

"Never mind, mother," said Aladdin; "but hand me the lamp I brought last night. I will sell it."—"Here it is," said the good woman, and began at once to clean it. Suddenly a huge genie sprang up and cried: "What dost thou wish?" The mother was terrified, but Aladdin replied: "Bring me something to eat."

The genie disappeared, but soon returned with huge dishes of delicious food, after which he vanished. The food lasted them many days, and then Aladdin sold the beautiful silver dishes in which they had come.

One day Aladdin told his mother that he had decided to marry the daughter of the Sultan. "Poor boy," said she; "you are but a tailor's son, and have no riches to give the Sultan." However, Aladdin brought out his jewel box, consulted his mother as to how precious the stones were, and begged her to go to the Sultan and intercede for him. The mother went to the palace, and, in fear and trembling, laid her petition before the monarch. Then she showed him her fine jewels, and the Sultan was overwhelmed with their magnificence. He answered her: "I will indeed give my daughter to thy son, as soon as he sends me forty basins of gold, filled with these jewels and carried by forty slaves."

Discouraged, the mother returned home, but Aladdin only smiled when she told her story. After she had left him, he rubbed the lamp until the genie appeared. Aladdin told him what he wanted, and at once there stood before him forty slaves, each with a golden basin filled with jewels. Aladdin persuaded his mother to lead them to the Sultan. When the king saw all this splendor, he called out: "Bring me thy son, good woman, that I may welcome him!"

Aladdin, having ordered beautiful garments from the genie, now arrived upon a charger, accompanied by slaves. Then there was a great feast, and the Sultan promised Aladdin his daughter just as soon as he had time to have a palace built for her. The very next morning, when the Sultan arose, he beheld with amazement a magnificent palace standing close to his own. He sent for Aladdin and said: "Today thou shalt wed my daughter." So the two were married, and were quite happy for some time.

But the African magician heard about Aladdin's great wealth, and made up his mind to do evil to him. While Aladdin was out one day, a man went through the streets, crying: "Who will change old lamps for new?" He stood under the window of the princess. One of the slaves, remembering the old lamp in the room of her mistress, asked if she might not exchange it. Having obtained permission, she brought out the magic lamp. Of course, the man in the street was the magician. As soon as he got the lamp, he