

Lord Somerton's Ally.

"I will not hear you say such awful gage from Noel Campbell."

"No!" ejaculated the baronet, angrily; then he added, contemptuously. A begging letter, I suppose? His kind. father was a professional mendicant. and the son is doubtless the same I sto refuse him admittance."

"I think that you wrong him, papa," Pisie said. "The gentleman who called on his behalf said that it was wholly for your good."

his friends. I suppose this 'gentleman' ness. It ran in this way: you speak of was a questionable charecter of some kind—a smooth-tongued swindler, or a regular tramp!"

"Oh, no, papa," Elsie replied, flushter man than we have given him credit ing next, according to the arrange- passion.

John. "I tell you that I is a disreputable rascal."

But Mr. Ernscliffe is coming again | cerely,

replied. "And if I am not, I shall be sent to Colin Enrecliffe in reply, but said, "I do not see how we can interthe preparations for her father's voyly being organized."

CHAPTER VII.

foright spot in Elsie's future was the have to thank you on behalf of my approaching visit of Colin Ernscliffe. father for the trouble you are taking, He had promised to come to Blair- as you assure me that it is for his wood again on the following Thursday, good alone. If you can make it conand she never doubted for one moment venient, please come to Blairwood on that he would keep his word.

The time went by in very much the will perhaps be gone, as he meditates musual way, only that there were a few, traveling." more callers at the Park, for the news She sent the faithful Annette to the had gone around that Sir John was post with this, so that it should not preparing for a voyage abroad. It meet Markham's watchful eye. came as a surprise to his friends, who When the maid returned she was had heard reports of the critical state laboring under intense excitement. She

of his health. had met her sweetheart, William Mr. Vallance, the rector, was clos- Stretton, the young keeper, who had eted an hour with Sir John upon one some news of importance. occasion, and when he left there were "He would not tell me anything," levidences of strong agitation on his she concluded, "as he wishes to see you in person, madam."

He asked for Miss Sterne, and when "Where is Stretton, Annette?" Elsie Elsie appeared he greeted her with demanded. more than his usual kindness.

"I wish to see you alone," he said, "I will go to the library. Tell the "for a short while."

occupied room, and Mr. Vallance went went downstairs. What was it that to business direct.

til after his death."

of it, Mr. Vallance, I hope that it may never be opened. I hate these said, with an arch smile, "These little

observed. "I have no idea of the con- same in my girlhood days. Ah, Stret-

He did not add that he feared that asthma, and imagine that the Park is it was a shameful confession of some

taking the business of the lawyers. but I do Sir John's eccentricities. You have nothing against my taking this

upon myself, Miss Sterne?" "Oh, no," Elsie replied, gravely, "I kindly leave us alone." am glad, very glad."

For a moment Lady Helena wa dumfounded. She glanced at Miss On Tuesday morning Elsie received "Mere clap-trap. I refuse to have a letter that was not altogether a sur- Sterne, and realized that the girl had snything to do with Noel Campbell or prise, and it filled her heart with glad-

ard by Markham.

Dear Miss Sterne:-You will please "Certainly, my dear," she replied, a little stiffly; "but I do not think that but in some way I feel that I have known you a very long time. I am

ing hotly. "He is a great man, a gen- writing to remind you that I shall be haughty interruption, and her ladyius, and my cousin must be a far bet- at Elairwood Park on Thursday even- ship flounced away in a white heat of

he house, obnoxious though she was

She entered the library, and was anoved to find that her movements had een observed by Lady Helens, who

"My dear child," she began, "how ou do mope about! Why do you not o out into the sunshine, dear? There s that delightful Lord Somerton on

"I am busy, Lady Helena," Elsie re

child like you know about being busy?

Lady Helena laughed knowingly, and

derstanding, my dear. It was just the

Stretton glanced doubtfully about

"Yes, ma'am—that is, no, ma-am."

"I have sent for Stretton, Lady

Helena." Elsie said, coldly, "upon

business affecting myself. 'You will

full of poachers?"

ame bustling after her.

he veranda all alone."

for, to be favored by the friendship of ment made with you. I trust that Sir She went in search of Lord Somer-John is sufficiently improved in ton, to air her latest grievance, and ern path from Russia crossing Europe health to grant me an oudience, as his beg of him to-point out to Miss Sterne travel southwards, or a northern one "And were you foolish rough to health to grant me an audience, as his beg of him to-point out to Miss Sterne travel southwards, or a northern one believe such nonsequently ded Sir nephew, Noel Campbell, to terribly the folly of interfering with the outimpbell anxious that his companication be door servants. My lord listened and ern Europe with a tendency to spread favorably received. Yours very sin- shrugged his shoulders.

Pshaw! it is some trifling matter not ten follow the track of an epidemic by careful to tell the butler to look well she felt that it was imperative that fere with the actions of Miss Sterne at after the plate. A burglary is evident- he come on Wednesday if possible, for present. She is young and willful. Some day things may be different."

> when he had satisfied Lady Helena, He to the outbreak in Spain and not be feared that he was in view of the lib-

rary window. "Stretton!" he muttered. "I shall not forget the name. A gamekeeperan under gamekeeper. I shall mark their home at Bokhara, in Turkestan, my man, when he leaves the house, whence they spread every now and Wednesday, one day earlier, or papa and I shall not forget him. I may be again throughout the world. wrong, but I have to be cautious. I

will not be spied upon." He saw a keeper leaving the rear of the house. It was Stretton, and my lord took careful note of him.

(To be continued.)

THE WISE BEGINNER. When first



cautious gent; I took it off to roads remote, where people seldom went. I shunned the streets where speeding dudes swift careers;

bought myself a

boat I was

Stretton had to say? She could not solitudes I learned to shift the gears. Your father is making hurried pre- help feeling a little agitated and ex- Afar from towns where peelers peel, parations to go away," he said. "It pectant, and hoped that there would and coppers cop the jake, I learned to parations to go away," he said. "It pectant, and no less than the second of the clanging brake. My maiden aunts, the clanging brake. My maiden aunts, who rode behind, would sometimes weep and say, "For blitzen's sake, can you not find some traveled road today? Why do you hunt secluded lanes and through lone pastures go? Drive through the town where other wains are weaving to and fro," "Shut up," I said, in accents meek, while hitting seven knots; "day after day, week after week, I'll seek the lonesome spots. Until I have the proper skill to safely drive this dray, I'll stick to the sequestered hill, no odds what spinsters say. Till then I will not tool this van around a city block, and if you do not like my plan you'll please get out and walk. Ten thousand men are in their tombs because new drivers try to scorch around where traffic booms so thick it jars the eye. Ten thousand men have necks in splints, and havetheir legs in slings, because new drivers scorn the hints that commo eaution brings."

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