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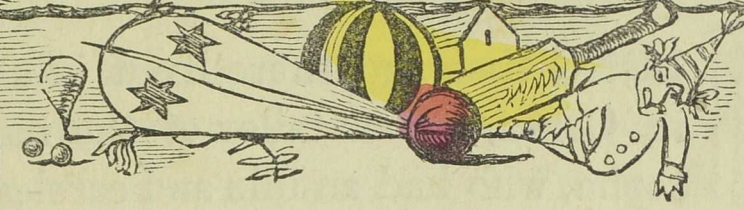
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LONG time ago there lived in a large town in China, a poor tailor of the name of Mustapha, who had an idle and careless son called Alladin.

When Alladin grew up he would learn nothing, and Mustapha was so grieved at his son's bad conduct, that he became ill, and died in a few months. Alladin would do



ALLADIN BEING TOO FOND OF PLAY FALLS INTO BAD COMPANY.

nothing to help his mother, but left her to work for her own support, and vexed her sadly by his evil habits. He was at play in the street one day, when a stranger stood still to observe him. This stranger had just come from

Africa, and was a magician. After looking at Alladin for some time, he took him aside, and told him that he was his uncle, the brother of Mustapha, Alladin's father, and that he had come there to visit Alladin's father and mother. Alladin said that his father was dead, and the magician wept and seemed to be very sorry.

He gave Alladin a purse with money, and called on his mother next day, who told the supposed uncle how unkind Alladin had been, and how he had grieved both his father and his mother by his idle life. The magician then told Alladin that he must think of helping himself, and getting the means of support. Next day the magician took Alladin a great way into the country, and came to a great valley, where they kindled a fire with sticks; and when the magician had said some strange words, the earth opened, and they saw a stone lying flat, with a brass ring in the middle of it.

The magician knew that there was a cave under the stone, and that in the cave there were many rich treasures, the chief of which was a wonderful lamp. If he could get this lamp, he knew that he would become more powerful than any King in the whole world. The magician knew that if he touched the stone, or entered the cave, the lamp would vanish; and therefore he wished Alladin to lift the stone, go into the cave, and bring out the lamp to him. He had the power of closing the cave by certain magical words, and he meant to make it close over Alladin as soon as he could get him to hand the wonderful lamp out of the cave.

He then put a ring upon Alladin's finger, telling him that it would keep him from evil as long as he did exactly what he had told him, and added,—“Go down boldly, child, and we shall both be rich all our lives.”

Alladin jumped into the cave went down the steps, and

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went through three halls, crossed a garden, took down the lamp from the niche, threw out the wick and the liquor, as the Magician had bidden him, and put the lamp in his bosom, As he came back by the garden, he looked



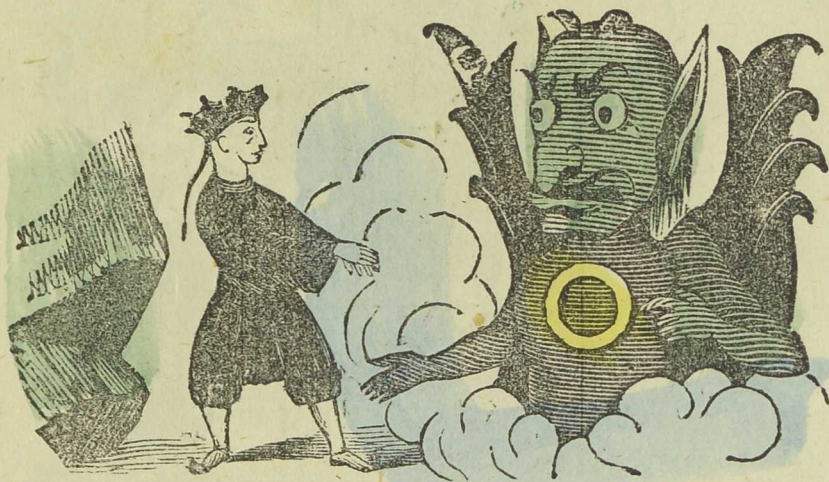
HIS ASTONISHMENT AT THE WONDERS OF THE CAVE.

at the fruit, and found that it was of a wonderful kind. Some bore fruit quite white, some pale red, others deep red—some green, blue, and purple, others yellow. The white were pearls; the red were rubies; the green, emeralds; the blue, turquoises; the purple, amethysts, and the yellow sapphires. Alladin did not know that they were of great value, and would rather that they had been figs and grapes. He thought that they were only pieces of coloured glass; but the colours were so beautiful that he gathered as many as he could carry.

Alladin returned where the magician was waiting for him with great impatience. As soon as Alladin saw him, he cried out—"Pray, uncle, lend me your hand to help me out." "Give me the lamp first," said the magician. Alladin refused to give the lamp until he got out of the cave. The magician was very angry, and caused the stone to close up the mouth of the cave, and so Alladin was shut in. The magician set off that same day for Africa and

forgot all about the ring which he had put upon Alladin's finger, to keep him from evil.

Alladin was in great fear when the earth closed over him, and he cried until he was quite weary. He remained in this state two days, neither eating nor drinking, and on the third day, when he was ready to die, he began to



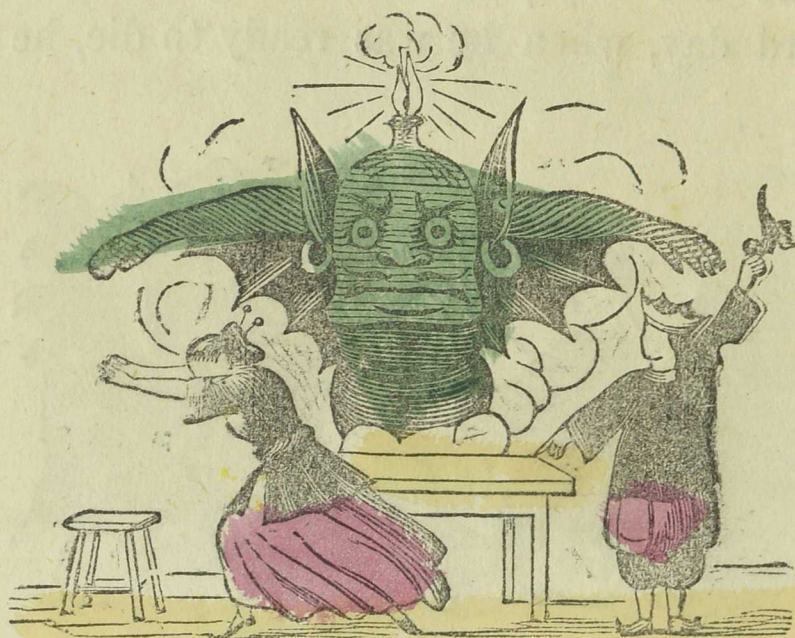
AWFUL APPEARANCE OF THE GENII OF THE RING.

wring his hands in despair. As he did this, he rubbed the ring which the magician had put on his finger, when all at once a Genii rose out of the earth, and said to him, "What do you want with me? I am ready to obey you, as the slave of the ring which you have on your finger—I and the other slaves of the Ring." Alladin quickly answered, "Whoever you are, get me out of this place if you are able." In an instant the earth opened, and he found himself outside the cave.

Alladin soon made his way home, and found his mother in great distress at his long absence. He showed his mother the fruits he had gathered, but she knew no more of their value than himself. He asked his mother for something to eat; but she had not a bit of bread in the house, as Alladin had eaten up all the food when he came home on the previous day. Alladin then thought of the lamp which he got in the cave, and said he would go and

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sell it, and with the money, buy both breakfast and dinner. Alladin's mother took the lamp, and as it was very dirty, and might sell for a higher sum if it were clean, she began to rub it. No sooner had she done so, than a great Genii



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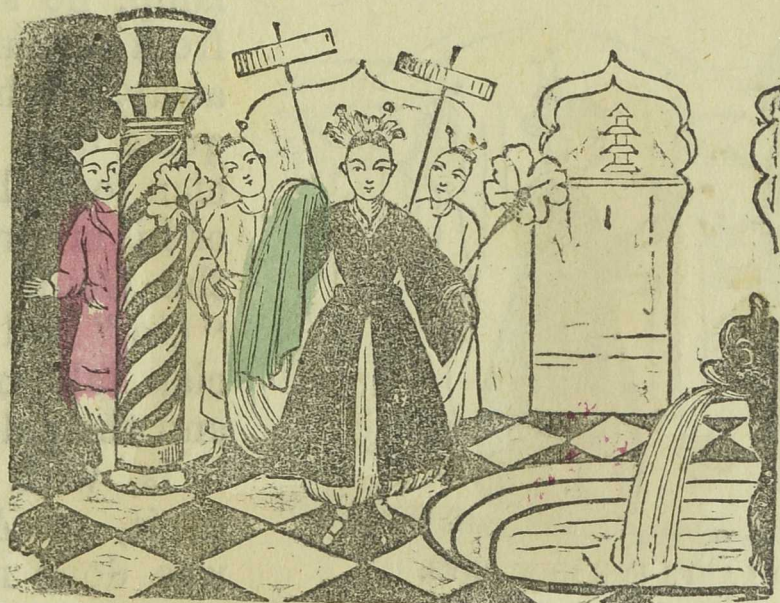
appeared, and said, "What do you want with me? I am ready to obey you as the slave of the lamp which you hold in your hands—I and the other slaves of that lamp."

Alladin's mother fainted at the sight of the Genii; but Alladin, who had seen one in the cave, snatched the lamp out of his mother's hands, and said boldly, "I am hungry, bring me something to eat." The Genii went off at once, but soon came back with a large silver basin on his head, twelve silver plates on which were some very fine meats, six large white loaves on two other plates, and two bottles of wine and two silver cups in each hand. After placing those on the table the Genii disappeared.

One day, as Aladdin was walking near the palace, he saw the Emperor's daughter going to her bath-room, and was so struck with her beauty that he sent his mother to the Emperor to demand his daughter in marriage, and gave her the precious stones he found in the cave to offer

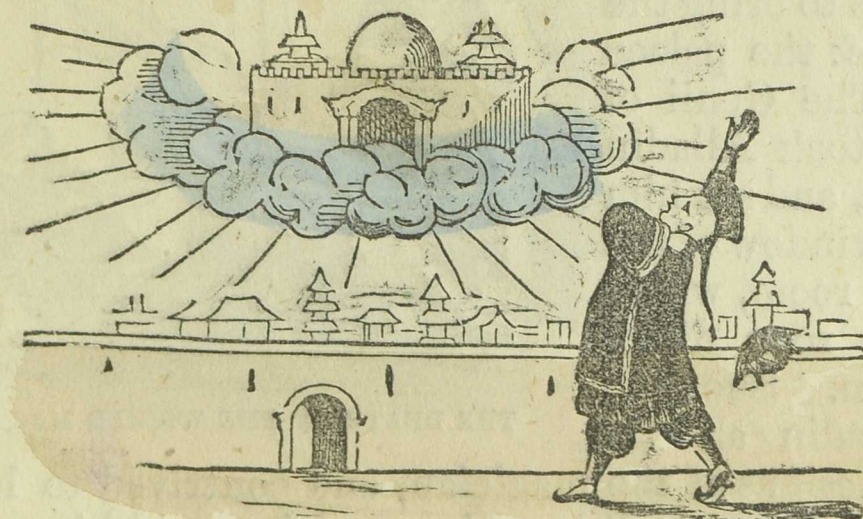
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the Emperor in a present. When the Emperor saw their beauty and great value, he immediately gave his consent. Alladin commanded the Genii of the lamp to build him in



ALLADIN FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE EMPEROR'S DAUGHTER.

the course of a night the most superb palace ever built in the world. It must be built of the finest marble, and of precious stones. I must have stables full of the finest horses, with their grooms. There must be cooks and other servants for the house, and slaves to wait on the Princess. In this fine palace Alladin and his Princess lived happy.



ALLADIN'S WONDERFUL PALACE.

One day when Alladin was out hunting with the Sultan the wicked magician, who had heard of his good luck, and

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wishing to get hold of the magic lamp, cried out in the streets, "New lamps for old ones." A silly maid in the palace, hearing this, thought she would change Alladin's old lamp for a new one. As soon as the magician saw the



OLD LAMPS FOR NEW ONES.

lamp, he snatched it from her, and then ran away. When it was quite dark the magician took the lamp out of his breast and made the Genii to appear. "Go," said the magician, take me at once, and the palace, just as it is, with all that is in it, to Africa. It was done immediate-

ly. On rising next morning, the Emperor went, as was his custom, to see and admire the palace. When he looked that way and saw an empty space, he was astonished, and it grieved him that he had given his daughter to Alladin. He was very angry, and told his servants to go for Alladin.

He was soon got, and the Emperor ordered his head to be cut off. He begged leave for forty days to bring the Princess & the palace back. The Genii of the ring took Alladin to Africa, and set him under a window of the Princess' room, where she very soon discovered him. She then told Alladin all the



THE DEATH OF THE WICKED MAGICIAN.

wicked designs of the magician, and contrived to hide him in a secret place. When the magician paid his usual visit Alladin, at a signal from the Princess, rushed out and slew him. And so ended his wicked life and this very interesting history.

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