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VOYAGES

OF

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FIRST VOYAGE OF SINBAD.

My father dying while I was very young, and leaving me a considerable fortune, I fell into a course of dissipation that injured my health and fortune. At length I recovered from my illness, and I collected together the remains of my fortune, and embarked with several merchants on board a ship for the port of Balsora.

During our voyage we were becalmed near a small island almost level with the water.

Next day a party of men landed on the Island, who informed me they were grooms of King Mihrage.

They carried me to the capital of King Mihrage, which was a fine harbour, where ships arrived daily from all quarters of the world. The king allowed me apartments in one of his palaces, and delighted greatly in my conversation.

One day, having walked to the principal quay, where several seamen were employed in unloading a ship newly arrived, I cast my eye on some of the bales of goods that were landed, and perceived them to be the same that I had put on board at Balsora. I went to the captain, and carelessly asked to whom they belonged? "To a merchant," he replied, "who perished at sea."

On telling the captain I was Sinbad, he gave me my bales, with congratulations.

I selected the most valuable articles, and presented them to King Mihrage, who gave me a rich present in return. I returned home with a hundred thousand sequins, determined to forget my past dangers by enjoying the pleasures of life.

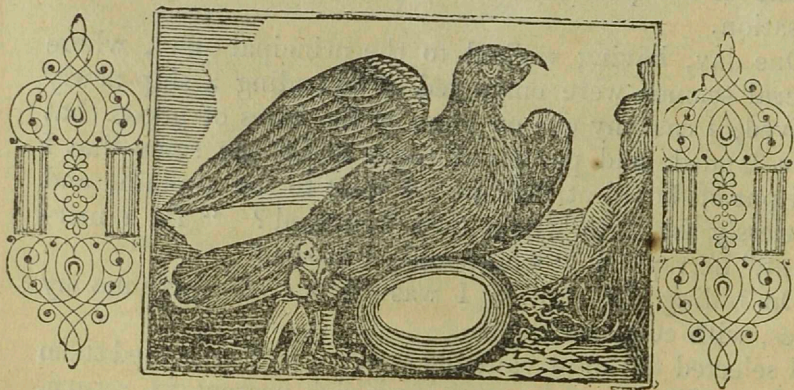
SECOND VOYAGE OF SINBAD.

After spending some time at Bagdad, I went to sea a second time. One day, during the voyage, we landed on an uninhabited island, almost covered with trees bearing delicious fruits. While they were diverting themselves with gathering flowers and fruits, I took my wine and provisions, and sat down by a stream, between two large trees, where I fell asleep. But when I awoke the ship was gone. Nothing could exceed my grief and consternation.

I then climbed to the top of a very high tree, and perceiving something large and white, I came down and ran towards it.

On coming nearer, it seemed a large white bowl, and felt as smooth as ivory. I walked round it, but found no opening; and it was impossible to climb it, as the surface was so smooth and slippery. It was at least fifty paces round.

Having often heard of a bird called Roc, which carried away young elephants, I rightly concluded that this must be its egg; for the bird alighted and sat over it. I crept close to the egg for shelter, and had before me one of the legs of the bird as large as the trunk of a tree, to which I tied myself firmly with the cloth of my turban, in hopes



that, when the Roc flew away, she would carry me from this desert island. I lay all night in this condition, and the bird flew away the next morning with me so high into

the air, that I could not see the earth, and descended so swiftly, that I lost my senses.

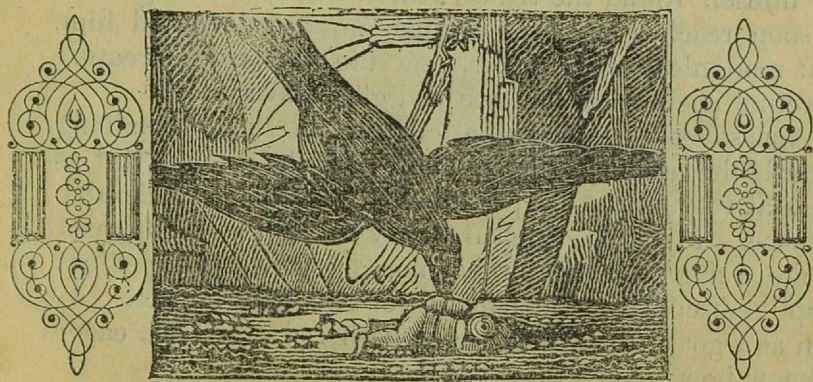
The place where the Roc left me was a deep valley, which was strewn with large diamonds.

When night came I took shelter in a cave; but the hissing of serpents was so incessant that I could not sleep.

After walking a long time upon diamonds, I sat down, and overcome with fatigue, fell asleep; but was awakened by the falling of a great piece of fresh meat near me, and saw meat tumbling down in different places.

I had heard of the famous Diamond Valley, and the stratagems used by the merchants, at the top of these mountains, where the eagles build their nests,—who throw down the joints of raw meat that the diamonds may stick to them. The eagles pounce upon it, and carry it to feed their young, and the merchants frightening away the eagles, take the diamonds.

This gave me hopes of escaping, and I gathered some of the largest diamonds I could find, put them into a bag, and fastened it to my girdle. I then took the largest piece of meat, which I tied to my waist with my turban,



and lay down upon my face. One of the strongest soon pounced upon the meat, and flew with me to her nest on the top of the mountain.

I spent the night with the merchants, and in the morning, having got together their diamonds, we crossed the

mountains to the port, where we took shipping for Balsora, and from thence to Bagdad, where I gave great alms to the poor.

THIRD VOYAGE OF SINBAD.

We had been at sea some weeks, when a dreadful storm overtook us, which almost tore the vessel to pieces ; and the captain being unable to steer, we cast anchor before some islands, which he told us were inhabited by little hairy savages. We soon saw a multitude of these frightful creatures, covered with red hair, about two feet high, swimming towards us ; and as the captain begged that we would make no resistance, they came on board, took down our sails, cut the cable, and after towing the ship to land, where they made us all get out, carried her in triumph to another island.

We were soon startled by the hissing of an enormous serpent, which came gliding along the ground with incredible swiftness. One of my comrades was swallowed by him in a moment, while I and the other fled, and climbed up into the highest tree we could find. Presently the serpent came hissing to the root of the tree, and winding himself round the trunk, reared his head so high that he soon reached my only companion, and devoured him. I sat motionless with terror, and the monstrous creature unwound itself from the tree and glided away.

I was so exhausted for want of sleep, that I ran headlong towards the sea, resolving to throw myself in ; but just as I was about to do so, I perceived a ship at a considerable distance. I took the linen from my turban, and displayed it like a flag to attract their notice ; and this expedient happily succeeding, the captain sent his boat for me. As soon as I got on board, the crew gathered round me, eager to know how I came into that desert island.

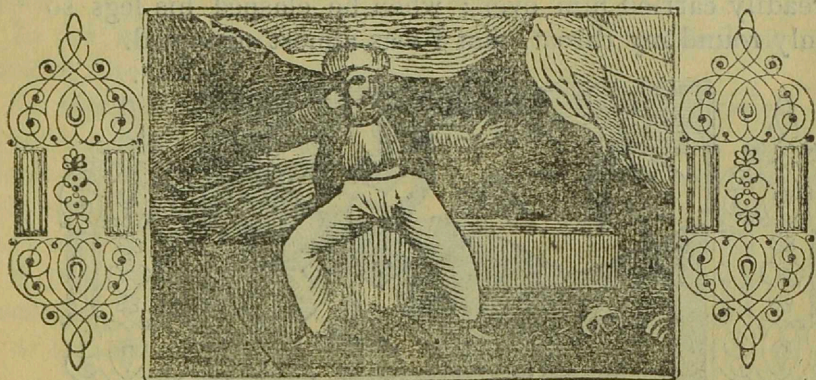
When we arrived at the port of Jalabat, the captain said to me, " Sir, I have here some goods which belonged to a merchant who sailed with me some time since, and he being dead, I intend to dispose of them for the benefit of his heirs. You shall sell them for me, and shall be allowed the usual factorage."

"You believe," said I, "that Sinbad is dead?" "No, captain," I exclaimed, "he did not perish. In me you behold that Sinbad, who escaped that and many more perils." The captain being convinced, eagerly delivered me up the goods, and also strictly accounted with me for those he had sold, and I continued my voyage with him.

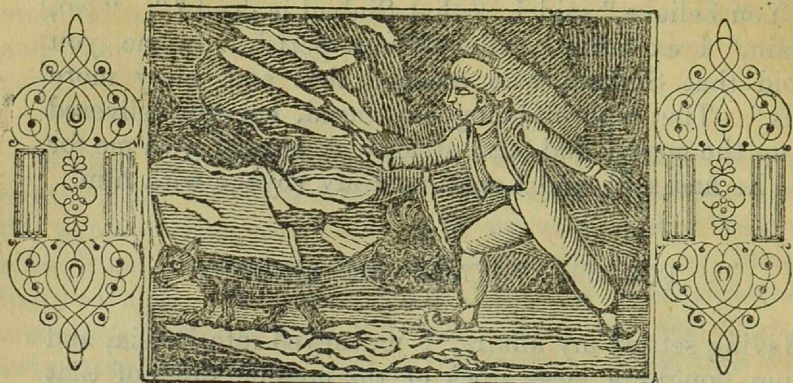
FOURTH VOYAGE OF SINBAD.

Having settled my affairs, I journeyed into Persia, and having bought a large stock of the manufactures of that country, I loaded a vessel, and embarked with my goods. We had not been long at sea when the ship struck upon a rock, and beat to pieces, and many of the merchants and seamen were drowned.

Some of us saved ourselves on a plank, and were carried by the current to an island, where black cannibals siezed us. The king was pleased with me, and married me to a rich lady. But at her death, I was doomed to be buried with her; and I was lowered down into a very deep pit.



On a sudden I heard something near me; I followed it until I saw a lighthouse in the well, large enough to get out of; and perceived that I had been pursuing a sea-monster.



FIFTH VOYAGE OF SINBAD.

Forgetting the perils I had suffered, I built a ship, and set sail with a fair wind.

After being at sea several weeks, we landed upon an island, where I saw a little old man sitting, whom I supposed to be some person shipwrecked like myself. I asked him by what chance he had come into the island ; but instead of answering me, he entreated by signs, that I would carry him over a little rivulet that ran before him. I readily carried him over ; when he clasped his legs so firmly round my throat, that I was almost strangled.



I then hastened to the sea-side, where I found the crew of a ship who had just cast anchor, and they took me on board their vessel. We came to a great city, when one of

the merchants carried me to some persons whose employment was to gather cocoa nuts.

When we had gathered as many as we could carry, we returned to the city, when I sold my nuts ; and soon amassing a considerable sum, I embarked on board a vessel, and returned home.

SIXTH VOYAGE OF SINBAD.

At the expiration of a year I began my voyage, which proved very fortunate ; for the pilot lost his course, and on discovering where he was, exclaimed that we were all undone. The ship was soon dashed to pieces against the foot of an inaccessible mountain, and made a complete wreck ; but we got safely on shore.

We looked around us, and saw the coast covered all over with pieces of wrecks of ships, and great heaps of men's bones, with incredible quantities of rich goods, which proved how many unfortunate persons must have perished there. To climb this mountain, which almost reached the skies, was impossible ; for it was formed of smooth granite, mixed with rocks of the finest crystal, which hung over us, and seemed every moment ready to fall upon our heads.

In the midst of the mountain was a monstrous dark cavern, into which ran a roaring black river.

In this wretched place we continued till my comrades died one after the other. I survived them all, and my stock of food being exhausted, I suddenly formed the desperate resolution of trusting myself to the impetuous current of the Black River.

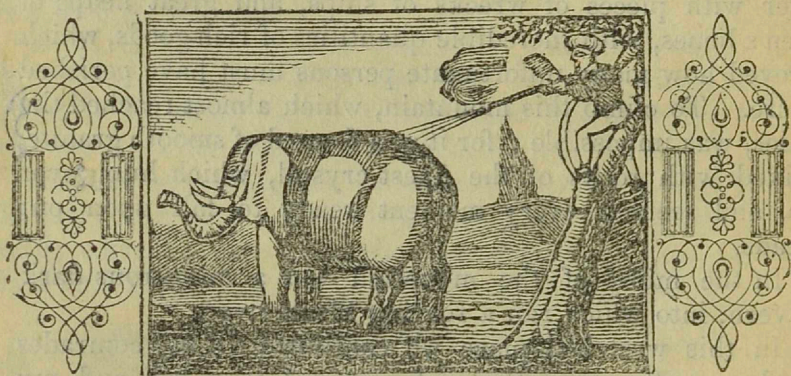
I made a float, which I loaded with rich stuffs ; and fastening my cargo with ropes, I went on board, and left it to the mercy of the current.

LAST VOYAGE OF SINBAD.

Being returned from my sixth voyage, I absolutely laid aside all thoughts of travelling any farther ; but one day I was sent for by the Caliph. "Sinbad," said he, "I stand in need of your services : you must bear an answer and present from me to the King of Serendib." I

used my endeavours to be excused, but the Caliph would take no denial, and ordered me one thousand sequins for the expences of my journey.

I embarked, and we had not been long at sea before our vessel was taken by Corsairs, who sold us for slaves. I was bought by a rich merchant, who carried me to his house, and put on me a slave's habit. He inquired if I understood the use of the musket, which I assured him I did. He then gave me a musket and ammunition, and taking me behind him upon an elephant, carried me some leagues from the town, We rode a great way, and stopped near a very high tree, telling me I must wait there till I saw a troop of elephants pass by, and then fire at them ; and if any one fell, I was to hasten back to tell him.



I continued this course for two months. One morning one of the largest of them wound his trunk round the stem of the tree on which I was, and tore it up by the roots. I fell with the tree, and the same elephant, taking me up with his trunk, laid me on his back, and carried me to a hill where he left me. I immediately returned to my master, who gave me liberty to return to my own country. He loaded a ship with a valuable cargo for me, and I came safe to Bagdad, where I presented myself to the Caliph.

