

The Romance

Marriage.

CHAPTER X.

Sir Herrick tries to snatch the reins from Stancy's fingers; but ere he can do it, Stancy pulls the horses aside.

plete safety. The landau is saved, but the coach swerves suddenly, and the next moment topples over into the

Paula's first impression is that assuredly be killed, and she closes st her, resolved to cling like a limhears in that brief moment the shrieks confused mingling of noises that

Then suddenly, possibly in the next instant, she feels an arm round her mishap—Stancy de Palmer.

to me, Paula; I will take care of gosgle-eyed wonder at the general

Herrick's handsome face above her. his hands are covered in

"Let go the rail," he says; "the plete.

thing in the tes,nshaeodms; fit taoin laughs. hold of the rail and clings to him.

Almost as if she were a baby he "No, Miss May is all right," says

grasps her round the waist, and letting himself down by the back of the seat owers her to the ground.

for the moment; then, even in the Fortunately for them all, the ditch

a dozen yards of green turf which runs parallel with the road, and on the green turf and in the ditch itself lie the unfortunate personages.

Alice and May are standing clutch ing each other and shaking their dusty dresses, Bob sits on the edge of the ditch with his hat caved in and the side of his face plastered with mud. Beside him squats Mr. Palmer eyes of horror and alarm; but first and most moving spectacle of all is the exquisite figure of the cause of the

The first to pitch off the box, alighted on his hands and now squats, "Are you hurt? Speak to me! Cling bareheaded and confused, staring with

she opens her eyes to find Sir. His light coat is split up the back; siveness. "I-I am all right," she says, rather eye-glass hangs glassless; the ruin of

coach will fall lower yet-let go! Do Something in the helpless attitude dear Rick?" as I tell you, and hold me tightly!" and dejected appearance tickles Paula There is something in the low, beyond endurance, and she leans earnest, but still calm tones, some- against the overturned coach and gentleman, with a wave of the hand.

will not brook disobedience; and with "I'm afraid I've broken every limb in accident. An accident, permit me to an accident—to the landau. Ah, my 18 and 26 years. Size 16 will require a swift, red flush, she loosens her my body! May, where are you? Oh, add, my dear Rick, which seems to me

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ro all-all right, so far as that goes," "Is nobody hurt, no limbs broken?" sks Mr. Palmer, dolefully.

"No," says Bob, "unless Stancy Then he stope and burets into a fit

"Get up, man," he says, "and shake

Stancy gets up slowly and stares lown at his wretched finery sullenly, "Oh, he's all right," says Bob.

"No." says Pania, behind her handcerchief, "laughing; don't tell them!"

Paula, following his example, sees the gentleman belonging to the landan standing behind them, and looking on the scene with something approaching a sarcastic smile, concealed under a nicely affected air of polite

He is exquisitely dressed, this genfur cloak-it is June, be it remembered -sits upon him with graceful, distinguished ease, his gloved hands hold a stick of ebony tipped with silver, and a delicate suggestion of perfume emanates from his aristocatically refined person. The face matches the flure; refinement, wit, irony, sit in the keen, grey eyes, and upon the cleariips. It might be the face of a man of fifty, or sixty, or eighty: impossible to decide; the wig is so skilfully made and naturally worn, the complexion so admirably

"Hallo!" he says. "Is it you, uncle? Where did you come from?"

The gentleman waves a gloved hand

"From the carriage, my dear Rick," he says, airily. "You, I presume, have just arrived from the ditch."

quisite calmness, the delicate irony by a charming smile that robs the question and response of any offen-

Sir Wolfert's tomb is not more com- ion and glass of form, "that the ladies have not sustained any injury, my

"I am greatly relieved," says the says, with a charming smile. "Permit slender figures. The back and front

Juggernaut in the shape of a four-inwhip, my dear Rick."

"I was not driving," says Sir Her-

rick, with a smile. "Indeed!" is the calm response, and the gloved hand raises a gold eyescan the group, now on its feet and collected on the green plot. "Indeed! I am glad to hear it. Will you introduce me to your friends, my dear

Sir Herrick turns, not with the best of grace, to Mr. Palmer-Mr. Palmer, pale and puffing, with the caved-in

court," he says. "Mr. Palmer,

A light, the faintest, most tran and he lets his eye-glass fall and

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cident, sir, can't think how it occur-

the right side of the road."

scraping the mud off his waistcoat. "I really don't know."

Bob in his straightforward fashion; "it was all Stan-our fault."

"I am relieved, greatly relieved," says the major. "I should never have way, however slight, to blame for not hurt!" and he presses the gloved

"No," says Bob; "they are all safe and sound."

"Thank Heaven!" murmurs the major, devoutly. "Rick"-turning to Sir Herrick with a polished gesturewill you do me the honour of male ing me known?" Sir Herrick nods, rather grimly, as

Paula thinks, and makes the introexecuting an elaborate bow.

"Delighted, honoured!" he mur murs, softly, "and no one hurt, not ever the coachman," smiling condesendingly at Stancy.

"I trust," says this mould of fash- "My son-Stancy de Palmer," says Mr. Palmer.

The major sees his mistake, and holds out his hand.

me to congratulate you on your excel- are plaited, and the closing is effected lent driving. None but an accomplish- at the left side of the front at ed whip could have steered clear of

piece of falsehood with unmoved countenance; but Paula is obliged to step behind the coach to conceal her smile. "Ya-s," drawls Stancy; "I was just measures about 2 yards at the foot in time."

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ne-piece dress. The closing is effected at the left side of the panel front. The sleeve shows a new style feature in the cuff shaping. This is a good model for serge with satin, velvet with faille or moire, or for any plain cloth with a trimming of braid

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