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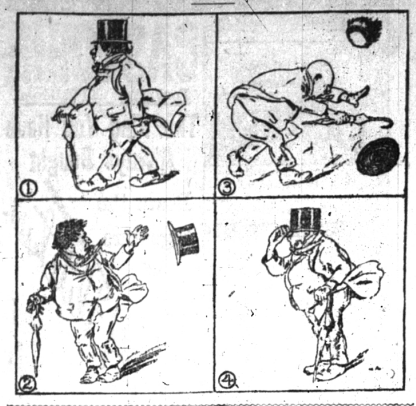

Higher and Higher

By Miriam Hughes

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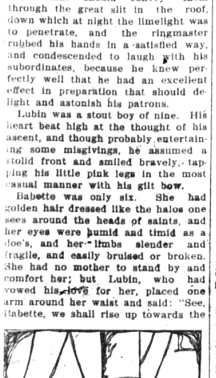
It was ten o'clock on a midsummer day, and the sunlight cast great golden spalshes on the disturbed, fouled dust of the arena. The tiers of seats, too, rising up and up, looked woefully deserted and bare, and the canvas sides and roof, as they flapped and bellied in the wind, stood out hideously black and soiled in the searching light.

Lubin and Babette were dressed as angels or fairies, and were waiting with childish impatience to rehearse their ascending feat. They wore little wings to their backs, and Lubin carried a quiver of arrows slung on his shoulders, such as Cupid wears. A couple of workmen adjusted the wires that should convey them through the great slit in the roof, down which at night the limelight was to penetrate, and the ringmaster rubbed his hands in a satisfied way, and condescended to laugh with his subordinates, because he knew perfectly well that he had an excellent effect in preparation that should delight and astonish his patrons.

Lubin was a stout boy of nine. His heart beat high at the thought of his ascent, and though probably entertaining some misgivings, he assumed a stolid front and smiled bravely, tapping his little pink legs in the most casual manner with his gilt bow.

Babette was only six. She had golden hair dressed like the halos one sees around the heads of saints, and her eyes were humid and timid as a doe's, and her limbs slender and fragile, and easily bruised or broken. She had no mother to stand by and comfort her; but Lubin, who had vowed his love for her, placed one arm around her waist and said: "See, Babette, we shall rise up towards the



"But it is a Long Way Up to the Roof, and the Wires May Break."

sky, like the angels in the pictures; and the people will clap their hands and shout! And they will throw us sweetmeats, and the ringmaster will take you in his arms afterwards and kiss you, and not use the whip, for you and I will bring him much money by our flying."

"Yes, Lubin," answered Babette, shivering, "but it is a long way up to the roof, and the wires may break."

"Not a bit of it," retorted Lubin stoutly. "See, I will go up first, and then you will feel sure."

The wires were held in readiness. "Now, then, youngsters," said the ringmaster, "up you go! Ha, ha, ha! This shall be a surprise!"

Lubin stepped boldly forward, and the hooks on the wires were fastened to a belt concealed in the folds of his frumks. Then the men above pulled, and he sailed gracefully upward, his little pink legs posed elegantly, his arms held forward, and his wings fluttering as if he really flew, so naturally and prettily that the manager and those below cried out: "Fine! This is indeed fairy-like!"

When he was within three feet of the roof the ringmaster clapped his hands, and down he came, and, being unfastened, was sent off to dress himself, with a pat on his head and a penny.

"Now, Babette," said they, "you come and try."

Babette was nervous, but, fearing the whip more than the fall, submitted quietly enough. Up, up, up, until she passed through the slit in the roof and was basking in the real sunshine outside.

"Excellent, excellent!" shouted the manager. When Babette descended she was rewarded with two pats on the head and two pennies.

She rushed to tell the news to Lubin. "I can fly higher than you, Lubin," she said, exultantly. "I went right through the slit in the roof, and I am not a bit afraid." And she clapped her hands and danced around her child-lover in great glee.

"Bravo, Babette!" cried Lubin, proudly. "I told you there was nothing to fear."

"Ah! "Lubin," she laughed, "I can fly higher than you—I can fly much higher than you."

Then she kissed him, and he kissed her, not in the least envious, and they went out and shared their three pennies in chocolates.

Night came, and the circus was full. The two children eagerly and joyfully looked forward to the lime-lit ascent that was to conclude the fairy ballet. They danced in the dance, they sang lustily in the chorus, and then, as a hundred other little children were whirling round them, they took their places in the center of the arena, while the lines were dropped from the slit in the roof, through which the limelight flashed. The band played something dreamy, the crowds of fairies parted, and Lubin commenced to ascend amid the plaudits of the audience.

How handsome he looked with his smiling face and gracefully-posed limbs! The people were delighted. Babette was delighted. She called out in spite of herself: "Oh! Lubin, I can fly higher than that; I can fly higher than that!" Then he disappeared through the slit in the roof, and already her little legs were ten feet from the ground.

Up, up, up she went. The crowd cheered, and she smiled and bowed, and waved her baby arms, while her heart seemed too big for her body to hold it.

"I'm coming, Lubin," she shouted, as she neared the slit in the roof, and saw the face of her little sweetheart looking down smiling and proud at her. "But I flew higher than you this morning, dear, and I—"

Snap! The wires had broken. Crash! A little bundle of quivering humanity and bloodstained gauze lay throbbing in the dust of the arena!

The ringmaster and his attendants crowded round her. He tried to lift her, but she screamed out, and somebody said: "Let her be! Let her be! You can't mend her!"

Then the pale-faced public went away.

Lubin was by her side, crying over his little sweetheart. He laid his hand near her; he would not touch her for fear of causing her pain. She turned her eyes towards him.

"I didn't fly so high as you to-night, dear Lubin," she whispered, "but I'll try and do better next time."

Then she fell asleep.

Artificial Fulgurites.

Artificial fulgurites may be produced by accident. In December, 1907, one of the wires of a triphase electrical circuit in Catalonia, Spain, broke a few miles from its terminus at Girone. The accident occurred at night and the passengers of a passing diligence were terrified by flames which appeared at many points of the ground. The two parts of the broken section of wire had fallen in a field of lucerne, where each part lay in contact with the ground over a length of about forty-five paces. Throughout this distance and to four inches on each side of the wire the lucerne was killed. Scattered along this furrow in the vegetation were found many spongy, black vitreous objects, resembling scoriae.

Some of these objects ended in polished balls and nearly all were hollowed out lengthwise and crumbled between the fingers. They were found most abundantly near the ends of the broken wire where some of the balls were two inches in diameter. A rough analysis of the soil showed that it was composed chiefly of sand with a little clay and limestone and traces of iron.

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Mrs. E. A. Green is visiting in Chicago.

Mrs. Doyle spent a day at her farm recently.

F. Yeager, of Southfield, is training a colt for H. Higby.

Albert Green and family spent the day in Pontiac recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tremper and family went to Detroit recently.

Miss Carrie May Means is visiting in Detroit during the holidays.

Ice boating and skating is in full swing on nearly all the lakes.

J. R. Miller is making some extensive improvements on his farm.

Horace Kellogg's family are rejoicing over the arrival of a nice boy.

Everybody either entertained or were entertained to New Year's dinner.

Mrs. C. Chapin, of Detroit, is a guest of Mrs. Coulter for a few weeks.

E. M. Moore has purchased a farm and will soon leave the old home for the new.

J. R. Beattie and mother, Mrs. C. Beattie, will shortly visit her son, Will in Oklahoma.

Mrs. J. VanEvery, of Franklin, is spending the winter with her son-in-law, N. Higby.

Mrs. W. Coulter and daughter, Mrs. A. L. Gott, have been quite ill, but both are convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. McKinney, of Birmingham, were the guests of the latter's parents lately.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Highby and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stickney and daughter, of Walnut and Pine Lakes ate Christmas dinner with R. C. Haskins, in Birmingham.

The Orchard Lake hotel had a narrow escape from fire, caused by a gasolene lamp falling to the floor. The proprietor, Mr. Harger, got a bad burn on both hands and face, necessitating the services of a doctor, but is doing nicely at present.

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OBITUARY.

MRS. ORPHA M. ERITY

Died at her home in Southfield, Tuesday morning Decem. 29th '08, in her 81st. year.

Orpha M. Reynolds was born in New York state, and came to this county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Reynolds, when but a mere child. The Reynolds family were prominent among the early pioneers of Oakland county and resided in Southfield. In 1852 deceased was united in marriage to William Erity, also an Oakland Co. resident. For years they made their home near the Erity flour, feed and lumber mill, which Mr. Erity operated and which is an old landmark of Southfield township.

Deceased is survived by two daughters, both residing in Southfield, Mrs. John W. Bassett and Mrs. Chauncey Nixon.

Her funeral services were held from her late home, Thursday of last week, conducted by Rev. H. G. Patterson, of the Covenanter church, of Southfield, after which the loved remains were laid away to rest in Greenwood cemetery.

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