

THE LEFT EYE.

Story of the Wise Maiden and the Wicked Stepmother.

A rich old man who resided at the extremity of the camp quite apart from the rest, had three daughters, the youngest of whom, named Kookju, was as much distinguished for her beauty as for her extraordinary wisdom.

One morning, as he was about driving his cattle to the Chan's market place, he begged his daughters to tell him what presents they wished him to bring them on his return.

"At first they admonished him not to use such an offensive speech against the sovereign, but when they found that he persevered in his strange demand, they bound him tightly and carried him before the Chan.

"Why didst thou instruct thy father to demand my left eye?"

"Because I expected, my prince, that after straggle, curiosity would urge thee to send for me. I wished to tell thee a truth, important to thyself and people."

"Name it."

"Prince," replied Kookju, "when persons appear before thee in a case, the wealthy and the noble generally stand on the right hand, and the poor and humble stand on thy left. I have heard in my solitude that thou most frequently answerest on seeing the root sinking, while the top rose to the surface."

From this trial the court was convinced that Kookju had not offended the Chan from motives of malice, but that the inspiration of wisdom granted her from above.

"On sending a number of maidens into the woods to gather apples, which of them will bring home most?"

"She," replied Kookju, "who instead of climbing the trees, remains below and picks up those which have fallen off from maturity, or the shaking of the branches."

The Chan led her to a fen, and asked her which would be the readiest way to get over it, and Kookju said: "To cross it would be farthest—going round, nearest." The Chan felt vexed at the readiness and propriety of her replies, and after having reflected for some time he again inquired:

"Which is the safest means of becoming known to many?"

"By assisting many that are unknown."

"Which is the surest means of always leading a virtuous life?"

"To begin every morning with prayer, and conclude every evening with a good action."

"Who is truly wise?"

"He who does not believe himself so."

"Which are the requisites of a good wife?"

"She should be as beautiful as a peach, gentle as a lamb, prudent as a mouse, just as a faithful mirror, pure as the scales of a fish, the most accurate for her deceased husband, like a camel, and live in her widowhood like a bird which has lost its wings."

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RECIPES FOR CHICKEN POT-PIE AND CRISPER BAKED PIE.

RECIPES FOR CHICKEN POT-PIE AND CRISPER BAKED PIE. The following recipes kindly furnished by a housekeeping friend noted for her unvarying success in making chicken pot-pie will, we trust, be useful to many readers.

Chicken Pot-Pie.—In my grandmother's housekeeping days pot-pie was the dish that she was most proud of. Each child and grandchild has heard her lament over the discarded wood fire long ago. No more of the tempting brown crust that was always taken off so tenderly from the sides of the great round pot that had hung from the old frame!

Cut up the fowls as for "fricasse," cover the pieces well with warm water, and stew until nearly done. If the chickens are tender, ten or fifteen minutes boiling will be sufficient. Have a good-sized pie-pan on a plate on the bottom to prevent any burning (a round bottom pot with feet is the best). Remove the chickens from the liquor. Pour three chickens size half a pound of fat salt pork; put these pieces on the plate; add one-third of the quantity of chicken, two or three small white onions, three-quartered potatoes, dredge over freely some pepper (white is the best), and a level tablespoon of salt. Roll out a circle pie of "dough" about the size of the surface to be covered; quarter it and lay the pieces carefully over the chicken; then put in another layer, and proceed as before.

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