

Adelaide sent the offender off into another peal of laughter, which so enraged the young man that he resolved to be rid of his unwelcome companion. Bending over his wheel, he spurted forward, but the other, seeing his intention, immediately followed his example, and the two fairly flew over the ground for some time.

"You see, I am as hard to shake off as the old man of the sea," laughed Alf, when they dismounted at the door of their boarding-house. "I intend to keep an eye on you, my fine fellow, for the future, as we both happen to be candidates for the hand and fortune of the same fair lady. What will you bet I don't come out one ahead of you?"

"I never bet," answered Hal, stiffly, as he coolly closed the door of his private apartment almost in his companion's face.

"Like to shake me off, would you? But you *have* got it bad!" muttered the other, cynically, as he sauntered slowly down the corridors to his own room. "I have my work cut out, for there is not the least doubt that the darling Adelaide would prefer your noble self for a life-long companion, but I intend to come out ahead for all that, so look out for breakers, Mr. Delancy, your faithful heart is drifting straight upon them. Addie has a fine little dot of her own which will be well worth the