

THE LOVES LADY ARABELLA MOLLY ELLIOT SEAWELL

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SYNOPSIS

At 14 years of age Admiral Sir Peter Hawkshaw's nephew, Richard Glyn, fell deeply in love at first sight with Lady Arabella Storment, who spurned his attentions. The lad, an orphan, was given a berth as midshipman on the Ajax by his uncle, Giles Vernon, nephew of Sir Thomas Vernon, became the boy's pal. They attended a theater where Hawkshaw's nephew saw Lady Arabella. Vernon met Philip Overton, next in line for Sir Thomas Vernon's estate. They started a duel which was interrupted. Vernon, Overton and Hawkshaw's nephew found themselves attracted by pretty Lady Arabella. The Ajax in battle defeated French warships in the Mediterranean. Richard Glyn got £2,000 orize money. He was called home by Lady Hawkshaw as he was about to blow in" his earnings with Vernon.

CHAPTER IV .- Continued.

And that night I made a strange and terrible discovery. Lady Arabella was a gamester of the most desperate character, in ready money, as far as her allowance as a minor permitted, and in promises to pay, when she came into her fortune, as far as such promises would be accepted. But they were not much favored by the gentlemen and ladies who played with her; for the chances of her marrying before majority were so great, that her I O U's were not considered of much value, and found few takers, when accompanied by Lady Arabella's most brilliant smiles; for your true gamester is impervious to smiles or frowns, insensible to beauty-in short, all his faculties are concentrated on

A great mob of fine people came there was a supper, and many wax lights, and all the accessories of a fashionable rout. I wandered about, knowing no one, but observant of all. I noticed that a very clever device was hit upon by Lady Arabella and others who like high play, which Lady Hawkshaw disliked very much. The stakes were nominally very small, but in reality they were very large, shillings actually signifying pounds. All All of the people who practiced this were in one of the lower rooms, while Sir Peter, who was allowed to play sixenny whist, and those who in good faith observed Lady Hawkshaw's rishes, were in a room to themselves I must not forget to mention, among notable things at this rout, Lady Hawkshaw's turban. It was a con struction of feathers, flowers, beads and every other species of ornament. the whole capped with the celebrated tiara which had been bought from the Portuguese, and the diamond necklace beamed upon her black velvet bosom. Sir Peter seemed quite enchanted with her appearance, as she loomed a head taller than any woman in the rooms, and evidently considered her a combination of Venus and Minerva—not that the pair ceased squabbling on that acand Sir Peter was routed at every

well into her sixteenth year. I could termination to conquer her indiffer-not but acknowledge her to be a pret-ence or dislike, whichever it might be. ty slip of a girl, and we sat in a cor-ner and I told her about our bloody doings on the Ajax, until she stopped her ears and begged me to desist. regarded Daphne with condescension then; but I perceived that she was sharp of wit and nimble of tongue. much more more so than her cousin, Lady Arabella

After a while I left Daphne and went back to watch Lady Arabella. I soon saw that she was a very poor player, and lost continually; but that only whetted her appetite for the game. Presently a gentleman entered, and, walking about listlessly, although he seemed to be known to everybody present, approached me. It was Capt. Overton, as handsome, as distrait, as on the first and only time I had seen

Much to my surprise, he recognized me and came up and spoke to me making me a very handsome compli ment upon the performances of the

And is my cousin, Mr. Vernon, here to-night?" he asked, smiling.

replied I supposed not; he had re ceived no card when we had parted that morning, and I knew of none "I shall be very glad to meet him,

said Overton. "I think him a fine fellow, in spite of our disagreement. I see you are not playing." "I have no taste for play, strange

'Do not try to acquire it." he said: "it is wrong, you may depend upon it; but indulgence in it makes many be-lieve it to be right. Every time you look at a sin, it gets better looking.'

was surprised to hear sin men

and well-bred sinners as I saw around me, who never alluded to it, except officially, as it were, on Sunday, when they all declared themselves miserable sinners-for that occasion only. Overton then sauntered over toward Lady Arabella, who seemed to recognize his approach by instinct. She turned to him, her cards in her hands, and flushed deeply; he gazed at her sternly as if in reproof, and, after a slight remark or two, moved off, to her evident chagrin.

Daphne being near me then, I said to her with a forced laugh:

'What is the meaning, I beg you to tell me, of the pantomime between Lady Arabella and Capt. Overton?"

Daphne hesitated, and then said: "Capt. Overton was one of the gayest men about London until a year or two ago. Since then it is said, he has turned Methody. It is believed he goes to Mr. Wesley's meetings, although he has never been actually caught there. He lives plainly, and, some say, he gives his means to the poor; he will not go to the races any more, nor play, and he does not like to see Arabella play."

"What has he to do with Arabella?" "Nothing that I know of, except that she likes him. He does not like to see any one play now, although he gamed very high himself at one time."

I had seen no particular marks of interest on Overton's part toward Lady Arabella; but, watching her, I saw, in a very little while, the deepest sort of interest on her part toward him. She even left the card-table for him, and kept fast hold of him. I recalled the way she had striven to attract his attention at the play that night, more than two years before, and my jealous soul was illuminated with the knowledge that she was infatuated with Overton—and I was right.

Some time afterward, whom should see walking in but Giles Vernon! Hawkshaw received him most graciously. I went up to him and "How came you here?

"Did you think, Dicky, that I meant to let you keep up a close blockade of the lovely Arabella? No, indeed? I got a card at seven o'clock this even-ing, by working all day for it, and I mean to reconnoiter the ground as

I thought when he saw Lady Arabella with Overton that even Giles Vernon's assurance would scarcely be equal to accosting her. He marched



I Could Not But Acknowledge Her to Be a Pretty Slip of a Girl.

himself up with all the coolness in the world, claiming kinship boldly with Overton, who couldn't forbear smiling, and immediately began to try for favor in Arabella's eyes

But here I saw what I never did before or since with Giles Vernon-a woman who was utterly indifferent to count. I think they disagreed vio-lently on every detail of the party, him. She scarcely noticed him at first, and, when he would not be rebuffed, was so saucy to him that I wondered Among those who did not play was he stood for it for a minute. But Daphne, then quite as tall as I and stand it he did, with the evident de-

> Overton seized the excuse of Giles' approach to escape, and left the house. which did not cause Lady Arabella to like Giles any better. She returned to the card-table, Giles with her, and, by the exercise of the most exquisite ingenuity, he managed to lose some money to her, which somewhat restored her good humor.

At last the rout was over, and soon after midnight all had gone. I was shown to a bedroom, with only a partition wall between me and Sir Peter and Lady Hawkshaw; so I had the and Lady Hawkshaw; so I had the benefit of the nightly lecture Lady Hawkshaw gave Sir Peter, with the most unfailing regularity. On this particular night, they came nearer agreeing than usual, both of them dis-cussing anxiously Lady Arabella's marked fondness for play. And Lady Hawkshaw told of a late escapade of Lady Arabella's in which a certain ace of clubs was played by her; the said ace of clubs being fashioned out of black court-plaster and white cardboard. When detected, Lady Arabella professed to think the whole thing joke, but as her adversary at the time was a very old lady whose eyesight was notoriously de-fective, it took all of Lady Ara-bella's wit and youth to carry it off successfully, which, however, she did. As for her trinkets, Lady Arabella was always buying them, and always taking a distaste to them, so she alleged, and Lady Hawkshaw suspected they took the place of shillings at the card-table. Sir Peter groaned at this and remarked that the earl, her father, was the worst gamester he knew, except her grandfather. I do not remember any more. I tried to

but every word was distinctly audible to me, until, at this point, I fell asleep and dreamed that Lady Hawkshaw was appointed to command the Ajax and I was to report on board next day

CHAPTER V.

I spent several weeks in Sir Peter' house and strange weeks they were in many respects. I never had the least complaint to make of the kindness o Peter or Lady Hawkshaw, except that Lady Hawkshaw insisted on investing my money, all except ten pounds she gave me, charging me to be careful with it; but Sir secretly lent me a considerable sum to be repaid at my majority.

Sir Peter was actively at war with all the women-folk in the household, from his lady down, except little Daph He assumed to conduct every thing in a large town house in Berkely Square exactly as if he were on the Ajax, 74. He desired to have the lazy London servants called promptly at two bells, five o'clock in the morning, and to put them to holystoning squilgeeing, and swabbing off the decks, as he called it. Of course the servants rebelled, and Sir Peter de nounced them as mutineers, and would have dearly liked to put them all in double irons. He divided the scullions and chambermaids into watches, and when they laughed in his face, threatened them with the articles of war He wished everything in the house stowed away in the last compass pos sible, and when Lady Hawkshaw had her routs, Sir Peter, watch in hand, superintended the removal of the furniture from the reception rooms, which he called clearing for action, and discharged any servant who was not smart at his duty. He had a room, which he called his study, fitted up with all the odds and ends he had collected during 40 years in the navy, and here he held what might be called drum-head court-martials, and dis-rated the domestic staff, fined them, swore at them, and bitterly regretted that the land law did not admit of any proper discipline whatever. It may be imagined what a scene of

discord this created, although Sir Peter was of so kind and generous a nature that the servants took more from him than from most masters, and, indeed, rather diverted them selves with his fines and punishments and, when dismissed, declined to leave his service, much to his wrath and chagrin. The acme was reached when he attempted to put the cook in the brig, as he called a dank cellar which he determined to utilize for mutineers as on board ship. The cook, a huge creature three times as big as Sir Peter, boarded him in his own particular den, and, brandishing a rolling-pin that was quite as dangerous as a cut lass, announced that she would no longer submit to be governed by articles of war, as administered by Sir Peter. She was sustained by a vociferous chorus of housemaids and kitchen girls who flocked behind her, the men rather choosing to remain in the background and grinning. Sad to say, Admiral Sir Peter Hawkshaw, C. B., was conquered by the virage with the rolling-pin, and was forced to surrender to the mutineers, which he did with a very bad grace. At that juncture Lady Hawkshaw hove in sight, and, bearing down upon the company from below stairs, dispersed them all with one wave of her hand. Sir Peter complained bitterly, and Lady Hawkshaw promised to bring them to summary punishment. But she warned Sir Peter that his methods were becoming as intolerable to her as to the rest of the family, and Sir Peter, after a round or two for the honor of his flag, hauled down his colors. This became especially necessary, as his retirement was at hand, consequent more upon an obstinate rheumatism that fixed itself upon him than his age. There was doubt whether he would get the K. C. B., which he certainly well deserved, on his retirement; there was some sort of hitch about it, although, after the capture of the two French ships, had been promoted to the office of admiral. Lady Hawkshaw, however, went down to the admiralty in a coach with six horses and three footmen and four outriders, and, marching in upon the first lord, opened fire on him, with the result that Sir Peter was gazetted K. C. B. the very next week. Little Daphne, who had always sub-

mitted to Sir Peter's whims, did so more than ever after he had been vanquished by the cook; and Sir Peter swore, twenty times a week, that Daphne had the stuff in her to make sea officer of the first order. (TO BE CONTINUED)

SHREWD SCHEME OF MOTHER.

No Roseate Postcard Without Thorn of Suggestion.

Harold's mother-we'll call him Harold—went abroad a month ago, leaving Harold under the somewhat unsubstantial control of his elder sis-

In spite of the itemized directions with which even unto the moment of final leavetaking she had not ceased bombard him, Harold's was far from sure that her efforts

Her voyage was more or less dis turbed by these doubts, but before she landed on the other side she had de termined on a course of action. Like all small boys. Harold is most covetous of picture postcards and had looked forward to a harvest from his mother's trip.

He got it.

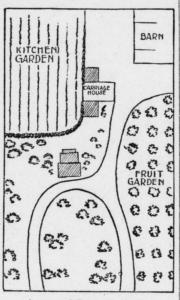
Every day she sent at least one And, whatever else it bore in card. the way of inscription, there was not one which failed of this introduction: I was surprised to hear sin men not remember any more. I tried to tioned in the society of such elegant avoid hearing what they were saying, brush your teeth."



ARTISTIC PLAN OF HOMESTEAD

Keep the Place Beautiful by Setting Out Shrubs, Trees and

In the adornment of a farm homby the planting of shrubs and trees little expense need be incurred. labor of preparing a lawn or grading a driveway can be done by the farme



Layout of Farmer's Home.

himself, and \$10 or \$20 will buy all the ornamental trees required from the nursery.

It is to be borne in mind that trees grow handsomer each year and will past the cost of living has been stead-add hundreds of dollars to the value ily increasing in the United States, of the home. Notice the place the and this wide difference in production man of means picks out when he goes look for a country home. doesn't drive up to some tumble-down farmstead with the trees neglected and half dead. Of course not. He tries to buy a place with beautiful shrubs, trees and lawns. If our farms were more beautiful the boys and the girls wouldn't be so anxious to leave

POULTRY AND DAIRY NEGLECT

Two Branches of Agriculture Being Overlooked That Pay Good Profits to the Farmer.

There are two branches of agricul ture which pay larger than any others for the investments in them in the central western states that are the most neglected. We refer to the dairy and poultry industries, says the Indiana Farmer. It is true that in a way they are both pursued on the farm, but back in the years when but ter sold for 6 and 7 cents a pound chickens \$1 a dozen and eggs at a and 6 cents per dozen the men or the farm tabooed them and thought these industries were too triffing, and they have never gotten over is a good illustration of the force of early habits, for it sticks to most farmers yet, though dairying and poultry demands have quadrupled prices in many respects. The ancient cows which made but two or pounds of butter a week and the dung hill chicks that were in the same scant class probably had something to do with forming this habit; now that we have passed these things by, isn't it time to take notice more generally and to give the most prof itable industries of the farm greater and more methodical attention?

It is also to be said of the dairy in dustry that it is one of the greatest factors in keeping up soil fertility. Experience has shown that where dairying is followed as a leading fea statement that Canada was bound to ture of the farm the average yield of become "John Bull's Bread Basket." corn and other crops is decidedly in creased. Corn and corn sile a are leading features in the indu. by this method the greater produc tions of the farm are returned to the soil to enrich it. Rotating corn and clover, both of which are required in dairying, insures the nitrogen and humus so essential in the soil. Clover or alfalfa, where it can be grown along with corn and corn silage, make a good ration for cows and make good rotations. With these farm crops but little bran and cotton seed meal are needed in dairy feeding to make a balanced ration.

Succession of Planting in Garden. For the vegetable garden a supply f seed should be kept on hand through the summer for a succession of planting of the quick-maturing plants. Lettuce and radishes soon go and their rows should immediately be filled either with some other quick maturing plants or with some that mature late in the season. Tomatoes and peppers can easily follow lettuce and radishes, and late sweet corn car follow early beans. Late celery does well on early potato ground if it is

fertile enough and moist enough.

Garden soil is highly fertile and car stand constant cropping. There is no need of its resting and no excuse for its lying idle and growing up to Keeping every row and every square foot of the garden soil planted with some useful plants and under the highest cultivation will not only keep down weeds but will conserve soil moisture and liberate plant foods The good gardener may be known by the large per cent. of useful plants

DOLLAR WHEAT HAS COME TO STAY

IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS CEN TRAL CANADA WILL BE CALLED UPON TO SUPPLY THE UNITED STATES.

A couple of years ago, when the announcement was made in these columns that "dollar wheat" had come to stay, and that the time was not far distant when the central provinces of Canada-Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta-would be called upon to supply a large part of the wheat consumption in the United States, there were many who laughed at the predic tions and ridiculed the idea of wheat reaching the dollar point and staying there. Both of these predictions have come to pass. Dollar wheat is here and it is not only here, but is here to stay; and at the same time, whatever unpleasant sensations it may arouse in the super-sensitive American, Central Canada is already being called upon to help keep up the bread supply, and within the next five years will, as James J. Hill says, literally "become the bread-basket of our in creasing millions."

There are few men in the United States better acquainted with the wheat situation than Mr. Hill, and there are few men, if any, who are inclined to be more conservative in their expressed views. Yet it was this greatest of the world's railroad men who said a few days ago that "the price of wheat will never be substantially lower than it is today"—and when it is taken into consideration that at that time wheat had soared to \$1.20, well above the dollar mark, the statement is peculiarly significant, and doubly significant is the fact that in this country the population is increased at the ratio of 65 per cent., while the yield of wheat and other products is increasing at the rate of

This difference must be supplied by the vast and fertile grain regions of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. There is now absolutely no doubt of this. Even the press of the country concedes the fact. Results have shown that no other country in the world can ever hope to equal those provinces as wheat producers, and that no other country can produce as hard or as good wheat. Said a great grain man recently, "If United States wheat main-tains the dollar mark, Canada wheat will be well above a dollar a bushel. for in every way it is superior to our home-grown grain." With these facts steadily impinging

their truth upon our rapidly growing population, it is interesting to note just what possibilities as a "wheat grower" our Northern neighbor possesses. While the United States will never surrender her prestige in any manufacturing or commercial line shows the surrender her prestige in any manufacturing or commercial line, she must very soon acknowledge, and with as much grace as she can, that she is bound to be beaten as a grain pro-ducer. It must be conceded that a great deal of the actual truth about the richness of Canada's grain producing area has been "kept out of sight," as Mr. Hill says, by the strenuous efforts of our newspapers and magazines to stem the exodus of our best American farmers into those regions. It is a fact that up to the present time, although Canada has already achieved the front rank in the world's grain producers, the fertile prairies of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have as yet scarcely been scratched. Millions of acres, free for the taking, still await our American farmers; and when these millions are gone there are other millions in regions not yet opened up to immigration. A few years ago the writer, who has been through those wheat prov-inces several times, laughed with others of our people at the broad statement that Canada was bound to Now, after a last trip (and though he is a stanch American) he frankly helieves that not only will Canada become John Bull's bread-basket, but it will within the next decade at least BECOME THE BREAD-BASKET OF THE UNITED STATES. Perhaps this may be a hard truth for Americans to swallow, but it is a truth, nevertheless. And it is at least a partial compensation to know that hundreds of thousands of our farmers are profiting by the fact by becoming producers in this new country. The papers of this country have nat

urally made the most of the brief period of depression which swept over Canada, but now there is not a sign of it left from Winnipeg to the coast Never have the three great wheat rais ing provinces been more prosperous Capital is coming into the country from all quarters, taking the form of cash for investment, industrial concerns seeking locations, and, best of all, substantial and sturdy immigrants come to help populate the prairies Towns are booming; scores of new elevators are springing up: railroads are sending out their branch lines in all directions: thousands of prosperous farmers are leaving their prairie shelters for new and modern homes-"built by wheat:" everywhere is a growing happiness and contentmenthappiness and contentment built by wheat-the "dollar wheat," which has come to stay. Notwithstanding this, the Canadian Government is still give ing away its homesteads and selling pre-emptions at \$3.00 an acre, and the Railway and Land Companies are disposing of their lands at what may be considered nominal figures.



DIPCY

Drather Sitdown-Dat's a mighty short stub yer smokin', Dusty

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