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LOD'S LAST BACE.

. On a bright autunm 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 promised 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 volubly. She seemed to be pleading and bogging, and he explaining and erguing, They walked on and on, mile after mile, and the light began to fail and the shadows to lengthen She had his arm and they were deeply 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 grated 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 racecourse !" suid Miss Edith.

"Yes, here we are," responded the other, with a touch of suspense in his tone. "I did not mean to come hither 1 am sure. It was pure accident; that is unless you meant to bring me here," he added, looking at his com-Jennon with a smile.

"No, no, Bob," replied she sadly; "I am doing my very best to lead you eway from it, and I could not consistently wish you to look at it again." "Do you really hate and fear it so much ?" asked he.

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

He reflected. He considered. He could not give it up as he would have relinquished any evil habits, 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 te might sacrifice.

"I cannot leave it off alf 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 I love my horses devotedly, men. 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, +'ll do it. But I must run my horse ; and if I win I will guit the turf after the race and sell every horse but those we shall want tor ourselves and for our own use." "If you win? Suppose you do not ?

"Of course, miss." " If he should disablige me ?" "Why, if he dared to do that, miss," said the pert beauty, " I'd give bins such a wigging that he'd never get over it. Disoblige my mistress 1 I'd like to see him !"

She shut up both her fists and looked dreadful.

" 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 ture.

Polly disappeared while the resolute Miss Edith partook of supper-tor, even the most spiritual and delightful of her sex must eat. By the time she had completed her

repast the protty maid had returned. She was directed to bring her lover into a small sewing-room adjoining the sitting-room. The girl stared, but obeyed. The groom, notan 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 siways do when they take matters

into their own hauds. -" Is Mr. Robert Lovell's horse in the club stables in the racecourse ?" "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, especially in the night-time, don't they ?" " Why-why-I danno'. We have to work precious hard, miss. We have to exercise the horses, and speed em, and groom 'em like babies. 'Tain't 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 "JOO TARMOT "Mr. Robert Lovell's 'Eclipse,"

"Whose is scond favorite ?" " Mr. Lawrence Black's 'Tele-

" Lawrence Black !" Miss Edith knew the name well

He was an oldish man of good family, great reputed wealth, but also a man of violent passions and evil character. He was handsome, but a Mephistophiles. He had once shown some regard for Miss Edita, but that young person placed a blight on blin so quickly that he had an opportunity to hate her before he could love her.

Therefore she heard that he was to be a vival of her lover's with little favor-nay, with setual distrust. She thought for a moment.

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

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Not a movement, of the horse escaped her eve. She became accustomed 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. Sheywas 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 cautionsly approached "Eclipse," who was standing up. They soothed her in whispers. Then presently one stooped. down and gently lifted into his lap oue 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 lamed.

Mr. Bob, white as a sheet, ran to the stables. The groom had told Polly ; Polly had in turn told her mistress, who was nervous and agitated. She called her pinaeton and drove at once to the stables.

There was a crowd of men rushing Lither and thither, furlous 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 second 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 valu. It must be that she snapped some of the small muscles of her leg. I shall have to withdraw her. I satspose you know what that means, Edith."

She laughed and then quickly became 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 from the as-

sembled men. "Who did it, miss ? Who did it ?"

"I cannot tell you," she replied, calmly. "I know the gentleman, and yoa will also know him when he is safe out of the country. He belongs to your association, and I saw the act done in the stable at half-past two this morning. The gentleman will resign his membership within forty-eight hours."

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Talleyrand advanced - confessed to C that he was a fugitive- and that, any shad der the impression that the gentleman and it before him was an American, he soheited his kind and fooling offices, A He poured forth his history in cloquent French and broken Englishous and

"Lam a wanderer-an exile I am wall forced to fly to the New World, withsan 2 out a friend or hope. You are an and American. Give me, then, Illescech you, a letter, that I may be able to go oarn my bread. I am willing to toil. in any manner-the seenes in Paris. have filled me with such boefor, that and a life of labor would be a paralise to stor a career of luxury in Emnan. You on an will give me a letter to one of your said friends. A gentleman like you hus, doubtless, many friends."

The strange gentleman rose. With a look that Talleyrand never forgot, he retreated towards the door of the next chamber, his head still downcast, his eyes still looking from behind his darkened brow. He spoke as he retreated backwards, and his voice was full of meaning:

"I am the only man in the New World who can raise his hand to God and say :

"I have not a single friend, not one, in all America. Talleyrand never forgot the over-

whelming sadness of the look which accompanied these words.

"Who are you?" he cried, as the strange man retreated fowards the next door. "Your name ?"

"My name," said he, with a smile, which had more of mockery than of tarb joy in its convulsive expression, "is Benedict Arnold."

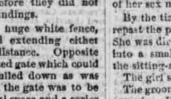
He was gone. Talleyrand sank in the chair gasping the words: "Arnold the traitor."

Thus he wandered over the earthanother Calu, with the murderer's mark on his brow. The last twenty years of his life are covered with a cloud, from whose darkness but a few gleams of light flash out upon the page of history. anon stand add to and

185W (19-1 Dignity en Deshabille.

Chateaubriand loved to patrouize, and was one of the carliest admirers of Victor Hugo. He sent for the poet while quite a boy, to see him and paid him a very high compliment on some passages of an ode which he had writ-The youth was rather frightten. ened by his pompous and haughty manuer. However, on one visit that M. Hugo paid him, this feeling was somewhat modified, for as they were sitting together, a servant opened the door and brought in an immense bucket of water. Chateaubriand loosened. cravat, and began taking ou his green morocco slippers. Young Hugo, naturally rose to take his leave, probably deeming that no hint could be stronger than this. It was not, however, meant for a hint at all. for the great man would not let him go, but went on undressing as if no one were present. He removed his grey swanskin pantaloons, his shirt, his flannel waistcoat. (Freuch descriptions, it will be observed, are partisl to detail), and got into the big tub, where he was washed by his servant. After being dried and dressed, he cleaved his teeth, which were notably beautiful, and for the care of which he kept a whole case of deutist's instruments. After this little episodo was over, Chatcaubriand, greatly revived by his splashing about in the water, began a most animated conversation, interrupting it occasionally to give his teeth another touch with the brush, After this, Victor Hugo did not look upon Chatcanbriand's haughty diguity with so much fear .----London Society.

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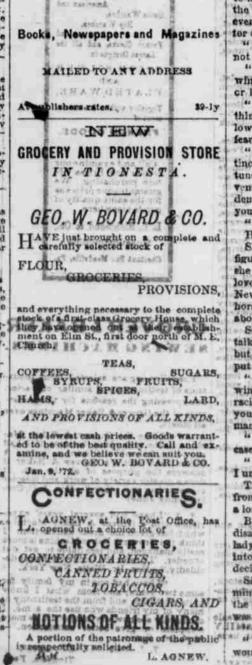
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"Tell me, Bob-suppose you don't win, suppose " Eclipse' comes in third or last ?"

"I caunot bear to dream of such a thing," responded he, in such a hollow voice that she started a little; "1 fear it would rain me."

"Bob," said sho, earnestly and distinetly, "have you ticked your fortune upon this one race-upon this venture, in which the smallest accident may destroy your chances and you 20

" Yes." said Bob.

He hourg his head.

She said no more. Her sleader figure shivered with agitation, but she wheeled about and walked her lover straight toward home again. Never a word crossed his lips about horses and racing until they were about to part.

She spoke of other things, and talked even pleasantly and cheerfully; but when they came to her door sho put her arms about his neck.

" Bob," said she, " you say if you win to-morrow you will leave horseracing for ever, and you also say if you do not win you will be a ruined man! Is that it ?"

" Yes," said Bob, " I fear that is the CO.80.12

"Very well," replied she; "now I understand. Good-night, Bob." They said good-night as lovers have from time immemorial, and were a long time about it, as all lovers are.

But no sooner had the young man disappeared from sight than the young lady-developed from an elogant girl into a creature of great energy and decision.

Size astonished her maid-a pretty minx-by asking her very suddenly if the groom of the meecourse stables

was not a lover of hers. I MARY. yes, Miss Ellith. ? : " "Well, now, if he would oblige mo would you feel greatly gratified ?"

NO WHITE

" Has he got much money depending on this race?" "Yes, ma'am. So I'm told least wise. He thinks his horse is better

than ' Eclipse.' " " Does to ?"

Then she thought for a moment more.

"Now I'm going to ask a favor of yon."

He cost a glance at Polly, who secretly shook her head menacingly at

him I want to be admitted to the stable and to be hidden there where I cau watch ' Eclipse' all night long, and I want you to manage t get me in and cat without being seen." A I T The groom gasped :

" What, mahm ?" She repeated it. Secold Secold

Then she gove him some money. Polly giared at him. He came to his senses, and in a few moments he began to think of it seriously. He began to make plans, and after a sore pussle he assouted, after another dose of money.

This seemed to be a rather barumscaram idea for a young lady to possess, but you only get one to love you and she will become a giant of daring, invention and action.

At ten, Miss Edith, habited in a thick shawl and wraps, secretly emerged from her house and wended her way to the long and lofty stables alone. As she approached, a small door opened before her and she entered quietly.

It was dark in spite of a lantern hung from the celling, and there was a loud turnult of stamping hoofs and Loavy breathing of the horses.

The groom showed her a grain closet ; he pointed to it ; she opened ft. He showed her a ventilator in the door and poluted to a horse exactly opposite and whispered " Eclipse."

She comprehended, and stepped within the closet and shut the door.

She peered out of the ventilator and began her vigil over the beautiful animal who was of so much importance to ber stid here.

This was all. She would not say another word.

"Come, Bob, get in with me and we will drive home at once."

"No, I must sfay," replied Bob. "You have saved me thus tar, Edith, now I will look after . Eclipse' until the race is over."

"Eclipse" won three straight heats without a balk or break, That night Bob left the club,

Men stared. Could it have been Bob who famed "Eclipse ?" Then the secretary read the resig-

nation of Mr. Lawrence Black. Everybody hissed and ran to take Bob by the hand.

He has quitted horses now, and is devoted to training children.

Talleyrand and Arnold.

There was a day when Talleyrand arrived in Havre, hot foot from Paris. It was the darkest hour of the French Revolution. Pursued by the reign of terror, stripped of every vestige of power and property, he secured a passage to America in a ship about to sail. He was going a wanderer to a strange Lind to earn his bread and labor.

"Is there an American staying at your hotel ?" he asked the landlord of the hotel. "I am bound across the water, and would like a letter to a person of influence in the New World." The landlord hesitated a moment,

and then replied;

"There is a gentleman up stairs who is either an American or an Englishman, but which I cannot tell."

He pointed the way, and Talleyrand, who in life was bishop, prince and prime minister, ascended the stairs, A miserable supplicant he stood at the stranger's door-knocked and entered.

In the far corner of a dimly-lighted room sat a man of some-filty years, his arms folded; and itis head bowed on his breast. From a window direct-ly opposite, a flood of light poured over his forchead. It's eyes gazed into Talleyrand's face from beneath

The celebrated Henderson, the actor, was seldon known to be in a passion. When at Oxford he was one day debating with a fellow student, who, not keeping his temper, throw a glass of wine in his face. Mr. Henderson took out his handkerchief, wiped his face, and coolly said : "That sir, was a digression ; now for the argument."

It is related of Lessing that he was occ-stonally so absent-ninded that once he knocked at his own door, when the servant, not recognizing his master, looked out of the winnow and said, "The Professor is not at home." "Oh! very well," replied Leading, composedly walking away, "I will call again."

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