old fellow," said
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"But the banged to try Sal on the charge of bear ambled along by her side and witchcraft and treason. She was honestly, too; he adored his first wife, he hanged to try Sal on the charge of bear ambled along by her side and bear am the sheep-shearing to-morrow. We're chain of ponds. The first two days were occupied with washing to sheep voice. It came apparently from a its course, however, for the exciteby the men, and on the last day was ruined fisherman's hut on the bank, ment and anxiety as to her fate propthe shearing and rebranding. All over She listened. From the window a ed too much for the old woman, and

morning set for the execution. The mystery of Judy's parentage always remained unsolved; but among happiness, dear." the witch's effects was found a small sound of revelry from the tents; for the men had come from shearing the of an English middy stood before her crest. It contained two miniatures "The Lord preserve us!" exclaimed girl whom Judy greatly resembled, and the other a very handsome and distinguished looking man. That

they were the portraits of Judy's father and mother there could be litnever seen one of His Majesty's sailtle doubt. After examining Sal's belongings, Hiram said:

"Expectin' a ship, ain't they?" he "Well, Judy, thee is evidently the "See here," and daughter of some noble and aristocrawith tic family in England."

"Old Sal must have stolen me in revenge for some injury. She could be vindictiveness itself." geance is mine. It's the worm's "My poor girl, how thee must have chance to turn. The worm trampled

I want to make, it up to suffered! on for years at last turns and bites thee if I can. My name is not noble, but honored and respected in this is-Will thee accept it as thy British cruiser in a small boat, which land. None of the deni- name? I have always loved thee better than anything else in the world." "Yes," said Judy, blushing, "I accept it because I love thee."

"My brave girl, the town would be like the heathen, if a little oil is not during the days of the Revolution. in ashes but for thee. By the way, "Two thousand barrels are aboard Its fleets of whalers were almost en- bring out that curious old pitcher.

"Girls," said Hiram, "we must able. The British ships continually "I hate it!-' declared Judy; "Sal have the dance to-night, but not a on the watch, stood ready at any knew it and always tauntingly said Iten heard when the Quakers spoke word as big as a huckleberry to any minute to swoop down on the defence- it would be mine when she was dead. one. Jonah Ray and I have our less people. The Nantucketers man- The brown bear and the blue pitcher The town-crier aged to signal to the schooners of and all they represent have been the She went to the cupboard and took

> "I can't endure the sight of it." rels of oil and a supply of seed corn said, and with these words she dash-was expected at Nantucket. The ed the pitcher to the ground. To her The ed the pitcher to the ground. To her and, Jack, I have a queer sort of "He will British knew this and the sailor had astonishment out rolled a shower of fancy to dance the old year out, and gold pieces-old Spanish doubloons, the new year in with you. Will you That evening Sal, and the bear mean- Dutch guelders, English florins and come and find me here a little before

the old woman made a few purchases. "To think old Sal treasured all this Near the corner of Candle Alley and wealth for me!" exclaimed Judy, af-"To think old Sal treasured all this ter she recovered from her surprise.
"I fear I have done her great injus-

"Peace to her ashes," said Hiram, demnly. "The blackness of her She atoned to the best of her ability-to thee,

"Her love for me shall be a mantle so mean: was scouled and induced down until lage worthies, discussing the war and of charity to cover all her sins," de

tren decided that it was best not orment her. After this incident caded satin gown, which made her, child, so little accustomed to me with a singular list of the near the corner of her mouth, patch near the corner of her mouth, incident the near the corner of her mouth, ain't so cussed daring."

The former will find in Parmelee's then be turned to me with a singular list of the near the former will find in Parmelee's list of the n

HOW THE OLD YEAR WENT OUT

By Maurice Coleman.

Heard of Dora's engagement, I suppose?" asked old Col, Foster briskly. 'Capital fellow, George Standish. a walking upright; strode along quite in little old for the girl, perhaps, but she seems to like him, and of course my wife is pleased."
I nodded and murmured something

conventional. How could I tell Col.

some wild excuse and got away to her and heard her mutter in her sleep.

"At one o'clock—high tide, they're you arrive? Fancy sitting here with

"I must congratulate you, Dora."

I spoke in my best manner, stiffly and, I hope, sternly, putting as much reproach in my glance as I could. Thank you so much; the house is upside down with excitement, and the Phone: Residence Main 2075. girls, as you will find, can talk of nothing but bridesmaids' dresses. to mother, she is radiant with pride,

the ring."
She held up a slender finger for my inspection, circled by a gleaming hoop of large and scintillating brilliants. Involuntarily I contrasted the costly gage with the simple ring reposing in my waistcoat pocket. Oh, yes, Dora had been wise in her generation.

I had privately determined not to ask Dora to dance, but, all the same, valse No. 8 found us sitting out together in the darkest and most bescreened of retreats.

"Is it not nice, and dark, cozy;" laughed Dora gleefully. rigged it up myself this morning. Why are you so gloomy and silent, Jack?

"The truth is," I answered, "I do not feel happy over this engagement

The next day old Sal was suspected did not care about me. Well, I am own their homes instead of continu

relieved, for he is not really in love The law did not take almost broken-hearted when she died last year. He wants me to take her place in a way, to have youth about his home again, some one to pet and spoil."

"Here is a wedding present, Dora," I said. "I wish you all possible "A wedding present! But you did not know, Jack, till father told you

this afternoon?" She looked at me with brows slight ly knit, a wistful expression in her eyes; then, unwrapping the paper, she flushed all over the face.

It was a simple ring, made to my own design-one pearl, with a stem and leaf of small diamonds, made to resemble a mistletoe. 'I think it lovely, Jack, but

don't quite understand. Did you mean it only for a New Year's gift?" I told her all, told her how I had lovedher from my college days, and had always had before me the hope of winning her for my wife.

"Why did you not tell me, Jack?" she cried. "O, Jack, Jack, why didn't you speak?" "Because I was a poor man, Dora. I have worked hard, Dora, and last week I was offered a place that means bread and butter and jam, so I went straight off to the jeweler and order-

ed that little ring for you.' She burst into a sudden shower of tears. O, how I longed to kiss and comfort her. "I have loved you so, Jack. I felt

ashamed of myself at last, thinking youdid not care and then mother was so pleased at the thought of my making a great marriage, and of course would be nice for the girls-and

Dora rose to her feet with a little laugh; she brushed away all trace of tears with a dainty lace handkerchief. "Take back your ring, Jack, dear. I cannot wear two on the same finger, 12 o'clock?"

At about a quarter to 12 I took my way downstairs. Everybody seemed waiting for the joy bells of the New Year. I noticed Col. Foster standing by the window, ready to open it on the last stroke of the clock.

Dora was not alone; George Standish was with her. As far as I "As you are going to marry him, I could see in the dim light he was am sure I hope you will," I said sulholding her hand. I would have re- lenly. tired, but Dora called my name quick-

"Good-night, dear, and good-by. God bring you a happy New Year, old year out. Dora. I am departing with the old

cheap Dora sank down on her seat with a

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Jack; I shall love him all my life.' "As you are going to marry him, I

cross. "I thought you wanted to dance the

"Well, I don't, Jack; it's rather solemn this, the death of the old As Standish spoke Dora frankly and year. What is the New Year going "The old cried. "The New Year has come," smiled diamond boop had vanie ed. I sup-

marry my own sweetheart, as he with the old ring before you are on married his years ago."

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