



would be so wicked," she mused, her mind going back to Kenneth's suspicions. 'It must be that Mr. Reynolds is at the bottom of all this wrong. However, I bottom of all this wrong. However, I will be upon my guard, as he suggests, and if I find that it is true. I will insist upon immediately going home."

For the first time in her life Queen Bess acted a part that night.

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able. She laughed and chatted with both her companions as she had never done before, and they congratulated themseives that she was really "getting over her passion for Kenneth," and would soon yield compliance to their bold

was robed in pure white, with a simple corsage bouquet of Parma violets. It was a wonderfully effective costume, very becoming to her clear, dark complexion, and she was so pretty and attractive that many eyes were turned with admiring glances toward the box they

occupied.

For several days she kept up this farce of gayety and graciousness, but all the time she was watching her two companions with the closest attention, and she was forced to acknowledge that they are acknowledge that they are the averagingly confidential appeared to be exceedingly confidential with each other.

She happened to be present when the mail was brought in to them one day

Reynolds sprang to his feet as the servant entered, and stretched forth his hands eagerly to take the letters and papers; then, going to the light, he read off the names in a glib, somewhat nerwous manner, parceling them as he did

"Six for you, Dr. Ashton; two for you, "Six for you, Dr. Ashton; two for your humble servant, myself," he said, smiling and passing them over as he spoke, while he pocketed his own, shooting a significant glance at Dr. Ashton as he did so, giance at Dr. Ashton as he did so.
Queen Bess caught it and felt convinced that a letter from Kenneth had been withheld from her by the young man, and that her uncle understood the

mather also.

One glance at the letters Reynolds had given her told her that one was from Miss Van Soule, the other from the housekeeper, with whom she had become very friendly during the short time they

"I cannot believe that Uncle John | then straight into her uncle's face, she quietly remarked:

"It is rather a singular fact, isn't it, that the mail brings your letters so regularly, and that there should never be any for me from Mr. Kelth?"

The attack was so direct, and so unextended the bath man were a trifle dis-

self, and replied, with great apparent sympathy:

"It does seem hard, that's a fact, Miss Marchmont, and if it would only answer the same purpose, I would willingly share my correspondence with you."
"Thank you; your correspondence would not answer my purpose at all," she pointedly replied, without glancing at him. Then she continued, "Uncle John, you seem to have a large mail this time; are your letters all from New York?" and she leaned forward to glance over his shoul-der at the superscriptions, as she spoke. He saw that she suspected him of having had something to do with her continued disappointment, and, although he had scarcely glanced at his own letters, he made a show of carelessly slipping the envelopes through his fingers for her

Suddenly he came upon one which was superscribed in a coarse, irregular hand, and postmarked Fayette, Miss., and Bess

and postmarked Fayette, Miss., and Bess felt the startled thrill which ran through him as his eyes fell upon it.

She gave him a quick, searching glance. He had grown pale, and his hand trembled slightly; but he made no comment, and quietly slid it underneath the others. "Fayette, Miss.," Queen Bess kept repeating to herself, although she made no sign to betray that she had noticed either the postmark of his agitation; "there is some mystery about that letter, I feel very sure."

All through the day the circumstance

kept recurring to her, until finally, with a shock which sent the blood tingling to her very finger-tips, she remembered that it was on the Mississippi, near the place where the explosion of the steamer had occurred, and where her mother and Alice had met their tragic fate. Could it be possible that her uncle had received any news relating to either of

The thought made her very restlessvery curious and anxious, and she longed to learn the contents of that letter. She was sure there must have been had been together.

Her blood was bolling with indignation to think how these two men were making a dupe of her, and yet she felt that the time had not yet come when it would do to expose their treachery.

"Are you sure these are all there are for me?—is there no other among those you have, Uncle John?" she asked.

"Not one, I am sorry to say, Queenie," he replied, with well-assumed regret.

She was sure there must have been something unusual about it, or her uncle would not have betrayed the emotion she had observed. Still, she did not feel at liberty to question him about it.

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AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—John Peters and Swordsman were the only wunting favorites today. If You Dare was run up to \$1,100 and Swordsman to \$600. Both were bought by Durnell & Herz.

They were nearly through when there was a knock upon the door and Dr. Ashton ordered a dainty little lunch to be served in their private parlor

the two young people alone together.

This had been a contrived plan between the two gentlemen, in order to give young Reynolds, who was growing impatient an opportunity to press his suit with Queen Bess.

"When do we go to Switzerland, Miss Marchmont?" the young man inquired, to break the awkward silence that had fallen upon them after Dr. Ashton's exit.

"I do not know that Uncle John has set any day for our departure as yet, Mr. Reynolds," she replied, rather coldly, for his collective pronoun had irritated her. ly, for his conect...
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"When do you go?" she added, innocently.

"I—why, I supposed, of course, that you knew that Dr. Ashton had invited me to make one of your party throughout your trip," he responded, coloring with anger and chagrin at her question.

Queen Bess made no reply to this, but toyed with her cream with an assumption of indifference which she was far from feeling, but which made her companion rage inwardly.

"If it will be disagreeable to you, Miss Bessie, to have me as a traveling com-Bessie, to have me as a traveling companion, say the word and I will relieve you at once from all further annoyance in that line," he remarked, a streak of dusky red settling upon his forehead.

"Oh, pray, suit yourself, Mr. Reynolds,"

he:

"I would rather suit you, Bessie, Why will you be so cold and cruel to me?" he cried, hotly. "I love you with all my heart, and would give all the world, if I possessed it, to win you for my wife.

"Queen Bess cut him short by rising from her place at the table and cenfronting him like a veritable queen.

"You insult me, Mr. Reynolds," she said, haughthy. "You have no right to address me like that. I am already engaged to Mr. Keith, and intend to marry him upon my return home. Be kind enough never to refer to this subject again under any circumstances."

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She did not wait to note the effect of her words, but abruptly left the room.

"Curse her high mightiness! I'd like to take some of it out of her, and I will yet," muttered the discomfited suitor, gazing after her with a frowning brow. John Ashton, who was in the next room, had heard the door shut and imagined what the result of the interview had been, and he returned to the parlor to find Reynolds white with anger and muttering revengefully to himself.

"Well," he remarked, repressing a sneer, "you do not appear very much like a successful suitor.

MONTREAL LADY CURLERS DEFEATED QUEBEC RIVALS

Quebec, Dec. 30.—The Montreal ladies' curling club defeated Quebec today on the local rinks by four points. Both teams played with determiation for victory, and the visiting ladies won out by a score of four, the first rink only securing a majority of one, but the second rink raised it by a majority of three. By winning this game the Montreal ladies captured the provincial cup.

A MATCH AT PARKHILL. Parkhili, Ont., Dec. 30.—The Parkhill curling club match, president vs. vice-president, played at Parkhill last night, was won by Vice-President Ellis by 19. The attack was so direct, and so unexpected, that both men were a triffe disconcerted for a moment.

Reynolds was the first to recover himself, and replied, with great appearance.

OFFICERS VS. BANKERS. At the Princess rink on New Year's morning an interesting hockey match be-tween a team picked from the officers of the 7th Regiment and the bankers' team will be played. Mrs. (Col.) Young will present the winning, and Mrs. Beddome the losing team with the prizes.

O. H. A. SCHEDULE. Galt, Ont., Dec. 30 .- An O. H. A. sche-Galt, Ont., Dec. 30.—An O. H. A. schedule was drawn up here last night, as follows: Jan. 7, Paris at Brantford; Jan. 9, Brantford at Galt; Jan. 12, Brantford at Paris; Jan. 14, Berlin at Galt; Jan. 16, Galt at Berlin; Jan. 18, Brantford at Galt; Jan. 21, Paris at Brantford; Jan. 23, Galt at Paris; Jan. 26, Paris at Galt; Jan. 28, Brantford at Paris.

AT DELAWARE. There will be a hockey match at Delaware on New Year's Day, between Delaware and Mount Brydges. A good, fast WATERLOO WON.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 30.—The first W. O. H. A. same of the season was played here tonight between the senior team of ctorias (O. A. C. score of 5 to 4.

A GAME AT LUCKNOW. Lucknow, Ont., Dec. 30.—The first hockey match in the Northern League was played at Lucknow tonight between the Sepoy Hockey Club, of Lucknow, and Palmerston. Both sides played fast hockey and showed some fair combination for the beginning of the season. At half-time the score stood 9 to 1 in favor of the home team. The second half was even faster than the first, and abounded in brilliant plays and rushes, and the game ended 14 to 5 in favor of the Sepoys.

The Former Club Thus Wins the Provincial Cup.

(Davisson), 4 to 1, 2; Chickadee, 105 (Walsh), 7 to 1, 3. Time, 1:54%. Second race, selling, 6 furiongs—If You Dare, III (Gannon), 3 to 1, 1; Boundlee, 104 (Donegan), 6 to 1, 2; Light Hunt, 102 (Battiste), 30 to 1, 3. Time, 1:16%. Third race, 6 furlongs—Rankin, 105 (Redfern), 6 to 1, 1; Farmer Jim, 115 (Gannon), 4 to 1, 2; Uranium, 100 (Crasswaite), 15 to 1, 3. Time, 1:17%. Fourth race, selling, 11-16 miles—Latson, 100 (Fuller), 4 to 1, 1; Flaneur, 102 (D. Gilmore), 2 to 1, 2; Georgia Gardner, 106 (Helgeson), 25 to 1, 3. Time, 1:55%. Fifth race, 7 furlongs—John P ters, 122 (Gannon), 7 to 10, 1; Henry Mc) intel, 111 (O'Neil), 15 to 1, 2; Scorpio, 1; (Helgeson), 30 to 1, 3. Time, 1:03%. Sixth race, selling, 11-16 mil —Swordsman, 101 (Fuller), 7 to 5, 1; ilse Lead, 103 (H. Booker), 12 to 1, 2; Lofter, 98 (Haack), 4 to 1, 3. Time, 1:56.

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San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The weather was clear and track good. Summary:
First race, 6 furlongs, selling—Bonnie Lissak, 20 to 1, 1; Matin Bell, 5 to 2, 2; Katie Walcott, 6 to 1, 3. Time, 1:17½.
Second race, 5 furlongs, maiden 2-year-olds—Jockey Club, 10 to 1, 1; Stilicho, even, 2; Figrado, 8 to 1, 3. Time, 1:03.
Third race, 1 mile, selling—Hungarian, 5 to 1, 1; Dr. Bernays, 6 to 1, 2; All Green, 10 to 1, 2. Time, 1:44.
Fourth race, Futurity course, 2-year-olds, selling—Quatre, 8 to 1, 1; Onyx II., 15 to 1, 2; Naulahka, 8 to 1, 3. Time, 1:13¼.
Fifth race, selling, 6 furlongs—Velma Clark, 6 to 1, 1; Acarine, 8 to 5, 2; Malaspina, 7 to 2, 3. Time, 1:17¼.
Sixth race, 1½ miles—Hilowaho, 3 to 1, 1; Rio Shannon, 5 to 1, 2, Axminster, 2 to 1,

pina, 7 to 2, 3. Time, 1:1734. Sixth race, 11/2 miles—Illowaho, 3 to 1, 1; Rio Shannon, 5 to 1, 2; Axminster, 2 to 1, 3. Time, 1:53.

WHY JOCKEY REIFF WAS BARRED.

A story is in circulation purporting to give the true reason for the refusal of a license to Jockey Lester Reifi by the English racing authorities. According to the yarn it was not his ride on the horse De Lacey that got him into trouble, so much as the fact that he had a fat bank account, which he refused to explain. It is said that although Reiff had not collected a dollar in salary from W. C. Whitney, according to reports, he had allowed his fees for outside mounts to run up until there was about \$20,000 due. He had \$95,000 in the bank. The English stewards, when they called Reiff before them, asked him to explain how he got his \$95,000, but the jockey, it is declared, refused point blank to answer questions in any form. For th reason, so the story goes, Reiff could not get a license, and has been practically barred from the turf ever since, both in England and on the tracks controlled by or affiliated with the jockey clubs in America.

THE KENNEL. BRANTFORD BENCH SHOW OPEN.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 30.-The Brant Kennel Club's dog show opened this afternoon in the drill hall. There are excellent exhibits from all over Canaca.

THE RING.

GARDNER DEFEATS CARTER. Chicago, Dec. 30.—George Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., the local heavy-weight champion, won a decision over Kid Carter, of Brooklyn, in a six-round contest here last night. When time was called for the first round both men sprang for the center of the ring, and a fierce exchange of swings followed. Towards the end of the round Gardner cut a deep gash over Carter's right eye. This bothered Carter considerably during the remainder of the fight. In the second round Gardof the fight. In the second round Gard-ner cut another gash over Carter's left was covered with eye, and the latter was covered with blood when he took his corner. Carter sent in some vicious right punches to Gardner's stomach in the third round, but the latter more than evened matters near the end of the round with half a lozen upper-cuts, and sent Carter to his near the end of the round with had a dozen upper-cuts, and sent Carter to his corner staggering. During the fourth round the men fought at close quarters, and both received severe punishment, although Carter appeared to suffer the most. Gardner was bleeding from a cut over the right eye at the end of the round. After several exchanges in the fifth round, with matters about even, Gardner, on a breakaway, crossed his right to Carter's jaw. The blow sent Carter staggering back to the ropes, where he sank to his knees. He pulled himself up by the ropes, and the bell saved him from further punishment. Carter made little effort to fight during the last round, taking advantage of every clinch to hang on to Gardner until the referee separated them. Sheriff Earrett, who had orders on to Gardner until the referee speaker them. Sheriff Barrett, who had orders from the Governor's office at Springfield to stop the fight if it became brutal, was at the ringside, but apparently saw noth-ing to call for interference.

BATTLE CREEK'S BIG BLAZE

Review and Herald Printing Company Lose \$340,000-Other Fires.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 30. - The building occupied by the Review and Herald Publishing Company, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss is \$350,000, with insurance of \$150,-

Bayonne, N. J., Dec. 30 .- A fire that started late last night in plant No. 2 of the Standard Oil Company at Constable Hook, burned about five hours. Officials of the company said they could not estimate the loss.

Milverton, Ont., Dec. 30 .- Fire started this afternoon in a house occupied by Mr. Bell, but was checked before the house became completely destroy ed. The house was insured in the Economic Insurance Company, of Ber-

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30 .- Fire broke out early this morning in the Mc-Laughlin brick building on Germain street, occupied by several firms. Two firemen fell from a ladder and were hurt. The loss in the McLaughlin building was about \$40,000. The firms uffering by fire were: Brock & Paterson, fancy good and millinery; S. Locum & Farrell, produce dealers; J. A. Patterson, tailor; A. L. Spencer, musical instruments; J. J. Christie & Co., shoemakers' supplies; Harold Climo, photographer, and the Monitor



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Cruelty to Smallpox Patients.

Toledo, O., Dec. 31. - Official acknowledgment of charges of cruelty and neglect of smallpox patients at the Toledo contagious disease hospital was made yesterday when the board of police commissioners subpoenaed witnesses for the purpose of making a public investigation. It has been stated by former patients that persons suffering from smallpox were struck by nu ses and otherwise ill-treated. Charges of immorality also have been

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