

123. holy water. Water which has been blessed by the priest for sacred purposes.

124. credence. Belief.

125. abandoned. Wicked.

vespers. Evening prayers.

126. castellated. Having the appearance of a castle.

127. lurid. Dismal.

132. spiry. Spire-shaped.

134. gentian. A species of plant with bell-shaped blue flowers.

135. font. Basin.

136. prismatic mist. A mist showing all the colours of the rainbow.

137. myrtle. An evergreen shrub.

QUESTIONS

1. In speaking of the three brothers the writer says, "It would have been very odd if, with such a farm and such a system of farming, they hadn't got very rich."

(a) What was it that made their farm so fertile?

(b) What "system of farming" did they follow?

2. What was peculiar about (a) the dress, and (b) the behaviour, of Southwest Wind, Esquire?

3. (a) Give in your own words a brief description of The King of the Golden River.

(b) What explanation does he give to account for his appearance before Gluck?

(c) Why does he wish to serve Gluck? What directions does he give to him?

4. (a) How was it that Hans was able to try his fortune before Schwartz?

(b) How did he prepare himself for his journey?

(c) What difficulties did he meet with on his way?

(d) How did Hans meet the appeal of the dog, the child, the old man? What change came over the sky after each refusal?