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BOB'S LAST RACE.

On a bright autumn day two young
people, fair to look upon and well
mated, being none other than Mr.
Robert Lovell and Miss Edith May,
who in a moment of ecstasy had pro-
mised eternal fidelity each unto the
other, were walking on a smooth
country road at an hour in the middle
of the afternoon.

There was a deep subject between
them, for they talked earnestly and
voluntarily. She seemed to be pleading
and begging, and he explaining and
arguing. They walked on and on,
mile after mile, and the light began
to fail and the shadows to lengthen.

She had her arm and they were deep-
ly interested, therefore they did not
notice their surroundings.

They came to a huge white fence,
ten feet high and extending either
way for a long distance. Opposite
to them was a grating gate which could
be pushed up or pulled down as was
required. Within the gate was to be
seen a vast elliptical space and a series
of high seats.

The two walkers suddenly stopped.

"Here we are at the terrible race-
course!" said Miss Edith.

"Yes, here we are," responded the
other, with a touch of suspense in his
tone. "I did not mean to come hither
I am sure. It was pure accident; that
is unless you meant to bring me here,"
he added, looking at his com-
panion with a smile.

"No, no, Bob," replied she sadly;
"I am doing my very best to lead you
away from it, and I could not consis-
tently wish you to look at it again."

"Do you really hate and fear it so
much?" asked he.

She clasped her hands upon her arm
and raised her face to his. He looked
at her. In the dim light he beheld
her paleness, her tears, and her trem-
bling lips.

He reflected. He considered. He
could not give it up as he would have
relinquished any evil habit, for there
were other interests than his bound
up in the act. Still he loved the girl
too deeply not to promise something.
He rapidly ran over in his mind what
he might sacrifice.

"I cannot leave it off all at once,
Edith."

"Oh, Bob,"

"No. Listen. There are six horses
entered for the race, and my 'Eclipse'
is one of them. She is the favorite,
and all the betting men in all the
cities in the country have made bets
upon her, or against her, and if I
should withdraw her my life would
be in danger, and my reputation would
suffer even with the most upright
men. I love my horses devotedly,
but I would quit them all if you only
breathed a wish that I should. True,
you do not. You wish me to give
up racing them for money. Edith,
I'll do it. But I must run my horse
to-morrow; and if I win I will quit
the turf after the race and sell
every horse but those we shall want
for ourselves and for our own use."

"If you win? Suppose you do
not?"

"Tell me, Bob—suppose you don't
win, suppose 'Eclipse' comes in third
or last?"

"Of course, miss."

"If he should disoblige me?"

"Why, if he dared to do that, miss,"
said the pretty beauty, "I'd give him
such a wounding that he'd never get
over it. Disoblige my mistress! I'd
like to see him!"

She shut up both her fists and looked
dreadful.

Miss Edith laughed.

"Now, Polly, I want you to put on
your hat, go directly to him and tell
him I wish to see him instantly, and
when you are on your way back you
may tell him what you have just told
me."

Polly disappeared while the resolute
Miss Edith partook of supper—for
even the most spiritual and delightful
of her set must eat.

By the time she had completed her
repast the pretty maid had returned.
She was directed to bring her lover
into a small sewing-room adjoining
the sitting-room.

The girl started, but obeyed.

The groom, not an ill-looking fellow,
came in. He bowed and turned scar-
let.

Miss Edith proceeded to business
cleverly. She put a series of sharp
questions, such as you notice women
always do when they take matters
into their own hands.

"Is Mr. Robert Lovell's horse in
the club stables in the racetrack?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Are persons admitted to the
stables as they please to go?"

"Bless you no, ma'am! If they was,
half the horses would be maimed by
the roughs of the course, so as to make
'em lame on the day of the race—that
wouldn't do."

"But the grooms sleep a little, es-
pecially in the night-time, don't they?"

"Why—why—I dunno. We have
to work precious hard, miss. We
have to exercise the horses, and speed
'em, and groom 'em like babies.
Taint surprising if we should drop
off now and then."

"Oh, no; I would if I were you.
Tell me whose horse is favorite for
to-morrow?"

"Mr. Robert Lovell's 'Eclipse,'
ma'am."

Thus did the anti-racing Miss Edith
become an aide of horse-racing.

Not a movement of the horse
escaped her eye. She became accus-
tomed to the dim light and could see
very clearly.

Eleven o'clock passed, then twelve,
then one; still Miss Edith gazed out
with unwearied eye. She was not
apprehensive; she was only persistent.

Then two o'clock. Still the stable
was undisturbed. The lantern shed
down its uncertain ray, and still the
horses breathed loudly and now and
then kicked at their stalls.

Suddenly, at about half-past two,
two men seemed to rise up out of the
darkness like shadows. Miss Edith
was wide awake. They cautiously
approached "Eclipse," who was
standing up. They soothed her in
whispers. Then presently one stooped
down and gently lifted into his lap
one of her hind feet. What Miss Edith
saw was developed on the next day.

At ten in the morning the report
ran round the town that "Eclipse,"
was lame!

Mr. Bob, white as a sheet, ran to
the stables. The groom had told
Polly; Polly had in turn told her mis-
tress, who was nervous and agitated.

She called her phaeton and drove
at once to the stables.

There was a crowd of men rushing
lither and thither, furious with anger
and violently denouncing Mr. Robert
Lovell, who was accused of rascality.

Miss Edith demanded to see the
horse.

They led "Eclipse" up before her.
The splendid, intelligent animal
seemed to look imploringly at her;
and he held one trembling hind foot
just off the ground.

Miss Edith whispered to Bob, who
was standing by:

"Can't you find out the cause,
Bob?"

"No," said he; "we have looked
in vain. It must be that she snapped
some of the small muscles of her leg.
I shall have to withdraw her. I sup-
pose you know what that means,
Edith."

She laughed and then quickly be-
came serious and angry. She spoke
to the groom.

"Take a knife, lift up the horse's
lame foot and you will find a fine bit
of silk thread tied tight about—about
—well, the ankle I suppose."

The groom darted to the horse and
did as he was told.

A furious cry burst