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CHAPTER IX. A CHALLENGE.

cumbs to curiosity, makes a hasty time, and in half an hour appears in the paved stable yard as fresh and as full of life as the young pupples that come yapping and leaping to welcome

morning, George; Lord Reg-

man, with respectful alacrity. There is not a man about the Hall or at the

ing the dogs, not without some diffi-

expecting of you, and if you please, dreadful! Fancy riding that wretchmiss, I hope the cob is doing well, ed old rocking-horse! What shall we

Kitty makes suitable replies, with about a puppy he has reared for her,

with delight at kindliness. "Hello, Kitty, here you are. Look here." (Look here, it may be explained in passing is Master Reginald's shibboleth. It precedes, and often concludes ten of his sentences out of the best." twelve.) "Look, I heard them talking

in the smoking room last night-" "And what business had a boy like you in the smoking room?" demands Kitty, from behind a great hunter she is patting. ('What were you doing

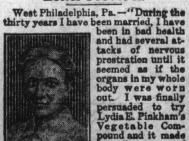
"As much business as you had in the salon, little girl, and I didn't go to anything for me." sleep!" retorts the boy, with a grin. "And I wasn't there, either, I only Kitty. stopped at the door a moment. And I say, Kit, look here, they are all going down here, bold as brass, and ask for out for a spin this morning. I heard the nags."

Lord Sterne say he'd go-" "And, of course, they all follow like a flock of sheep," retorts Kitty sharply. "Oh, you'll have to ask. He can't here, I wish you wouldn't interrupt. colt?" I heard the guv'nor-"

Kitty shows her teeth in an exas-

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norning, and that they were to come

uddenly becomes grave and anxious.

"Of course," assents Lord Reginald, scornfully. "He'll say to me, 'Reginald, my boy, there is the pony for

"The pony," grins Kitty, "broken-

dear, will you ride the gray mare; you are sure you will not be nervous; she

Kitty looks savage and alarmed. "Oh, Reg, what shall we do! It's

"I'll tell you," retorts the boy, with her clear, bell-like voice as musical an air of preternatural astuteness; and natural as if she were speaking to "let's take Bat and Trap, before they chief, and planning new ones; Kitty down the Hollow, when they reach and natural as it she were speaking to can get them, and be off down the is never so happy tomboy as she is, the bend, and you'll be caught in a meadows!"

> "What, the two best in the stud!oh, Reg, if we only dared!" "Dared!" echoes the boy. "That's a

woman's word. And why shouldn't

we have the hest? We can ride 'em "But they'll be down directly to pick them out."

"Not till after breakfast." says Lord

'Don't you see, we'll get some breakfast in old Saville's room; she'll do

"Get some at once, and then come

"But Richarde!' save Kitty dubi-

"Of course," assents Lord Reginald, refuse you anything; ho never can. "they'd go about the house crying Don't you remember what a row he 'Bal' if he set the fashion. But look got into for letting you jump the

"Yes, Richards will do it," says Kitty meditatively-"perhaps."

"And if he doesn't." replies Regin "Reg, my boy, you'll come to a bad ald, "why we'll saddle 'em ourselves. Come on: don't let us stop here any longer! What are you afraid of? Perhaps you'd rather ride the mare. little girl, and let Lord Sterne have

Kitty flushes up with wicked eager-

"Would he have it, do you think, I have to put Trap in my pocket and fools, Reg! It's a hunt!" smuggle him out of the stall! Come on; I don't care for breakfast—at least, not much," and, spurred onto can see the governor's big back on old stars were only that shade of brown, mischief by this last inducement—the Ned, and I know what he'd say if he Lord Sterne, Miss Kitty catches hold of the boy's hand, and away they pelt across the yard toward the house-

keeper's room. "They're up to mischief, they are." emarks George sagaciously, "I've never seen them two together but what there's some mad trick in the ain't to have their larks now, when are they, Mr. Richards? And I'd like

before many of them have taken their cup of chocolate in bed, or thought of getting up, Lord Reginald and Kitty are back in the stable, with the last

by to Mr. Richards, who implores the mair to take care of the horses' knees

they disappear, with many misgivings.

"Didn't I say they was up to lark?" demands George of an admiring group of grooms, and stable helps-"and now, by jingo, here comes Mr. Tuffles"-the earl's valet.

"At once, if you please, Mr. Rich-

"I might 'a' known it!" he groans.

them two young ones a-laughin' like fix, Reg!" mad! Here's a precious go!"

Certainly Trap and Bat are quite beyond pursuit, and Kitty and Reginald are happy beyond their wicked

along, up hill and down dale, over meadow, and through woods, talking anything of the kind. They are as and laughing over old pieces of mis- likely as not to turn off to the right, as when she is with the daring play- trap. I shall make for the abbey and mate of her childish days, is never so go home by the lower road. They are spring atmosphere seems to have got Look, there they go!" into them, and made them part of itself; they make the woodlands ring miles. I'm off back. You won't again with snatches of hunting song and hearty bursts of laughter; Kitty's musical soprano chiming in harmoniously-and, oh, how clearly-with Lord Reginald's half treble, half bass. Many a hare pricks up its ears to stare Reg!" at them, and many an alarmed mother partridge cowers down over nests as they pass by. Trap and Bat seems to enjoy it quite as much as the light weights and light hearts they carry; but the high-mettled horses pant and strain for the open; they want a run,

and fret and fume at the bits elois, they get clear of the Rosedale woods, and stand on a knoll that overlooks the park, the Lawn in the distance, and the abbey in the valley be-

"It's no use talking to a boy about

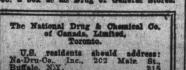
"look there!" and he points a warning finger down below them.

Kitty looks and shows her teeth. "It's all the field, Reginald!" she not the saddle," and Kitty sighs. says, smiling down at a dozen or more of horsemen and horsewomen who are out of sight, and Kitty gives the impacoming across the plain, and straight tient Bat the word to go. The long-Reg? Then he shall not!-no, not if for the hill. "We're like a couple of legged Irish hunter makes short work

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"You'll be shut up with the tutor for week, my dear boy!" says Kitty, with exasperating sweetness.

"And there's your governor-there he is, on-on, ah! ah! the gray mare! You'll be sent home with a flea in

umphant scorn. "I'll back them hor- a little heightened color as to shade ses is a-galloping like wildfire, and the sun. "So it is! Then we're in a

CHAPTER X.

A GREAT RIDE. "I shall go back!" says Reginald,

"Yes, they are good for another ten

gaze from the scattered cavalcade be low: "no, I'm going our way-don't

that new tennis bat of yours-" "I never bet," says Kitty, "ladies never do; yes-yes, I will, Reg! off

Lord Reginald takes her at her word and puts Trap at a sharp trot, and Kitty, leaning forward on Bat, who sniffs at his friends below, and of pelting him downhill to join his omrades. Kitty leans forward and waits until the little crowd of nota-

bilities pass up the valley. "There's Ethel," she murmurs, scenery," says Kitty, with complacent "looking like a-a tailor-model-and superiority; "but it's a beautiful feeling as nervous as a kitten in a mill pond; none of the grand ladies look "Ain't it!" says Reginald; "the well in the saddle; I could beat them best- Hello!" he breaks off, at the game they are playing this morning, I'd run and jump any of them, but what's the use of that, the drawing-room's the place for a lady,

(To be Continued.)

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catches me on Trap. Phew! don't I

indeed!"

"I'll bet you a box of gloves against

But presently the lost straggler gets across the valley, her face aglow, her confidently. "I'm going back, I am. I eyes shining like two liquid stars—if and the electricity of youth filling her veins with a glorious current.

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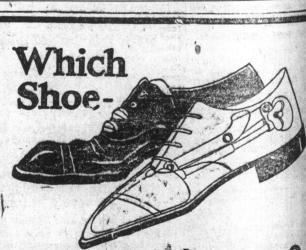
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