(From the German of MARIE NATHUSIUS.)

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## A TALE FOR YOUNG GIRLS. (Continued.)

My luggage was put up and the coachman pointed me to a place on the back seat. An old grey cloak lay beside me, and a similar one only lined with plaid lay beside the coachman. I asked the man whose it was. He replied that it belonged to Count von Schaffau, the brother of Frau von Schlichten, and the one bright moonlight fell through the two by me to Vollberger, the servant, and others. If hunger and cold had not disthat we were to fetch both at the next tressed me, the solitude and quiet in this village. It was very humiliating to me peculiar and yet cosy room would have to be obliged to sit heside the servant, I done me good. But my position was infelt indignant, but in secret I was glad sufferable; yonder from the brightly il-that aunt was not obliged to see all this. luminated windows came the sound of In about half an hour we entered a sort the joyous music, and I saw the shadows of valley; a large village, Graubergen, of the dancers flying past; everything stretched along the base of bare, sandy hills, whose sides are torn here and there by quarries. At the end of the village stands the castle. Here we stopped and waited fer about a quarter of an hour, when several gentleman appeared in the Schaffau's tall figure in the moonlight. arched gateway, amongst them an old and ["Lucie?" he asked, and then he added, a young one in a travelling dress. I was surprised that the young one was Herr yet," I answered, and the tone of my von Schassau. He is tall and slender, and looks very refined,-otherwise he certainly did not impress me pleasantly. to the carriage, they bowed to me. The a lady in a heavy silk dress rustled in, a two strangers said something to me about the bad roads and weather. Count von Schassau seemed annoyed about something, he did not address me, but took the reins from the coachman, and scarcely waited for his servant to take his place and still further expressed her annoyance beside me. I had to bear it, and who at the uncomfortable condition in which knows what will follow? Many of the nobility are said to be very proud and arrogant to their governesses.

We had scarcely left the village when a fine rain began to fall, which soon grew heavier and heavier. Count von Schaffau pulled his collar up about his ears. I was afraid about my bennet. I took it off and put it under the cover, and tied a handkerchief over my head. While doing so I noticed my neighbour more particularly, and how pleased I was to see an old, friendly face, which reminded me of Jacob. He protected me from the fain, and, indeed, he was the first person who showed me any sympathy; it

did me good.

The road became worse and worse, the wheels almost sank to the axles, and we only got on step by step. Once when the carriage nearly upset I cried out. Count von Schassau looked round surprised. I took myself to task, and really became quite resigned. I was cold through and through, weary and hungry, so it would not make matters much worse to be thrown into the mud. When it was for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, six times twilight Vollberger showed me Braunsbe thrown into the mud. When it was dorf. It lies under the same ridge of dorf. It lies under the same ridge of hills, but here the slopes are planted with orchards. The castle in an ancient building with two small round towers, and surrounded by tall trees. Vollberger said that they stood in a park equal to the most beautiful wood. Meantime the rain had ceased, the clouds divided, and the recognized contract, may be seen, and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Bridgewater. Liverpool and Shelburne, or at the office of the subscriber.

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We drove into the court. One wing of the castle was brilliantly illuminated, it looked magnificent, and my courage rose. I had put my bonnet on again when I got out; I saw plainly that Herr Van Schaffau's eyes rested on it with disfavour. I must certainly take the feather off. He said a few civil, indifferent words, which I answered briefly. In the lofty Hall, Vollberger left us to fetch some one for me. Herr von Schaffau accompanied me up a flight of stairs. Servants were hurrying about, and dancemusic sounded from the inner apartments. Herr Van Schaffau said, as I thought, ironically, "those are doubtless agreeable sounds to you." I did not know what to say, the sounds are not especially agree-

DIARY OF A POOR YOUNG LADY. able to me. "You are fond of dancing?" he continued. "I have never danced," I roplied; and then it struck me that I had spoken inconsiderately, so I added-"at least only by myself, or with Adelaide." How absurd that must have sounded. Herr von Schaffau looked at me with a peculiar expression. A rather pert-looking, fair haired girl came hurrying up, and took me to my room, saying that she would see at once to light and fire. She did not come, however, and I had time to look about me. I found that I was in one of the two towers; two windows were quite overgrown with ivy, the was bright and social, only I was forgot ten and quite alone. Just then there was a light knock at the door. I said, "Come in." A gentleman stood on the threshold, and I recognized Count von surprised,-" have you no light?" "Not voice must have expressed my discomfort. He went away hurriedly, and a little while after I heard loud voices on the He was accompanied by two gentlemen corridor, the door was opened noisily, and servant carrying a chandelier following her. "There is a frightful confusion in this house," she said in a scolding voice; "neither light nor tea nor anything else to be had!" She sent the servant away she found me.

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