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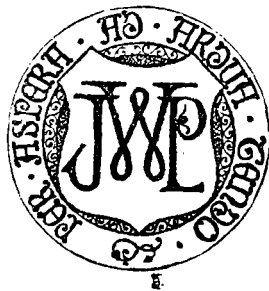
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There was an old man who had abundance of gold. And the sound of the gold was pleasant to his ears, and his eye delighted in its brightness. By day he thought of gold, and his dreams were of gold by night. His hands were full of gold, and he rejoiced in the multitude of his chests. But he was faint with hunger, and his trembling limbs shivered beneath his rags. No kind hand ministered to him, nor cheerful voices made music in his home.

And there came a child to the old man, and said : Father, I have found a secret. We are rich. You shall not be hungry and miserable any more. Gold will buy all things. Then the old man was wroth and said : Would you take from me my gold ?

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