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There was nothing against the poor boy himself, but one doesn't like to be numbered amongst anybody's goods and chattels; "I so and so, being in sound mind, etc., etc., will and bequeath nineteen guineas for a mourning ring, my favorite pointer, Juno, and my niece, Adela Charlton, to Walter Domax, of etc., etc., provided on attaining full age, etc., etc.," Oh, it was hateful! Why could not unole Reginald have left us alone? It is

It was my birthday, as I said before, and I sunbled him unmercifully, while he, poor dear, look it so meekly, and opened his big eyes and looked so astonished and so disappointed and so hurt, that I should have been quite sorry for him, only I was not going to be made to love anybody.

I would not dance with him, at least only once, and he could walts like a cheruli: I would not talk at to him, and contingent of the source of th

riendship, our two families ware so con-

even been invited to contest the county in the Conservative interest at the last general election. I only mention this to show you how comfortable we might have been had not poor dead and gone uncle Reginald's will disturbed us from his to show the content of all luxury, and retirement into some cheap, cramped, uncomfortable cottage, with fewer hundreds to live upon than they had been spending thousands—or at least, it would have done so but for an idea which I am proud to say was mine.

Mr. Lomax was the

But for this horrid will I should have fathers would have set us up in a pretty little cottage, somewhere near at hand, with good stabling, an acre or two of gar-den, and a greenhouse and hothouse for

max my sobriquet of Queen of Spades.

Always an early riser, he was usually over at our house about eight o'clock, earning, as he said, an appetite for breakfast by an early walk; but come what time he would he was certain to find me in a neat, fresh, bright print dress, with a coquettish little hat perched upon my curls, busy with spud or trowel, scissors or knife, and ready at his departure with a bouquet of my own gathering as an offering for his breakfast table.

Did I mention Walter usually came with him?

with him?

Oh, how happy it used all to be, until that horrid will obliged me to try and forget Walter and flink of somebody else!

Still, in one respect I was not sorry.

The disaster gave me a colourable pretext for breaking off with Walter, so I felt that an not doing so I was acting as my own mistress, and not at the dictation of all to take a supply of this and "Acadian Liuiment" in the woods with that an not doing so I was acting as my own mistress, and not at the dictation of incle Reginald.

A week after the Lomaxes were settled that in the hunting-field or on the ice, at pichics or at balls, at churches or at concerts, I always had my attendant lengths, to the exclusion of Walter, who somely furnished rooms, which undeserved misfortune had thrown open to their several times.

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But when he came to assume airs of proprietorship, and actually talked of what he should permit me to do and what not when we were married, I really felt it was time to put a stop to such impertingence, and I told him that I snapped my fingers at unche Reginald's will, that I resigned all pretension to the property, as it was encumbered with Mr. Walter Lomax, and that as soon as he could find a bride, he had better go and take possession of it.

It was rather shabby of him to take me at my word, and go off that very after

and endeavoured to win my heart by graphic descriptions of surgical operations; he emigrated to South Africa afterwards, are and married a negress; but still I believe that unfortunate Walter was jealous even of him; at all events, he looked so unhappy and pleaded so piteobaly, that I was obliged to give him an extra dance. It was while we were whirling round to the ever-delicious Seldatentied that I needed to the Lomax leave the room, and ere the waltz was ended I saw him return, so as altered in face, that I scarcely knew him. With the presentiment that something the waltz was ended I saw him return, so as altered in face, that I scarcely knew him. With the presentiment that something the waltz was ended I saw him return, so as altered in face, that I scarcely knew him. With the presentiment that something towards the light, a gawky, longstemmed unflower or a flaring hollyhock. Mutilated statues, almost as green as the weeds glass-house, wall-fruit trees grown out of all knowledge and standard rose-trees crushed to the earth beneath the weight of their parasite door where his father stood.

"Walter," said Mr. Lomax, joining us, "Adela will excuse you this rome. Find your mother—let us go home at once." His manner was strange, his voice thick and indistinct, and I feared he had been seized with sudden filmes; but in reply to my questioning he only shook his head and turned away impatiently, he who was customarily so complete and abject a slave im my presence as was Walter.

We knew the truth in the morning. Walter, weary and grave, came over before breakfast, and told us that his father for breakfast, and told us that his father f

sir, this minute; and don't talk non-sense."

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My passion was and is gardening. I love flowers better than anything in the world, except dancing and flirting, and—well, yes—Walter; and it was from this taste of mine that I got from old Mr. Lomax my sobriquet of Queen of Spades.

Always an early riser, he was usually over at our house about eight o'clock, earning, as he said, an appetite for breakfast by an early walk; but come what time he demurred, but in the end gave way to the joint representations of Walter and myself, and, a few days before the public thronged the house where I had passed so many, many happy hours, to see the chair and tables, the horses, the carriages, everything endeared to us all for memory's sake, sold in lots by Messrs. Rattle and Tappitt, the well-known auctioneers, the Lomax family moved with what few comforts they had saved from the wreck to the dismal old-fashioned house on the bank of the Thames in which uncle Reginald had lived and died.

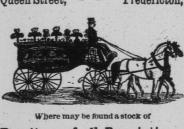
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