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She saw it with her own eyes! Just at the edge of the shrubbery, there was a female form, in long, flowing white garments, moving slowly amid the trees. It was no mistake. Mabel saw it!

For an instant she gazed; then with a thrill of unreasoning terror, turned, and fled into her room, shutting the long window. The next moment, she laughed at her own fears, turned, and went out again. The figure had vanished. For a half-hour she watched there, but not a trace of it appeared.

She went in, closed the window, and went to bed, resolving the next night she would watch with Mrs. Johnson.

She told her good housekeeper the next morning, and Mrs. Johnson expressing the greatest curiosity to see the ghost for herself, willingly consented to share the vigil.

They did watch till long after midnight, and saw not one single shadow of the mysterious visitor. "Well, I give it up," said Mabel. "Arthur will be here to-morrow, and then he shall investigate the matter."

When Mr. Grayson came, she told him the whole story. But he was inclined to treat it lightly, as she had done at first. "I heard that silly tale long ago," he said, "but paid no attention to it. I hoped you would not be annoyed by hearing it."

"But I have not only heard, but seen it," said Mabel. "I know it is no spirit, Arthur; I am not so foolish as to believe that. But there is something, and it ought to be inquired into."

"Very well, it shall be. We will watch to-night. At least I will."

"Oh, let me, too!"

"Very well, if you choose. And if any one is trying to trick us, they'll get the worst of the trick."

Not telling any one of their intention, so that if any of the servants were concerned in it, they should be forewarned, Arthur and Mabel went up to their chamber as usual, and then slipped quietly down again, and sat down in a shaded corner of the veranda, looking over the lawn, to watch for the ghost.

They had been sitting silently for an hour, when suddenly Mabel caught hold of Arthur's arm, whispering in an exciting tone:

"Arthur! Look!"

Mr. Grayson looked in the direction she was pointing, and saw, not across the lawn, but near the end of the house, as if coming from it, the ghost.

"Let us follow, quick!" he said, and starting up, as noiselessly as they could, both being shod with soft slippers, they followed the figure.

It passed on towards the shrubbery, not seeming to notice them, as they came nearer and nearer to it, when Mr. Grayson whispered:

"I see it now, Mabel! Don't you? It is Mrs. Johnson in her night dress, and fast asleep!"

"Oh, Arthur, it is she!" whispered Mabel. "Why couldn't we think of that!"

"Hush! Keep very still, and let's follow her," said Mr. Grayson.

They walked after the figure, which they could now plainly see, was Mrs. Johnson herself, her eyes half-closed, her face indicating that she was sleeping as she moved silently forward. She went to a small arbor, just beyond the shrubbery, where she was in the habit of going to sew, of a pleasant afternoon.

She sat down upon the seat, sat there a few moments, then rose and walked slowly back to the house, Arthur and Mabel following.

"Shall we wake her?" asked Mabel.

"Not until she gets to the house," said Arthur. "It is said to be dangerous to wake a sleep-walker, but it is sure to break the habit of sleep-walking for ever, and for her own sake I think she ought to be waked."

They kept close to her. She did not see or heed them, but passed directly to the side door, which led to her own room.

Just as she pushed it open, Mr. Grayson took hold of her arm, and said in a loud voice, "Mrs. Johnson! Wake up!"

She gave a wild scream, flung up her arms, and fell to the floor in a faint.

The house was soon aroused, all the servants crowded around to see "the ghost," who was taken to her own room, a physician sent for, and kindest of care given her, so that she soon recovered, and never again fell into somnambulism.

"Well, no wonder we could never see the ghost when Mrs. Johnson was watching," said Rachael, as they discussed the matter next morning.

"As for me, I'm glad it was she, and not a real ghost. I'll stay on now," says Netty.

While all the rest wondered that they had not long ago investigated the mystery.

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