

A Terrible Tangle.

CHAPTER I.

Before the Bridal.

Elizabeth gathered her sister in her arms and drew her into cheek rest on Lilian's flushed one for an instant.

"Darling," she said, "the sun will shine just as brightly, and as pretty, whether Lord Otter- fatigue! Carry you, indeed!" shaw is here or not."

"That is what Henry was saying," Lil murmured, "but I think | Elizabeth shook her head. it is very disagreeable of him. He might have come."

ner where Miss Forsyth sat. But thing like Lil, need one?" while amusing herself by baiting the helpless, comfortable- with a laugh, Elizabeth stooped almost stagger into the room which Lil had occupied all her looking old creature who was in her arms. She looked her young life. supposed to play the part of handsomest in such a moment, chaperon at Heathcote, her ears with her small head thrown

any other one article of diet.

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were on the alert.

and Henry must not forget this the door for me, please." nor that, and would Beth be

"Of course, I know I ought to do all this myself," she said. plaintively, "but I am so tired, the room with her. She let her Beth-oh, so tired. Do carry me up to bed, Beth, there's a darling!" Mrs. Griffin turned at this.

"What next, I wonder?" she the flowers will smell just as exclaimed. "Why, Beth is just sweetly, and you will look just dropping to pieces herself with Sir Henry's face flushed.

"Give her to me," he said. But

"No, she belongs to me tonight. I shall be down direct-Sir Henry interposed here ly. Don't go, Henry, till I come with some eager words, and back. See how strong I am! Mrs. Griffin, with a shrug of her But, after all, one need not be voice that prattled on unceasshoulders, moved on to the cor- very strong to carry a gossamer ingly, and she pausd at her bed-

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back proudly, a flush on her Lilian had any amount of or- cheeks and a laugh on her lips. "You may kiss her," she said

There was only one remark in sure to put all her presents ex- the drawing room when Elizaactly as she had planned them beth had passed out with her pretty burden in her arms, and that came from the old - lady

whom Mrs. Griffin delighted to "Elizabeth has done her best to ruin Lilian," she said, half peevishly. "I am sure I don't know what next she will be doing. I believe if Lil wanted to walk on her, Elizabeth would lie

down at once and let her do it!" Mrs. Griffin followed Elizabeth up the staircase.

and answer Lilian's childlike

room door to watch Elizabeth

Mrs. Griffin's brows were con-

tracted, and her mouth wore an

"Such a gossamer thing will

bear down a stouter heart than

vours, my Beth!" she muttered

her own room, and closed the

door with a bang. It was a prim-

itive way of relieving her irri-

tation, but it answered its pur-

CHAPTER II.

In His Power.

dawn, though she had not gone

to bed till long after the rest of

the house had retired, and

though she had been thoroughly

tired out, it had been impossible

for her to sleep. It refreshed

her to plunge into her bath, slip

on an old cotton frock, and make

her way down into the dewy gar-

When she reached the hall,

Elizabeth took a basket from a

shelf, put on an old straw hat,

and drew on an old pair of gar-

For the last time she would

Only yesterday the girl ex-

make Lil a dainty breakfast.

pressed a longing for mush-

déning gloves.

Elizabeth was up with the

pose all the same.

angry, yet a painful look.

For all the girl's vaunted strength, the journey taxed her; she had to mount the stairs very, very slowly, but Mrs. Griffin such an hour. could hear her trying to laugh

is private property, and the outer gates are locked." He smiled, and showed a splen-

did set of teeth.

climbed over first and then lifted my bike afterward, and I have neither improved myself employed for that purpose.

locked gates," Elizabeth ob-

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rooms; it was a long walk to the meadow, but Elizabeth felt that this simple task would be at once a relief and joy. She slipped through the gar-

den, found a small door, and passed out of her own grounds. The exquisite beauty of the morning had the greeting of an old friend in it. She was so

used to getting up at daybreak; some of her happiest hours, those laden with thought, definite and indefinite, had all been spent by herself in the fields before the world had been awake.

She was not long in filling her basket, and only laughed when she saw how drenched her skirts were at the hem, and how the dew had wetted even her ankles, as well as her shoes.

She determined to shake aside sorrow as she turned to go back. "It is so selfish," she said to herself; "why should I cry because Lil is going to be so happy? If I did not know that Henry was fit to have so precious a gift, I might be sad, but when every hour teaches me to know him at his real worth, it is wrong to let my own sorrow at loss of her blight the joy I ought to feel at her happiness."

The clock in the stables was chiming half-past five as she reentered the orchard.

In a little while the house would be astir. As it was, the farm laborers were out at their work, but it was neither a gardener, nor a laborer, nor a servant whom Elizabeth saw strolling toward her leisurely. It was a stranger, a young man wearing white twill clothes, the trousers of which were strapped neatly around the ankle to show that he was cycling. He had a Panama hat, turned down in front to shield his eyes, and Beth had to do this and that, to Henry, "just once, and open altogether he had an attractive and smart look.

Elizabeth paused at sight of him, and she frowned. She forgot to think that she looked like herself, so great was her aston-

For half a moment they stood looking at one another, then the man spoke.

"I beg a thousand pardons," he said; "I suppose I am some thing in the nature of an intruder, but may I take your

Elizabeth held her arm to her

"Thank you," she said, cold ly. She resented this man's calmness of manner, and she was at a loss utterly to understand why he should be there at

"I am afraid you must have lost your way," she said. "This

"Yes, as I know to my cost.

"It is not customary to climb

plexion, a skin free from blemishes,



Once again he smiled. "No, I know it is not, but cir rumstances are not quite ordinary. I have been cycling from Stourchester. I left there at four o'clock this morning, and though I have taken it pretty easily, I felt I needed rest."

Elizabeth smiled very faintly. Against herself she was both interested and amused. She suggested that there was

a roadside, to which he nodded "Yes, but you see it was not only that I wished to rest comfortably, but because I had a little curiosity to see what Para-

dise is like." "Paradise?" repeated Elizabeth, wrinkling her brows.

"Yes, Eden," he said, "thethe place where happiness, and ecstasy, and radiant joy are supposed to grow on trees."

"I am afraid I don't quite un derstand you," said Elizabeth, and her tone was very cold now. "I am quite sure you don't,"

was the answer, "and so I will be more explicit. I am connected with Sir Henry Garland, who, I believe, is going to marry a charming young lady this morning, and I was told that Heathcote was the home of this charming young lady. So, on my way to Warminster, I felt impelled to pause and make acquaintance with the place, which am sure dear Henry regards as Paradise itself."

"Oh," said Elizabeth, and she looked at him. He took off his high. hat, which he had replaced, and showed a young and handsome face, with hair that curled crisply about his brow.

"My name is Ottershaw," he said; "and I say, my good girl, do you think you could get me a glass of milk?"

(To be continued.)

On Second Thought.

BY JAY E. HOUSE.

Prof. Harvey Worrall, the statstician, says three per cent of the laughter is due to amusement. The other 97 per cent is the result of attempts to be polite. The rule in a small town is that if

you see a man carrying a bottle you must make a joke about it. Now that a good many other super-

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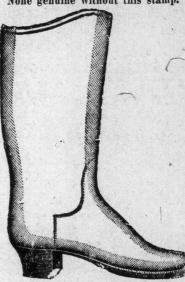
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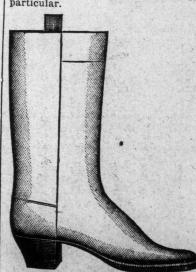


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