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Charlie had brought
them to the ladies,
otion and faithful
ness and cordiality

d been unexpected
ded gentleman at
paying a visit of a
lren, two boys and
a to be shown to,

ed, Katie? With
lous that the men
age of twenty-two

"Mr. Tufton said.
has had a dozen,
at court; for it is
will have a dowry
not give to their

laughing. "What
r remaining single
fortune?"

hem," Katie said.
mptible. I would
When I do marry,
, and not a mere

d. "Do what I
ssy to order her

laughed. "And
who will suit her

taste, though, according to your account of her, he will
find it a hard task to keep such a Xantippe in order."

Katie tossed her head.

"He'd better not try," she said saucily, "or it will be
worse for him."

Two days later Charlie's elder sister returned with her
family to her house at Sevenoaks, where Charlie prom-
ised, before long, to pay her a visit. After she had
gone, Charlie and Peters, with Katie, made a series of
excursions to all the points of interest round London,
and on these occasions Ada usually accompanied them.
The natural consequences followed. Charlie had for
years been the hero of Ada's thoughts, while Katie had
heard so frequently of Peters, that she was from the first
disposed to regard him in the most favourable light.
Before the end of two months both couples were engaged,
and as both the young officers possessed ample means,
and the ladies were heiresses, there was no obstacle to an
early union. The weddings took place a month later,
and Tim was, in the exuberance of his delight, hilariously
drunk for the first and only time during his service with
Charlie. Both gentlemen bought estates in the country,
and later took their seats in Parliament, where they vig-
orously defended their former commander, Lord Clive, in
the assaults which were made upon him.

Tim married seven or eight years after his master, and
settled down in a nice little house upon the estate.
Although henceforth he did no work whatever, he in-
sisted to the end of his life that he was still in Colonel
Marryat's service. Hossein, to the great amusement of
his master and mistress, followed Tim's example. The
pretty cook of Charlie's establishment made no objection
to his swarthy hue. Charlie built a snug cottage for
them close to the house, where they took up their resi-
dence, but Hossein, though the happy father of a large
family, continued to the end of a long life to discharge