

CHAPTER XVI. BETH FINDS HER PICTURE.

iceberg? He has been frozen stiffreally warm-hearted girl," said Miss Prue, with a mischievous light in her think I am wanted at the house,'

Beth now sprang to her feet and

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"Well, what if I do love Philip Walton?" she recklessly blazed forth. ished gaze. "As you say, you have read my heart, it. But do you imagine I will ever welcome and unqualified delight in

your pride and obstinacy, I know that from her seat, she was gone almost

ed voice, but too weak from the shock of his sudden appearance to make

"My Lady Beth, now and for all

CHAPTER XVIII. PHILIP WINS THE DAY.

he perplexing riddle regarding the gently looking ever since Philip's last

Where could Lady Beth have found

me to-day, did you?" Philip smilingly

Nathan shook his head, but his

"You have found what?" asked glad laugh.

"Why-why!" she began in sudden girf? I'm very glad. Give it to me, please," the gentleman returned,

"How do you know she has it?" the gentleman demanded, somewhat im-

conscious that he had played the part

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of a spy where he had no business to

"My Lady-she in der summerhouse mit herself: she look at picture und cry on it-look at it again un

"When was this?" Philip asked, with quickening pulses. "Just now-little while-

"All right, Good boy! Here!" Philip plunged into a pocket, drew forth a silver dollar, which he tossed to Nathan, and was gone; his swift

He only drew her closer.

"No, my darling, you have rashly

"But-but-" she panted as she ried to hide her blushing face from

He voluntarily released her at

future. Will you, My Lady Beth?"

aming face bespoke a gratifying sentful thought from Beth's heart.

"Philip, I'm afraid there is a great deal of the old wilful Beth still left.' she faltered meekly.

He caught her to him again with a

"She wouldn't be My Lady if there was not." he said. "And now-I've Oh, the photograph of the little got to have it straight-do you really and truly love me with all your heart

> "I always have, every moment o my life," she shyly admitted, adding with a mischievous smile: "At leas ever since the day you told me, 'my will was law."

Again his laugh rang out joyously. "Really, this situation is becoming exceedingly interesting," he observed with an appreciative sigh, "and I am beginning to find some compensation for the protracted chill I've had ever since my return to my native land. Now, dear, let us sit down and continue this thawing-out process, and then you'll have to defend yourself

down beside her. Both faces were radiant now, and they gave them-

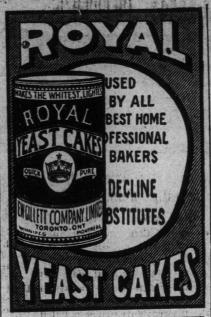
"By the way, Miss Slyboots, I wan

"What picture?" Beth demurely

"You need not try to play

pectedly, and just at the right moment farce?" demanded Beth, assuming a

"Well, I found it would be possible to catch my train. On my arrival I



istoric spot. That is how I happenbe here. Now the picture, i you please, My Lady."

Beth laughingly, yet reluctantly

"Philip, please let me destroy it." detestation of the photograph, said n

"Now, your ladyship," Philip pre

Beth looked surprised. "Why"-she began flushing bright

"Well, there is only a month lef eiore the limitation of that will e

Beth turned suddenly cold. "So you are thinking about that money are you?" she said in a con-

"I don't want it scattered by the "our winds of heaven; do you?" h questioned in a practical tone.

tatingly affirmed: "but I want it to go where it rightly belongs. Your Aunt heathen-that condition is only a threat. It simply means if you won't do as I want you to, you can't have

Beth sat silent for several mo ments. At last she said very gravely

"Philip, I do not want it, either and-I am not going to marry you to

Philip experienced an inward shock Here was another reminderr of that old-time Beth, for he realized that

she was in dead earnest. (To be Continued.)



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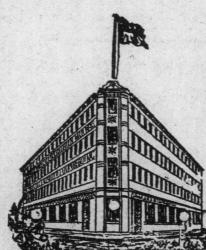
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