

### *Their Hearts' Desire*

correct proportions and a glorious disregard for consequences. And John, in an exposed position, midway the festive board, with an expanse of temptation on either side, gave Jane one fleeting thought and abandoned himself to the delights of forbidden things and a chivalrous effort to verify Her generous judgment of his accomplishments.

He tried to be near Her in the games, but she was ever flitting from place to place, and there were other admirers, perhaps a trifle less ardent, but often in the way. And so, despite persistent effort and some subterfuge, John had not been wholly satisfied with his lot.

Once, near the close of the afternoon, he spied her sitting alone in a corner and promptly sidled over and took a stand by her chair. She turned and smiled at him, and he smiled back, waiting for further developments.

She asked his name, and he told her, and