## Seleet Story.

## The Fairy of the Castle. A Hungarian Story.

had fulfilled my youthful dreams, and become possessed of an old castle and a large estate in Hungary. It was at some distance from Pesth and become possessed of an old and I had not visited the property previous curtain was drawn over the Count's to purchising for the lawyer's representa tions convinced me that it was a bargain. even with the encumbrances, which consisted of an adopted daughter and some

favorite servants of the late Count. These were all, however, provided with annuities by his will, so that it only remained to endure their presence in the castle, and if they should prove to be serviceable, 1 should already be provided with servants accustomed to their routines of duties.

From the lawyer's manner, on discover ing that I myself intended to reside in the castle. I concluded that it bore the reputa tion of being haunted, and rather reveled in the anticipation of bringing to light the secret terrors of the place.

I wrote to the steward to send a carriage to meet me at the nearest station. This I found in waiting, with a prim coachman, in deep mourning, which 1 at first supposed to be for the late Count. The man understood his business. His

driving was faultless. But his continual sighs and moans, alternated with weeping outright, at last led me to questions. which resulted in his confiding to me that he was moaning for his sin in having murdered his younger brother. I was somewhat startled. But it spite of his violent grief he drove well, and soon brought me to the village, in a state of bewilderment both as to his actions and my duty in the case.

Some time before we reached the castle by my proposition threw him into a we saw the porter posted on a large stone, severe illness, but he arose from it an in military attitude, and shouldering a enti.ely sane man. long stick, as if it were a rifle. As we There were only two remaining in the approached, he shrieked, in a fearful house who had not been, at least in a tone, "Present arms!" and began to measure, benefitted by my system of cure; imitate the sounds of the drum and the one was my invisible siren, and the other trumpet, while with his stick he went was myseif, who was in love with her. through the eight movements of the As soon as daylight was gone her song Austrian parade regulations, after which egan-a song of the lark from human he jumped down from the stone, mounted lips; it came and went, sometimes sooth the stick as if it were a horse, and galloping me to sleep, and sometimes waking ed before the carriage like an outrider, me, but I never could discover whence all the time shouting, "A master is it came. master even in hell!" When we reached orillaney. Nay, more-when I slept she came and the gate the porter dismounted, and went in my room, often remaining hours. stood like a post, saluting me as I sprang I had several means of knowing this: from the wagon, and retaining the most liways left a lamp burning on my table. precise military attitude. 1 looked at When I awoke it was always extinguished, him sharply. He had an honest, open and being turned down instead of blown, countenance, stamped with faithfulness had evidently been touched by a human and loyalty. This man was not drun! hand. This was to prevent my seeing her but it would seem somewhat out of his should I suddenly awake. Again, there head. was a clock near my bed; this I wound I next encountered the game-keeper, ap myself before retiring. I' I fell asleep July 21, 1876. who speechlessly turned his back in at 11 o'clock and awoke at four or five, answer to my enquiries, but in a moment the clock would stand at one or two, and there appeared the valet, a gay fellow of yet it went correctly in the daytime. My over 40, with his face wrinkled into the invisible caller stopped the clock so that most comical expressions by habitual its striking should not awaken me, and leughter. He was communicative, and started it again when she left. By this well trained in his duties. While assist means I could tell how long she remained. CURES ing me off with my overcoat, Louis in And yet I could find no trace of her formed me that the three servants I had SYPHILIS, means of admission. I myself locked the previously encountered were all mad. doors, and left the keys in the locks on SCROFULA. Ly the time he had shown me the steward's the inside. My windows were protected apartments it was sufficiently apparent by iron grating. There could be no trap SALT-RHEUM that he himself was equally so, though loor in the floor, for the carpet was of his was perhaps a less disagreeable one piece, and nailed down around the monomania. The prospects were not edges of the wall. I tried the walls, too, SKIN-DISEASES, cheering. 1 was thankful to find the but nowhere was any trace of a hidden steward, at least, a rational man. He door. I took down the pictures and was TUMORS. was remarkably well informed in regard rewarded with nothing but cobwebs. to his duties, although his appearance Then I examined the roof of the castle, NLARGEMENT would rather have indicated a public but I found only an immense quantity of OF THE officer than a farm steward. After a long seed corn spread out directly over my LIVER AND conversation, during which he informed room. Neither could I discover any door SPLEEN. me that the adopted daughter was also leading to the part of the castle which insane, I asked him for a pen and ink, in she occupied, and her windows were RHEUMATIC order to write to the lawyer from whom 1 loubly secured with iron gratings. What AFFECTIONS had made the purchase. He politely did this strange creature eat or drink? showed me his writing desk, and then is she really a spirit that exists without DISEASES brought me a lamp similar to the Davy food or raiment? OF THE lamp used by miners. KIDNEYS, I questioned my servants except the I wrote somewhat sharply to the lawyer, porter, who I knew before hand would BLADDER winding up by saying that the only reonly answer, " A master is master even in AND deeming feature in this bedlam was the hell," whereas I was not master in my URINARY finding of a remarkably sensible and well own house. The steward knew nothing ORGANS. educated steward. of my secret, but he aided me in my re-Having finished, I asked the steward for searches, and was as much astonished as LEUCORRHCEA a light and sealing wax. He begged me invself at what I related The coachman to use wafers, and upon my still preferring CATARRH, crossed himself, told a story of a ghost, wax, insisted that I should not seal it in and prayed I would allow masses to be his room. He begged to be pardoned, read for the repose of her soul. AND ALL DISEASES and turned pale as he said : My valet, Louis, said it was a wonder. RESULTING " I must tell you, sir, that I suffer from fully beautiful enchanted girl, dressed in a pecular malady. The air in my lungs gold and silver, who drank only dew, and FROM A changes quickly into hydrogen, so that lived on the nectarol flowers, like a butter-DEPRAVED the room in which I am, gradually be. ity. At her will she can change into air, and comes filled with hydrogen gas, and if pass invisibly through the doors. When IMPURE any one should enter with a light the it should come winter I must notice the CONDITION gaseous vapors would explode, and would frost pictures on my windows. If I should OF THE set the house on fire." find a round, melted spot among the BLOOD. I fell back in my chair. Good heavens' flowers, that would be the point through this man was the most insane of all I which she had vanished. He had, at was here with six mad people, and was least, a poetical idea of the matter. Not large bottles, with the name blewn in the ass, and retails at \$1.00 per bottle, or Six myself the seventh; for I had bought so the little gnome like game keeper,

where I could hear better; but the old custle seemed to have been built from a labyrinthine model. I went through the first story, and up and down stairs, and along innumerable halls, till at last I opened a door which seemed familiar, and found myself again in my own room,

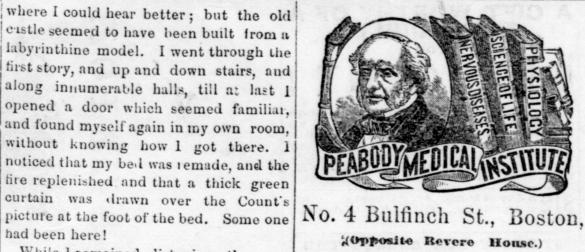
without knowing how 1 got there. 1 castle and a large estate in Hungary. noticed that my bed was remade, and the It was at some distance from Pesth fire replenished and that a thick green had been here!

> While I remained, listening, the song be above me.

I lay down again and fell into a sleep, rom which I awoke in a different frame of mind. I resolved to stay here, to ontinue the Count's good work, and to unravel the riddle of the nocturnal ongstress.

After a residence of half a year 1 had iscovered various means of dealing with and even decreasing some of the peculiarities of my servants. The honest and almost sleeplessly vigilant porter, although most foolish, gave me least care of all the poor dunce had only one ardent wish -to wear a red coat, such as he had once seen on a fox hunter. After that, I believe the already devoted fellow was ready to go through fire and water for me.

My gamekeeper, thoughalmost dangerous if any one else presumed to order him-the King of Lapland as he imagined himself to be, -yet howed in humble submission before me, whom I made him believe to be the Czar of Russia. My steward was such a learned and aseful man that I resolved on a heroic cure of his monomania. I brought gas pipes from Pesth and endeavored to bargain with him to supply the castle gas rom his breath. The shock occasioned



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