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he still amazed Irene.

asked Irene.

ground."

The Countess of Landon

CHAPTER XXIV.

least one thing well took possession simile. of her.

"It is very pretty," she said, with half-sad, half-shy smile. a mischievous affection of timidity. near it?"

"Oh, yes! I should think so," said it were quiet."

"Let us see," said Madge; and she opened the gate and went into the paddock,

"Take care, dear," said Irene, as Madge slowly approached the horse. "I will be very careful," said

Madge, smiling to herself. The colt held its head up and looked at her with its pretty, gentle eyes, its ears pointed toward her curiously, and moved a little uneasily. But Madge got up to it, and speaking to it in a low, soft voice, managed to get hold of its forelock. "Take care-oh, take care, Madge!" called out Irene; and she entered the

paddock. "Don't come any nearer," said Madge. "See, there, dear; on that rail there's a bridle and a cloth. Will you give me the bridge?" "Madge!" exclaimed Irene.

"Ah, yes!" she said. "I would have done it-a week ago; before-before It was a significant speech. Madge found an exquisite little

perfectly matched white ponies and a tiny phaeton, with the smallest groom in the stable. Irene dismissed him. however. "If we can't manage these two white

mice it is a pity," she said. "Now, where shall we go? Let us see. We will go into Landon, and home across the common. We shall be home nicely to lunch." Madge was very quiet for a mile

or two, thinking of the late contreed him, all perfectly, and at last galtemps; but presently the pace of the loped him at almost racing pace round two white mice bowled along, the

the paddock, bringing him to a stand- | fresh air, and Irene's efforts, dispellstill in an instant within a yard of ed her sadness, and by the time they had reached the town her face had "Oh, Madge! what a trick to play cleared.

me!" she said, her lovely face turn- Wherever they went, she noticed Madge stopped and looked over the ed up to her with smiling reproach. that they were received with a rerailing, and a girlish desire to show "Why, you ride like-anything!" she spect so profound as to almost amount Irene that she, Madge, could do at concluded, woman-like, missing her to awe. Women along the road-side dropped a courtesy, and men touched

> Madge looked down at her with a and pulled off their hats. At a row of cottages on the out-"There is nothing wonderful in skirts of the town Irene pulled up,

"Do you think it would let us come that, Irene," she said. "You forget and the children came running out (From the Utica Observer-Dispatch). that I am-a gypsy, and that all to her, bobbing and touching their gypsies are used to horses. I think foreheads, but smiling eagerly at Irene. "John would not buy it unless I must have learned to ride bare- every word she said to them. She ask- swers Solomon Ulmer. He recentback before I could even walk. Ever ed after the cottages by their names, ly demonstrated this by an odd exsince I can remember I have played gave some of them an order on the periment

among the horses, like a young colt local grocer or butcher for tea or myself. One thing a gypsy can do, if meat, and told one or two to send up pany in Cleveland, is raising money it is the only thing-he can ride." to the Towers for port wine. "Are you sure you are quite safe?"

"As safe as if I were on the now." "Then-then gallop round once more, dear, for it was delicious, I thought I could ride-a little. Royce

always said-" faces and hear it in their voices. Does Madge let the colt go and he tore round the paddock. The exercise had like this?" brought the color into her tinted ivory

"N-o," replied Irene, hesitating. cheek; her eyes were sparkling as "You see, it is not exactly in her way. she pulled the colt up; then suddenly the color died away and her eyes be- They-well, they are rather afraid of sen the dollar back alone, and 200 came fixed with dismay and distress her. It is madame's manner, but she kept the dollar. on something behind Irene.

standing in the garden looking on. To -for instance."

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"This will be your work, you know, at random rom his local city direcdear," she said." "I shall abdicate tory. To each of these he mailed this letter ,with a \$1, bill enclosed: "You can keep this dollar if you "No, no!" said Madge. "They want to, but we hope you won't. We

would not care for a new sovereign. hope you'll send it and another one Besides, why should you? They love to me as your subcription to the you, all of them. I can see it in their fund. We believe everyone is really kind and generous. We are investink \$1,000 to prove that belief. Have we the countess visit them and treat them made a good investment. What is

your answer? Out of the 1,000 who received a letter and a dollar bill, 600 returned the dollar with at least on emore. 200

is kind at heart. She is very nice to The 200, of course, are not dishon-Irene turned. The countess was one poor woman-a pensioner of hers est as the law views such things. dollar if they preferred. But an ap-



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