

elected himself to the post of my butler, and Hossein intends to be my valet and body-servant."

Immediately after their arrival Charlie had brought in his faithful followers and introduced them to the ladies, who, having often heard of their devotion and faithful services, had received them with a kindness and cordiality which had delighted them.

Lizzie, whose appearance at home had been unexpected by Charlie, for her husband was a landed gentleman at Sevenoaks, in Kent, was, it appeared, paying a visit of a week to her mother, and her three children, two boys and a little girl, were duly brought down to be shown to, and admired by, their Uncle Charles.

"And how is it you haven't married, Katie? With such a pretty face as yours it is scandalous that the men have allowed you to reach the mature age of twenty-two unmarried."

"It is the fault of the hussy herself," Mr. Tufton said. "It is not from want of offers, for she has had a dozen, and among them some of the nobility at court; for it is well known that John Tufton's niece will have a dowry such as many of the nobles could not give to their daughters."

"This is too bad, Kate," Charlie said laughing. "What excuse have you to make for yourself for remaining single with all these advantages of face and fortune?"

"Simply that I didn't like any of them," Katie said. "The beaux of the present day are contemptible. I would as soon think of marrying a wax doll. When I do marry, that is, if ever I do, it shall be a man, and not a mere tailor's dummy."

"You are pert, miss," her uncle said. "Do what I will, Charlie, I cannot teach the hussy to order her tongue."

"Katie's quite right, uncle," Charlie laughed. "And I must make it my duty to find a man who will suit her