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A marriage procession among the Arabs is a very elaborate affair. The camel which bears the bride is desorated with bright henna dye on his neck and shoulders, while there are verses from the Koran insoribed on the hangings. His uncouth legs are often swathed with bright cloths, his head bedecked with plumes and small mirrors, while his back is resplendent with bright-colored bits of tinsel, which glisten against a patchwork of many-hued cloths. A hood or cage conceals the bride, and no doubt adds to the discomfort of the cramped ride on the beast. There are attendants, and last of all the musicians, chiefly drummers, who attract the crowds by their incessant pounding on small but high-keyed instruments. If the journey to the groom's home is a short one, it is lengthened by stops at frequent intervals, and all the while the lover must not show any eagerness to welcome her, no matter what his feelings may be. The Arab may be affectionate, but he cannot with dignity betray emotion. Among the lower classes buffoons accompany the procession with performing bears or other wild animals, and when the bride is wealthy largess is distributed along the route in the form of clothes or coin. When the groom's tent or fixed home has been reached the bride is expected to show great reluctance about entering it, and in some cases she has to be lifted by the husband over the blood of a sheep he has just slain.

A CHINESE HOBGOBLIN.

Legend of the Celestial Brownies of 1,700 Years Ago.

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An American father residing temporarily in China, writes this curious legend or fairy tale to his small son in Wisconsin: "We passed by some large mounds or tombs between here (Tengchow) and Chefoo. They have a little crown to them, somewhat like the Mohammedan graves, and are said to be the tombs of glants, who came here and held the province of Shatung for a long time, some 1,500 or 1,700 years ago, and the language spoken here was introduced by them. They are said to have been ten feet or more tall. And this is a story I heard: In the time of the story all the people were killed at the age of 60. Well, there was one man who loved his mother very much, and so instead of killing her according to law, he hid her in a sort of mound and carried food to her every day. At about that time there was a holgoblin who destroyed the people, and it was said that he was estroying all the people in his part of the country, and that he was presently coming to this man. So in his trouble he went to his mother, and told her he was afraid he should not be able to bring her any more food. She said: 'Don't be troubled; take this 'black cat and put it up your sleeves, and when the hobgoblin comes you just let the cat go.' A few days after, while at the hobgoblin, which was a big rat!"

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