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It was the first spring in the world. The winter had been long; acons of darkness when that which was slept in the cavern of the universe before Brahma had quickened or Vishnu warmed, or Siva, who is Mahadeva, had looked upon the earth.

The garden lay on an island that was called Eden in the place of the ocean where now begins the river of the Ganges. On the horizon to the west there was a rim of blue peaks which are the Himalayas, and beneath them was a thin line of shore visible from the island. The tides that ebbed and flowed from mainland to island brought voices of the shore and intonings from the black linga caves that are the temples of Siva, even to this day. And when the tide was out there was a path of shallows that rippled and beckoned from island to shore, through which none had passed.

There were two in the Garden when it was the first spring in the world, the Man and the Woman that he had found in the forest and who was like to him. And they were created as the beasts, the birds and all that had life in the Garden, full-statured and of perfect growth with no blemish; but more goodly than the beasts, for they were fitted to stand upright so that they might look toward the great eye of Vishnu, and within them the senses and the spirit was so mingled that they could perceive more than the instincts in them or the elements about them.

The Earth Spirit that was over the Garden had placed there all things that were good for them; fruits to fill their hunger; springs to quench their thirst; caves for their shelter from storms; trees to shade them from the moon heat; and no beast, bird or thing that had life would do harm to them.

For a full moon's length the Man and the Woman wandered in the forest by day and slept in the mosses or the caves by night as two children who wonder up to the sky. They had conversed with the mild-eyed antelope and the shagged boar, with the striped tiger and the stealthy jackal, with the parrot, the hammersmith and the gray crow; and by cries and laughter and sounds made into primitive speech they held converse with each other, so that each knew the thought of the other by sign and

sound. Then Siva, ruler of the currents of heart and brain, looked upon them, and strange forces of the spring world stirred in the soul of the Man and troubled the eyes of the Woman as they sat beside the stream in the forest by day; and when the stars came out their pulses rose to the throbbing of the spheres, as rise the tides of the waters, and they sang and cried aloud in the night silences for what they knew not; and when the wind was in the forest and the storm came in from the sea they cowered in the caves and felt the beating of Siva's heart in

time to their own. Then said the Man, when the moraing laughed in the forest and the flow-ers whispered together: "The stream calls me to follow it from the forest; come with me for we know not what lies beyond."

"But it is well here," answered the Woman, reluctantly. "I know the trees that bear the best fruit and the caves that can shelter us when the rain comes. The place of storms may lie beyond."

"The stream calls to me," said the Man; "and I hear the deep voice of the waters shaking the earth when I lie in the night on the ground of the cave. I would find from whence come the sounds and I would see the world that encompasses this garden."

And he went forward while she staid in the forest. But when he had trav-eled with the stream for a day and could almost define the line of waters, a mighty loneliness overtook him; and the retlessness that had seemed to him the calling of the waters when he had wandered in the forest, he knew now as the desire for the woman whom he had left behind in his journeyings, and he turned backward in his path

by the stream and went calling her. Lo! but a short length and she came running toward him, her long hair tangled with thorns of the thicket by flight, and on her beautiful body the bruise of sharp stones where she had fallen by the way.

"Let us make haste," she cried. "I too, have heard the voices of the stream and I followed it." Then he was silent, for he had thought she followed him.

They burfled enward until the last tree was passed and the tream swept into the ocean, where the sand was white with shells and glittering pebbles, where the blue peaks rose in the distance and the thin line of shore be-

yond was visible. The Woman cried aloud in fear, for she heard in the voice of waters the cry of the Earth Spirit that change had come upon the world; she saw in the brazen skies the faces of Siva who is the life giver and father

of death.
"Let us go back into the Garden," she besought the Man. "I have seen the faces of Siva and the scourge of his great eye, and the Earth Spirit has cried to me. What avails it that we leave our beautiful garden? I will

return, I will return!"

But the Man withheld her, for he would not that she should leave him, and his eyes were on the path of shallows that rippled and beckoned from island to shore line; and trembling as she was he lifted her against his heart and went forward across the shallows to the mainland. Siva giving him

strength against the waves.

Next morning then they had awakened in each others' arms in the black lings cave on the shore, the Island of the wave they had been the Garden was Eden where had been the Garden, was no longer in the place of waters and there was no pathway to return.

The Woman wept, but the Man comforted her and so they went onward in the world. And once again every twelve times of the moon comes the spring, and Siva looks n the world as on the first spring in Eden .- East In-

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"Pretty old brace of birds," the clerk on confided to one of the hotel "seters," "but he's a jolly chap and feels like a two-year-old. Strong way of moving he has. They've got the bridal chamber and I told the head waiter to make it pleasant for them."

Inside of eighteen hours they were the delight of the hotel. She had big black eyes that had a way of smiling n advance of her lips and bubbled over with good feeling. And she seemed to have him hypnotized. At the table she would whisper to him and he would chuckle and tell her that she was just as big a de'il as ever and then spread mustard on his bread or use cayenne pepper instead of black. She would leave the dining room hanking on his arm with both hands, those great eyes looking adora-tion at the side of his head.

"You're running it, Kit," the waiter heard him say at the table, "and they think we're the spooniest that ever

came down the line." "We are. Don't you dare say we're not," and then she'd prompt him to some act that delighted the younger guests and caused the older one to predict that things would be very different in six months. There was a week of this and then he made everyone sorry by serving notice and paying his bill. The hotel had never entertained a more enjoyable couple.

"Don't say a word," whispered the husband to the clerk. "Wedding trip all right, but silver wedding. married in April, '75. Wife gets younger every year. You gave us a great time."

INTERESTING NOTES

A great doctor has studied the fingers and toes of 4,500 criminals, and finds a deficiency in the size or number of toes quite frequent among them, although very rare among ordinary men. He has also observed that prehensile toes, marked by a wide space between the great toe and the second to, is a condition quite common among criminals.

There are some gold-fish in Washington which have belonged to the same family for the last fifty years, and they seem no bigger and no less vivacious to-day than they did when they first came into the owner's possession. A few of the fish in the Imperial Aquarium at St. Petersburg are known to be 150 years old, and the age of the sacred fish in some of the ponds attached to the Buddhist temples in China is to be counted by cen-

turies, if we are to believe the priests. The most charming little ring in the world is the property of Mr. Temple, of London. This gentleman is a nephew of Sir Richard Temple, and the ring in question is a highly-prized old family heirloom. Inside of this tiny circle of gold are the works of a perfect little musical box. Y w touch a spning and hold the rinb quite close to your ear. Then you hear the sweetest, weirdest, tiniest little tune, which seems like a voice from spirit land.

The weights of classes of students before and after examination have been made the subject of recent investigation., In high classes, where naturally the examination was most felt, several pounds were lost, showing how the mental strain was felt. In lower classes the loss was not so great.

How Old Scroggs Quit Smoking. In one of the large arm chairs in the corridor of a prominent Broadway hotel sat a feeble old man. The fit and texture of his clothing betokened that he was at least well to do, if not

wealthy. In strange contrast there sat in the chair adjoining a boorish looking young fellow. His clothing was of a ready made variety. Although he wore a big gold looking watchchain, and an elaborate pin in his tie he seemed a little out of place in such

luxurious surroundings. He was smoking a large, fat cigar. He was smoking it vigorously, too.
With each exhalation he took pains to turn his head a little, so as to puff

the smoke directly into the face of his elderly neighbor. The old man bore it in silence. Indignant comments were made on the young man's conduct by the various groups scattered through the corri

dor, but no one seemed to think it his place to interfere. At last, however, one man walked up to the desk and remonstrated to the

clerk. "See here," he said, "there's a great boor of a young fellow over there who persists in blwing his tobacco smoke into a feeble old man's face."

"That so?" said the clerk, auarently not in the least excited. "It's an outrage; it ought to be stopped," continued the indignant patron, apparently made more indignant by the calmness with which his com-

plaint was received. "Oh, I don't know," replied the clerk; "that's what he's paid for." 'What do you mean?' "Why that's old Scroggs, the mil-

lionaire. His doctor told him he had to quit smoking and he did. But ever since he has hired that young fellow to go around with him, and all the young fellow has to do all day long is to smoke the best cigars and keep flowing the smoke in his boss's face.

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