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THANATOPSIS.

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To him who, in the love of Nature, holds Janamunian with her visible forms, she speaks A various language. For his gayer hours she has a voice of gladness and a smile And cloquence of pladness and a smile And cloquence of beauty; and she glides Into his darker musines with a mild And gentle sympathy, that steals away. Their sharpness, ere he is aware. When thoughts Of the last bitter hour come like a blight over thy spirit and sad images of the stern agony, and shroud, and pall. And breathless darkness, and the narrow house, Make thee to shudder, and grow sick at heart—Go forth unto the open sky, and list. Fo nature's teachings, while from all around—Earth and her waters, and the depths of air—Comes a still voice—Yet a few days, and thee The all-beholding sun shall see no more in all his course. Nor yet in the cold ground, Where thy pale form was laid, with many tears, Nor in the embrace of occan shall exist. Thy image. Earth that neurished thee, shall claim Thy growth, to be resolved to carth again. And, lost each human trace, surrendering up Thine individual being, shalt thou go To mix forever with the elements. To be a brother to the insensible rock And to the stuggish cled, which the rude swaln Turns with his share, and treads upon. The eak Shall send his roets abroad, and pierce thy mould.

Turns with his share, and treass up.m. Shall send his roots abroad, and pierce thy mould.

Yet not to thy eternal resting-place
Shalt thou retire alone; nor couldst thou wish
Couch more magnificent. The ushalt lie down
With patriarchs of thei dant world—with kings,
The powerful of the earth—the wise, the good,
Fair forms, and heavy sers of ages past,
All in one mighty sepulchre. The hills,
Rekerlibbel and ancient as the sun; the vales,
Stretchies in pensive quietness between;
The venerable woods; ries himmy mould be used.

That in Retire meadow green; and powed cound all,
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Are but the solemn discritions all
Of the great tomb of man. The golden sun.

The polaces, all the infinite heat of heaven,
Are shining on the sad abodes of death.

Through the still lease of ares. All that trend
The globe are but a bandful to the triles
that slumber in its boson. Take the wings
Of mouning, and the Barcan desert pierce;
Or less thyself in the continuous woods
Worder's list he tregon, and hears no sund.
Save I's wind skilligs; yet—the dead are there;
And mid on in times a littudes shoes first
The Ught of coars began, have had them down
In this last keep—the doad reign there alone.
So shilt thou esti and what if this shalt fall
I'nne leed by the living, and no friend.

Take n-ke of thy departure? All that breathe
Will share thy destiny. The gay will laugh
When the nate one, as before, will chase
I'is firerle plantin; yet all these shall leave
Their mich and their employments and shall come
A dinable their had such of men.

The you'd in I'fe's green spring, and he who goes
In the fall strentth of years, matron and maids.
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In the fall strentth of years, matron and maids. of a resigned aways are sons or men.
The you'thin I fe's green spring, and he who goes in the fail strength of years, matrin and maid.
The bowed with age, the infant, in the smiles And beauty of its innecent a, out off.

Stall or by one bogathered to thy side, by there who, in their turn, shall follow them, yo liye, that when thy summons o me to join The innumerable carayan, that moves
The pale galms of shade, where each shall take this chamber in the silont halls of death. Then go not like the quarry-shave at night, scourged to his dungern; but sustained and so thed by an unit bering trust, approach thy grave, like one who wro is the drapery of his couch Alpout him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

From Frasor's Magazine. A FAIRY TALE.

No gode man ought it to refuse, Ne ought him thereof to excuse, Be writh or blithe, whose thou be, For I wil spele, and tell it thee.—Unsuern. It was no laughing matter, let me tell you, offend the Emperor Peter.

A courteous knight was making bows to ne emperor's daughter; the emperor's daughr was sitting at a window of the palace; hen the emperor's dog jamped out of his tennel, and bit the stranger in the leg. The ourteous knight was his high mightiness the

The Prince of Candin-was enst into prison because he had broken two r hs of the emeror's dog. Every day, at his P. M., togethr with his dinner, a fier & mastiff was left vith him in his cell. He was condemned to, ight with dogs for every miserable bone. Now, to say nothing of the danger, there is s great deal of monotony in such a task as this. The daily barking, snarling, yelping, howling and confusion of a dog-fight at dinter-time must become, in a few days, highly lisagreeable; and as the dead dogs were lever carried away, the prince's after-dinner luty was to bury them. He had to dig cach grave with his knife, and fork, and speciahe only instruments in possession-and after a time it became necessary to inter the slead one over the other. This is a worse node of burial than any dog deserves.

The Emperor Peter, at the same time, very much surprised his subjects by shining out among them in the new light of dogincier. The fate of the illustrious prince was a state secret: It was known that the imperor's yard-dog had two ribs broken; hat was at once known, because every part e of a nation must be always interested in the health of any member of the royal family. t was known that the emperor bought up all the large and strong dogs which were rought before him; and that, after they had mee been purchased, they were no more , ien. It was said at the clubs, and believed 1 well-informed coteries, that the Emperor eter was making researches, in order that ie might become skilled in the treatment o. is wounded favorite. That his high mightess the Prince of Candia was shut up in is prisons the Emperor did not wish any one how or to suppose. Peter was to his empire as a wife, or husband, quite tyranical t home, blander than milk abroad. Candia as a powerful kingdom. If any child held

nose; but if it looked alarmed about the blackness of his beard and the bigness of thrashing it deserved. His imperial highness, like a prudent statesman, picked his quarrels: by which I mean, that whenever ne thought it safe to be indignant, then indeed it was no laughing matter to create occasion of offence.

The emperor's daughter lived in four champers of the palace, out of which she had never been allowed to pass. No tutors had been unlettered women of the city. The emperor did not intend to have a daughter who would would add to his honor and glory. To upon the pavement. herself also, such a marriage would be, of and internal sulphur, she really had become of birds; and because the emperor's dog had killed many of her pigeons, when they alightthat her gentle bosom warmed with a sense of joy when the offended stranger broke the ribs of that unfriendly beast.

The emperor's dog-its name was Towzasuffered severely from the kick it had receivd. Notwithstanding the great skill by which the court physician was distinguished, notwithstanding all the consultations of the faculty, one morning Towsa died. In the evenfer by the bowstring. In the afternoon, however, he was missed from his prison, so cause, in the days of magic, it was unreasand fly out of the dungeon window, with the of the prickly aloe with the terrible loasa. said prince cupboarded snugly in its belly?

was entangled in the r agic-web. and writhing under the old spider's poison- . "This old lady ought to give her cook good

"It is not my desire to hurt you," said the am I to do?" ton."

lew away.

her proper form, and stood before her prisshoes into a corner. Immediately there she went to sleep again. sprang up where the shoe had fallen, a wood- The prince's hands again dived down into fairy's foot. Korspatza delayed him while In a corner of one of them, he had discoverhim through the floor directly.

But its fingers, it might tweak the emperor's ground, shaped like a pair of bellows. A Sirius. He opened it and read it: wholesale bellowsmaker might have made his fortune by exporting the produce of his whiskers, it would have at once the Korspatza's coughing fits. Obedient to this hint, Sirius took up one pair of bellows, and immediately the others disappeared. Sirius place, all will be well. Ever yours, began to blow the fire, but exceedingly an noyed to find that, instead of breathing with dogs would only moan-if he blew with more suffered to approach her, and her hand-maid- The fairy Korspatza, however, dozed upon ens had been chosen from among the most her sofa, and did not seem to be at all disturbed by the confusion.

fore they omitted no care which could tend is the sauce." Thereupon Korspatza threw o make her beautiful; and in spite of patch | towards the prince the monkey's tooth. A sils then all darted up towards the ceiling, and there stood the prince before a dresser, furnished dining-table. Then the fairy yawned innocently near its kennel, she did feel and a monkey's tooth. The dog was upon sofa. the floor beside him, and the fire burned brightly in a corner. Not only was the prince no cook, but he had never even seen a kitchen.

The fairy being now asleep, Sirius in the first place, looked about the cave to ascertain what means of escape he could make use of. There was, no door, there were no windows; he found that he was boxed up in ing, the Prince of Candia was doomed to suf- a perfect cabe with Korspatza. While he was looking about, he heard the cracking of a whip, and, what was worse, he felt its that there was nobody to strangle but the thong upon his shoulders. He could not jailer. Nevertheless, it was not fair to make see by whom it was applied, and as he still the jailer answerable for his prisoner, be felt it incessantly, he supposed that this must be a hint from the old fairy, who depended onable to expect anybody to be responsible for her supper on his diligence in cooking. for anything. The jailer had sent in the Angry with pain, he resolved to try whether prince's dinner, and, as usual, a dog. How he could not smother the old woman. Sevwas it possible for him to know that, directly eral times he endeavored to come near her. the dog got inside the prison door, it would but between him and fier there seemed to be be transformed into an elephant, and would, erected an impenetrable wall, not to be seen. in that shape, swallow up the prince; that but to be felt more acutely than the whip; it then it would assume the body of a gnat, seemed, indeed, to be a judicious compound

"Well," thought the prince, "I suppose I Such were the facts; it was a kind fairy must begin upon my dog. It has to be skinwho had played this dog's trick on the em- | ned certainly, and I am sure that I shall scalp the creature with the greatest pleasure." Well, but there are also unkind fairies. A Accordingly he put the dog upon the dresser. norose old creature, named Korspatza, spun The whips ceased from their labor, and the a web between the sun and moon, in the cen-1 prince, taking up a knife, began this scalptre of which she sat like a great spider, ready ing operations. At the first cut, the dog. to catch the gnat as it flew lightly upward. began to yell, leaped up, and bit him in the

[wages!" cried Prince Sirius. "Now, what

old fairy to the gentle Suzemunda. "Give In a great rage he took the dog up by the me the Prince of Candia, and I will let you tail, and having given it a good preliminary go. If you will not do that, I shall cause swing, flung it with much force into the fire. the sun's heat to flow into my web, and it "Now, cook yourself!" he cried. But inshall be to you for ever as a red-hot gridi. stantly the cave was full of smoke; the smoke gathered into an overhanging cloud; there Suzemunda left the prince in the net, and was the spectral cow contracting, and the nog bumped again upon the floor beside him. The farry Korspatza, still wearing her spi-Prince Sirius put his hands into his pockler's dress, then seized the Prince of Candin ets, and looked down upon the creature with between her nippers, and, fixing a thread to a spiteful countenance. He felt the whips one hern of the moon, let herself down with again upon his back. Again he lifted up her victim to a cave upon the surface of the the dog, and recommenced the scalping. He continued with his work in spite of all There are some human beings uglier than resistance; but he made no progress, beany spiders. The fairy Korspatza did not cause, as he removed the skin in one place, improve in appearance when she resumed it began to unite again over the part with which his knife last been occupied. Sirius oner. The cave, in its interior, was very chopped off-the dog's dead. The conseclean, the walls were smooth and highly quence of this proceeding was, that a new polished, so was the floor, so was the ceiling. head budded from the headless body, and a There was no furniture visible; a fairy who new body grew out of the trunkless head. is fond of tidiness never requires to have a There were now two dogs, who attacked the litter in her house. Korspatza stamped upon prince so savagely, and with so terrible a the floor, and there arose a sofa, upon which noise, that the fairy was awakened. She she proceeded to recline at ease. She did turned on one side lazily, and looked towards not knock up a chair or stool for Sirius, (that the prince. "I see," said she. "Well you was the prince's name,) but threw one of her may cook me the pair of them." And then

ery cough, as it resounded against the walls, proved to be a small note of pink paper, and es, and we are all set free. If you keep last maiden's lovely countenance.

"My dear Prince, I do not sacrifice you selfishly. I know what that wretch K. will do. You will find this note from your friend, and we shall both escape. If you draw the dog's eyetooth and put the monkey's in its

Sirius was delighted for a minute, although a quiet puff, the bellows barked like half a he was puzzled by the allusion to a goose. dozen dogs. If the prince blew quietly, the Then he remembered that there were now Two dogs. Suzemunda had not calculated than usual vigor, the dogs seemed to be, all upon that. However, the prince did all that six of them, savagely quarrelling together. | could be done-faithfully drew the tooth of one dog, and put the monkey's tooth into the empty socket. Then he felt no more whips upon his backs the knives and forks, and In the meantime the fire began to blaze, plates upon the dresser began to labor of warm sunshine, on a mountain side. The presume to cross him with opinions of her and all the smoke with which the cave had their own accord. The other dog was at sunshine was quite warm, although the rain own. It was a child's business to obey; and previously been filled, collected into a small tacked straightway by a set of table-knives, was falling in a summer shower; and the rain when one commands unreasonable things, it dense cloud near the ceiling, it parted into who chopped him up into small pieces, put is really most vexatious to discover a rank a vague shape, shot out four prolongations him into a stew-pan, and called an iron hook and file of obstinate disputations, blocking like the four legs of a spectral cow, and then to take him to the fire. The first dog was up the path to their performance. The em- a fifth, like a short, curly tail; gradually it more delicately dealt with; carefully trussed peror's daughter was destined from her birth | condensed, took a form more and more dis and spitted. As it turned before the fire, its notes sounded in the wood below, to which o be of great advantage to her father, by linet, until at last a dog-the very image of outline melted into a new form; and before the contracting of o e mir ing which the emperor's dog-fell with a loud bump the fairy was awake, the whole of the pro- leaped up the hill, an arrow after it; and afcesses of cookery were ended. Before the ter that a single huntsman galloped forward "I will have that dog for my supper," said fire were two dishes; one of them contained in pursuit. When he came near to Sirius, course, a great piece of good fortune. There- the fairy, with a lazy drawl. "Cook it; here a beautiful roast goose; in the other was a he swore a loud oath. Sirius started to the rich and fragrant stew. The kitchen utenings, paintings, herb-vapour baths, cosmetics large dresser rose out of the ground to inter- where they ran together in the form of a huge cept if in its fall. "Wake me when supper dinner-bell. On this there rang a noisy peal, a lovely woman. She was a great fancier is ready." So saying, the fairy went to sleep; while the dresser below changed into a wellprovided with knives, skewers, plates, dishes, |cd, and stretched herself, and sat up on the

"Supper is ready," said the prince.

"Dear me, and so it is I" exclaimed Kors atza. "Very well. The stew is your dish; will cat the goose. Come and sit near me." A chair rose up on the spot to which Kors-

atza pointed, and Sirius sat down as he was idden. "The stew is very good," said Sirius, after

asting a mouthful. "Is it?" said the fairy. "You princes

know good living; so I take your word. Hand me the dish."

Korspatza, ate up all the stew. "May I trouble you, madam, for a little

oose?" said Sirius. "I have set my heart on a goose supper," aid the fairy. "You may pick the bones when I have finished.

Korspatza left no meat upon the bones; and after so full a meal slept very soundly on her sofar

"What do I want with these dry bones?" hought Sirius; "but I will remember the advice of Suzemunda. These must be the bones she mentioued in her note." Sirius, dead. therefore, put the goose-bones into his pockets. Soon afterwards he fell asleep. Presently he dreamed that he was being covered alive with a piecrust of putty, and awoke shivering. He found himself in the grasp of soft, limp being, who was feeling about his

"What is the matter?" asked the prince. "Give me my bones," replied the being. The being tumbled about in a flacid, powrless manner; and it was evident that he had not one bone in his body.

"I will not give you your bones," said Si-

ius. "Who are you?" "I am an earth spirit. In my bones lies all my strength. I was transformed that I might tease you. Restore my bones, and I

will serve you faithfully. "By what will you swear to me?" "By nothing. The spirits have no need o swear. Only men or worse beings ever

hink of attering a falsehood." "I will trust you, friend, said Sirius; "hero

tre your bones." The being vanished and soon reappeared

dothed with his former strength. "By what name shall I call you?"

"I am the earth spirit Mark. Since you have trusted me, I will deserve your trust. I hate this old Korspatza, but she has still some power over me. Will you remove

those ashes?" The wood fire had burned down to a fev flowing embers. Sirius swept these on one

"Tread upon the floor, master," said the earth-spirit.

Sirius did so, and a door leaped open, dis closing a large box.

"Open the box," said Marl; "I have not power over it. What do you see?"

"A quantity of hair in lockets.". "Now, O prince!" exclaimed the spirit, "If you are generous, burn all these. In each before her on their lips. Strange fire and a monkey; the monkey picked up his pockets—down to the very bottom. But locket is the hair of a giant or earth spirit, lived and spoke to her; and as she the shoe, and hastened to replace it on the he cried, "Ah!" and pulled them out again. and by possessing them, you can retain ma them, she learned their language. ny of us subjects to your bidding. I need not edge, no longer crushing fancy, was she pulled out one of his eye-teeth, and then ed something of which he had until now been tell you that the meanest spirit is too proud upon its wings into the sky. A gave him a rap upon the head, which sent wholly unaware. Together with his knife, to be con tented in a state of bondage. A walked majestic, crowned with the w his purse, the tip of a tongue, some string, lock of my hair is among others in that garland, victor in every contest, flatte The wood-fire filled the room with smoke some stick-peppermint, and a bunch of keys, box. Keep the lockets, and you compel us the music of a thousand sweet to and set the fairy barking with a cough. Ev there was a something three-cornered. It all to serve you; burn them in these ash songs. Intellects stamped with the

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burn mine with the rest, and I shall serve you through free will."

"I have no wish to be ungenerous," said Sirius; "so I will burn them all."

"Thanks, prince," replied Marl. "And what would you like me to do with this old witch'?''

"Her loss will be enough for her to suffer." Sirius said, as he raked the embers over all the prisoned hair.

As they burned, shouts of a mighty laughter and of great rejoicing thundered through the cave, under the sounds whereof its walls were split, and crumbled into dust. Sirius closed his eyes greatly bewildered. When he opened them again, he stood under the soon ceased. The grass and the trees sparkled; the very clod was contributing its fragrance to the burden of scents with which the slow footed breeze was laden. Buglethe prince was listning, when studenly a stage horse's bridle; it was the emperor Peeter. "Hallo!" cried the emperor.

"Hallo-ho!" cried Sirius.

The emperor blew on his bugle to call to gether his attendants. The prince shouter for Marl. Marl was the first to come.

"Can we change shapes asked Sirius?" "At once said Marl.

Sirius sat on the emperor's horse, and h ooked like Emperor Peter. Emperor Pete tood below, and struggled, in shape of Siriu o pull the horseman down. The train of a tendants in a short time came upon the ground. Emperor Peter was carried honfor a madman, and placed in a funatic as lum, where he was compassionately treate Sirius finished the stag-hunt, and rode hor

Early next morning Sirius proclaimed. the name of the Emperor Peter, that whe as he had in the past reign been guilty much oppression and injustice, and where he was now most heartily ashamed of th and whereas he intended in the days to co to introduce into his government a bespirit, and in consideration of the greate of the intended change, lie did now de mine, ordain, appoint, command, and in tate it as a law, that thenceforth he sho be styled and entitled Emperor Peter Second, his former self being consider

Peter II. accordingly devoted himself much energy to the reformation of abu and as Peter I. had only been three y upon the throne, it was found possible is years' time to bring the State once mor to a fair condition.

You may be sure that Sirius did not delay a visit to the beautiful daugher o Imperial House. Her beauty filled him elight; her ignorance dismay. He did not fall in love with because she had no sense, and it refilling one's belly for an empty di. b. Alth it be of gilded porcelain. "But the refo Emperor determined that his not can girl should be set free from her is an A hundred teachers were engaged to fi head with knowledge; but the more talked, the more they puzzled her. At l the more they talked, the more she over their talking. What could be Sirius called for his friend Marl to hel Marl could do nothing, but suggested plication to the fairy Suzemunda. I been to her, he said, to thank her for I mer aid, because he had found her no fact, Sirius had given"it to him by a when he restored the bones. Marl ta bout Suzemunda very warmly.

"Go, then, good fellow," exclaimed Marl went. He had made himself ramiliar with the way, and came back box of lozenges. "The wise teache ent these-that is my message." 'Acc ly, to each of the wisest teachers was istered a Suzemunda lozenge. Now books were shut, and the old bool pointed with their inky hands to the sky, the earth. With lively atterance revealed to the young princess, ou store of their knowledge, the delig mysteries of Nature! History acted instead of echoing back again, fell to the directed, in a lady's writing, To the Prince mine, Lathen must serve you by compulsion; was awakened, and had-begin the