

THE FLIGHT OF THE HEART.

The heart soars up like a bird From a nest of care...

STUPID JACQUES.

BY IRA M. SPOTTER.



It is that you are... Monsieur Perrot passed, looking at Jacques...

Jacques was death in life. His heart had seldom beat to the spring of joy...

Four absurd dogs and mules had they been able to speak, might have praised the delicate touch of the boy's hands...

It is the morning of the day when Jacques had completed the workshop...

"Five hundred frames!" cried Monsieur Perrot, taking up a paper from his desk...

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spark of genius in the faces. But all were bent over their work, quite content to copy with exquisite skill...

Jacques stood behind his master. His usually downcast eyes were upraised and shining. A daring thought had come to the boy's mind...

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Jacques sought in the semi-darkness of the hall for a wooden box, with which he crept down the ladder to the light...

Night was falling when he set out for the heights. The moon had not yet risen above the rocky spurs of the mountain...

When Jacques started on his mountain road, the rough men of the chalets were asleep...

Up and across the sun above the mountains till they shone with heat. There was no shelter, no trees, no shrubs...

He could almost hear the throbbing of his heart in those solitudes. He looked down at the village, a mere dot in the valley...

Eight though the sun might be about Jacques, that was but a dark day in the workshop. Everything went wrong. Models were displaced...

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more ragged than before, but apparently the same humble drudge. Some thought him even more silent than before...

As by magic the workshop returned to its former order, and Monsieur Perrot could devote his time to the choice of the goods for the store at Interlaken...

"It is certain some pupil from the workshop of Monsieur Perrot will carry off the five hundred frames..."

"You were not willing that the old man's workshop should lose its renown?" said he, his voice trembling with emotion...

Monsieur Perrot stood bewildered. His enraptured gaze seemed absorbed in the perfection of the edelweiss. At length he turned to his pupils...

Well might the students be struck dumb with surprise, for the next instant saw "stupid Jacques," the village drudge, held close in the embrace of the master...

"You shall never be more, my son, my son!" cried Monsieur Perrot, brushing aside his tears of joy...

Then laying one arm around the bent shoulders of the village drudge, he bore Jacques away to the world beyond the valley, where fame and fortune awaited his genius...

The simple faith of the Norwegian peasants is that the seeing or not seeing beings of the other world is a mere question of strong or weak nerves...

Two o'clock was the wonted hour for getting up the nets, but wait, he would not, in spite of all that his wife could say to him...

NOVEL SAW-MILL.

IT IS OPERATED ALMOST ENTIRELY BY ELEPHANTS.

A Force of Giant Pachyderms That Carry Logs and Arrange Them in Piles—Two Act as Overseers and Plog the Lazy.

DISPLAYS of trained animals, broken for show purposes, cannot offer the slightest comparison in interest to the trained elephant exhibition one sees in the city of Moulmein, British Burma...

The logs are chopped in the interior and floated several hundred miles down the Salween river to the mill, which is situated on the banks of the stream at Moulmein...

The logs are not sawed directly from the water, but are first seasoned, and the elephants not only bring the logs from the water to the land, but also stack them in huge piles...

But the most wonderful, interesting, novel and almost incredible feature of the entire business is the sight of two monstrously large male elephants that actually act in the capacity of bosses or overseers of the work...

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