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Love in the Abbey
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CHAPTER I
"MISS TOMBOY"

"Don't I?" assents Kitty, turning her bright eyes and white teeth upon him with a ready smile. "Extraordinary, isn't it? That Don—look, Mr. Ainsley, he knows I'm speaking of him—" pointing to the largest of the two colliers, who at the sound of his name puts his ears down and looks sheepish. "He is the plague of my life, and gets me into the most awful scrapes; he will come sniffing into the house after me, and yesterday he nearly threw papa down as he tumbled over him outside the library door; you know how papa dislikes dogs?"

James Ainsley nods, his eyes fixed on her face dwelling on every swiftly passing expression. "Two Sundays ago," runs on Kitty, "the awful reprobate followed me to church, he did indeed, and sat outside the pew staring at poor old Mr. Sedgwick; as I don't take much interest in the eccentrics matting down the aisle, I didn't see him; but of course, everybody else did, and the person—I beg your pardon, that's one of Cousin Regy's words, and papa says that it is vulgar—Mr. Sedgwick, I mean, stopped short in 'dearly beloved brethren' and beckoned to old Brown, the clerk, who came creaking down the aisle with a face as long as a kite. I couldn't imagine what was the matter, and expected to see Mr. Sedgwick drop in the pulpit in a faint. Fancy my horror when old Brown stopped at our pew, and, stooping down, seized poor Don by the collar. Oh, dear! I did wish at that moment that all the dogs hated me, instead of loved me."

"They can't help it!" says James, flushing at his audacity. "No, I suppose not," assents Kitty, with cheerful unconcern. "Well, of course, Don wouldn't move, but stood as if he were an iron dog screwed by the feet, and I was obliged to get up and walk out of church with that wicked dog following me like a lamb; but you have heard all this,"

she breaks off suddenly, eyeing him with that look which always overcomes him. "Of course, Mrs. Ainsley told you. I remember seeing her face, as I went out with my head hanging as low as Don's; yes, I felt ashamed of myself, I did, indeed."

James Ainsley blushes and shifts his feet uneasily; she has, and she knows that, touched upon a sore point between them. She and James are old friends, but she and James' mother—well, mothers are generally apt to regard the girls chosen by their only sons with unfavorable eyes, and to find fault with them, even when there is little excuse for fault-finding; little wonder, then, that old Mrs. Ainsley, whose one idea was "my son James," should view that idol's infatuation for Kitty Trevelyan—"that tomboy!"—with more than a fond mother's jealousy and dislike. The Ainsleys are as old a family as the Trevelyans; the Grange is an estate of some consideration even in a county celebrated for its large landowners, and "my James" might find a suitable wife among the highest in the land, et cetera, et cetera.

"My mother," says James, clearing his throat and patting Don with an affectionate of easy carelessness, "my mother did say something about it—" "I've no doubt she did," breaks in Kitty, with a mischievous laugh; "I'll be bound she gave you a most true and particular, very particular account of it. She looked more shocked than I thought it possible until then for an old lady to look. It was shocking, mind, I'll admit that; but I don't see how I could help Don's sudden exhibition of religious tendencies."

She laughs that short, sweet, bold laugh—"that horrid laugh" of hers—and James laughs, too, but neither so boldly nor so clearly. By this time they have reached the stables. They are not the elaborate equine palaces which one is accustomed to nowadays; Francis Trevelyan is a younger son, and a comparatively poor man; they are rough, almost farmlike, but, such as they are, they are in a state of perfect cleanliness and order, as sweet in their ways as Mr. Trevelyan's dressing room; there is no polished oak, nor new-fangled fittings, but it is an equine paradise notwithstanding, and Kitty is

prond of it. Here she reigns queen. Alas! "queen of a drawing-room," "queen of a ballroom," is a pretty enough title for a lady, but who ever heard of a "queen of the stables?"

With a critical expression in the beautiful brown eyes, Kitty walks across the platted straw and lays her hand—it is as white, and soft, and shapely as a child's, but strong as well, as many a hard-mouthed, self-willed pony can testify—upon the new cob.

"There he is; not very pretty to look at; but a dear, honest fellow, and as gentle, in here, as a lamb," and she draws the soft, sleek head toward her lovingly already; Kitty can learn to love a horse or a dog in three days comfortably.

"He looks very sound," says James, dubiously approaching and giving the horse that cautious pat which horses seem to instinctively scorn and dislike; "but—doesn't he shy?"

"Why, of course he shies!" says Kitty, with her short laugh. "I never knew a horse worth anything that didn't. He shies at a puddle, or a piece of paper, or a clothes basket in the road; but then pieces of paper and clothes have no business in the road, and he knows it—don't you, Jack? The first time I took him out he flew aside at a pick and spade one of the men had left in the road; but I told him that the roads must be mended, and that the men could not do it with their finger nails, and when we came back he only smiled at the spade—held, indeed! Oh, horses are so sensible—horses and dogs!"

Her lover looks at her with melancholy regret. "I believe," he says, with a sigh, that you care more for them than you do for—anything else, Miss Trevelyan."

Kitty raises her head from its soft pillow on Jack's neck, and looks the speaker full in the face. "Of course," she assents, as who should say, "who doubts it!"—"of course I do, they care for me; they pay me back tenfold for every word I say to them. What would become of me if I didn't?" and she holds both her little hands out with a comic gesture of dismay. "Who—oh, Kitty! if you had but stuck to Lindley Murray, you would say 'whom,' instead of 'who'—'who else have I got to care for,' then she remembers the Honorable Francis Trevelyan, now lying back in his cozy chair in the drawing-room, and with a sudden blush of contrition hurries on. "Of course there is papa, but—well, papa is so much older, and has so much to think of; and then, look how grateful they are; why, they pay you back tenfold for every kind word you speak to them."

"And do you think," breaks in honest James, his face flushing and showing evident signs of an approaching outbreak of perspiration, "do you think that they are the only things that are grateful for a kind word from you? Do you think that nobody cares for you but those horses and dogs? Oh, Miss Trevelyan—oh, Kitty, you know there is one else; you know—" In his eagerness and astounding attack of courage, he reaches for her hand. Kitty's quick eye sees it approaching and she gives her hand to prevent another rebellious laugh—"how could I help it?—could any one help it? I wanted to stop you, for I saw him sniffing at it, and I knew what a dear, wicked dog it is! Oh, James," with sudden gravity, "I am so sorry!"

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HINDENBURG WILL STICK.
COPENHAGEN, Nov. 14. Advice from different points in Germany are that the revolutionists are demanding the abdication of the Grand Duke and other rulers. A dispatch from Berlin says the Reichstag in Brunswick is arresting both military and military officials and sending them into prison. Field Marshal von Hindenburg has issued a statement that he has accepted the armistice and that he will remain in the Fatherland which is a heavy task. You will never be abandoned by your Field Marshal in the struggle.

PARIS, Nov. 14.
Marshal Foch will receive the surrender of the German fortresses of Metz and Strassburg in the presence of President Poincaré and Premier Clemenceau. Troops began evacuating Metz and Belgium Tuesday. The Allied forces then moved forward, the Americans advancing in the direction of Metz and Strassburg. Twenty American prisoners reached the American lines to-day. Loud explosions in various parts of the American front indicate that the Germans are destroying old shells and other ammunition in excess of the quantity they must surrender to the Allies under the armistice.

BRUSSELS PILLAGING BRUSSELS.
GHEENT, Nov. 13. Conflicting rumors as to the situation in Brussels reached this city to-day. Reports are current that the German soldiers there have revolted and are burning and pillaging the city. Belgian advance scouts are now on their way from Ghent to Brussels. Reports of the mutiny be continued by a flying column will be sent to Brussels order at the Belgian capital.

DESERTERS.
AMSTERDAM, Nov. 14. Long trains crowded with German soldiers who left the front on their initiative, have arrived in Hanover and other points in Westphalia, according to the Handelsblad.

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