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Love in the Abbey

Lady Ethel's Rival

CHAPTER IX. A CHALLENGE.

Kitty hesitates a moment then succumbs to curiosity, makes a hasty toilet of which the cold bath takes up a considerable proportion of the time, and in half an hour appears in the paved stable yard as fresh and as full of life as the young papples that come yapping and leaping to welcome her.

"Good morning, George," Lord Reginald said. "In number five, miss," replies the man, with respectful alacrity. There is not a man about the Hall or at the lawn, who does not know and feel proud and glad to see her.

"His lordship's in there, miss, he's expecting you, and if you please, miss, I hope the cob is doing well, miss," et cetera, et cetera. "I'll tell you," retorts the boy with an air of preternatural astuteness; "let's take Bat and Trap, before they can get them, and be off down the meadows!"

"Water-but!" he says scornfully. "Don't you see, we'll get some breakfast in old Saville's room; she'll do anything for me."

"Oh, you'll have to ask. He can't refuse you anything; he never can. Don't you remember what a row he got into for letting you jump the cob?" "Yes, Richards will do it," says Kitty meditatively—"perhaps."

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 scraps of two slices of bread and jam in their hands, and wicked intent in their hearts.

As Lord Reginald predicted, the usually stern and unbending Mr. Richards, before whom the earl is sometimes timid and hesitating, is wax in Kitty's hands. It is true that he has not received his orders yet, but it is to be feared that if he had he would not have been able to withstand Kitty.

"Reg, I brought you over the biggest chocolate creams you ever saw; genuine Paris ones. Go on." "Well, I heard father say that he'd tell Richards to get the horses this morning, and that they were to come down after breakfast and choose their own mounts."

"He pauses solemnly, and Kitty's face suddenly becomes grave and anxious. "We know what that means." "Of course," assents Lord Reginald, scornfully. "He'll say to me, 'Reginald, my boy, there is the pony for you.'"

"The pony," grins Kitty, "broken-winded and blind of one eye, with three legs and as much go as a clothes horse!" "And will say to you, 'Catherine, my dear, will you ride the gray mare; you are sure you will not be nervous; she is quite safe,'" continues my lord, with his turn to grin.

"Kitty looks savage and alarmed. "Oh, Reg, what shall we do! It's dreadful! Fancy riding that wretched old rocking-horse! What shall we do?" "I'll tell you," retorts the boy with an air of preternatural astuteness; "let's take Bat and Trap, before they can get them, and be off down the meadows!"

"Water-but!" he says scornfully. "Don't you see, we'll get some breakfast in old Saville's room; she'll do anything for me." "So she will for me," murmurs Kitty.

"Get some at once, and then come down here, bold as brass, and ask for the nags." "But Richards!" says Kitty dubiously. "Oh, you'll have to ask. He can't refuse you anything; he never can. Don't you remember what a row he got into for letting you jump the cob?"

"Yes, Richards will do it," says Kitty meditatively—"perhaps." "And if he doesn't," replies Reginald, "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 Trap?"

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catches me on Trap. Phew! don't I, indeed!" "You'll be shot up with the tutor for a week, my dear boy!" says Kitty, with exasperated 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 your ear, Kitty, my dear girl!" he retorts.

"Is it really papa!" says Kitty, shading her eyes, as much to conceal a little heightened color as to shade the sun. "So it is! Then we're in a fix, Reg!"

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British Naval Casualties. LONDON, Nov. 26. British naval casualties from the outbreak of the war to Nov. 11, 1918, were: Officers 2,466, men 30,885, and 5,383. In addition 14,000 officers and men of British merchant vessels and fishing boats lost their lives pursuing their ordinary white-painted and, in some cases, by enemy action, and were taken prisoners.

Peruvian Government has not received official despatches from Chilean representatives in Chile for some time. The newspapers reported no news from their country and it is believed that a strict censorship is in force in Chile. The Peruvian Government has been ordered to bring all Peruvian citizens who have been ordered to leave Chile. The reported disclosure by the Peruvian Government in Peru is incorrect.

Settlement Assured. NEW YORK, Nov. 26. Difficulties between Peru and Chile which resulted yesterday in the election of consular representatives by the principal cities of the neighborhood, have been overcome.

Wants Reassured. NEW YORK, Nov. 26. After four days of discussion, the British Government has taken in the opinion of the British Government, the fact that Britain may be compelled soon to all her available transports for the return of the British Empire.

Home Americans. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. The British Government is compelled to use virtually all available transports for the return of the British Empire.

British Navy. LONDON, Nov. 26. The British Navy is returning on the Atlantic in British, French and Italian ships.

Not Favorable to Bolsheviki. LONDON, Nov. 25. The front is now being conversed with them optimistically as to their arrival in Berlin and men declare that the soldiers reject Bolshevism.

General Allenby. General Allenby was victorious in the battle of Jerusalem and the Turks were driven from the city.

After first day of the British tank battle, the Prussian horse...