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# **Fashion Cavalier**

The Knight of the Golden Helmer rode briskly down the lane. His sword made a pleasant clanking in the rusty scabbard, which it was never intended to fit; his eyes sparkled; his plumes waved bravely in the breeze.

The general get-up of the gentleman of the sureste hendplece was a trifle startling. Upon his head was a basket, the handle beneath his chin and its bottom (or rather top in its present position) decorated with the tall-feath ers of an Incautious rooster; about his waist was a red sush stuck full of wooden dirks; from the left side of this sash half hung, half dragged the naval sword in the old cavalry scab-

A rake handle answered the purpose of a lance and bore as its pennon a fluttering, three-cornered piece of red fannel; upon the knight's fat, chubby legs were fastened pieces of zinc, evidently intended for greaves. The steed he bestrode was a crooked piece of apple limb, with a bit of twine about one end of it for reins.

It is probably quite as needless to cite that, now the literature had been absorbed, he thirsted for deeds of valor. Hence the ride down the lane, and hence the whoops. But very unfor-tunately it seemed to be an off day for

He had just splashed through the muddy pool where the cattle drank each evening, and was cantering blithely past the birches beyond, when be saw a young man approaching—a young man in fiannels, very tail and atraight, pleasant faced, too, although just now the forehead was wrinkled in a frown and the firm law was set In determination. The young man was puffing vigorously at the briar pipe between his teeth, sending out great blue clouds of smoke in his wake. The Knight of the Golden Helmet reined in his steed and accosted the

man before him with a familiar:
"Hey, Charlie!" Then, suddenly remembering the dignity of his position, he squared his small shoulders and threw up his

"What ho, Charles!" he corrected his first saluation. "Hold a bit, wouldst have converse with thee."

The young man seemed aware for the first time of the other's presence. "Hello, Billy," said he, abstractedly glancing at the queer figure before him. "What's up now?"

"I am the Knight of the Golden Helmet," was the grave response.
"You don't say. Where are you

"Where is thy lady?" the knight de-"My lady? You mean your Aunt

The knight nodded. "Down the lane a bit, by the wal-nut trees. Know the place, don't

"Sure," was the unknightly reply, He drew a bit nearer; one hand rested upon the hilt of the sword.

'Why are you here, variet?" he de manded. "Why hast thou deserted thy "Huh!" said the man in fiannels.

Then he burst into laughter, but there was a certain grating noise in it. "Well, Billy-Mr. Golden Helmet, I mean-I'm here because she sent me. Couldn't seem to endure my society— are you on? And I hardly think you're

correct in calling her my lady. She just told me mighty plainly that she "Back you go, craven!" he declared.

"Hun? What?" said the man in

Back you go! I ride to the succor of ladies in distress."
"Bully for you, old chap!" the other replied. "I think you'd better go alone,

"Never!" bawled the knight. "Turn

"See here," the young man began irritably, as he took a step forward; but at that moment they both heard quick steps down the lane

Around the bend came the lady under discussion. She started violently at the sight of them. Her face was flushed and her eyes wer suspiciously red.
"I've got him," shouted the knight joyously; "he's in my power. He was deserting you, but I held him up. I'll see he begs your pardon, if you say

The young woman drew herself up. Her face was scarlet now.
"Billy, what are you doing? What

is the meaning of this foolishness? she demanded. "Come on, you! Apologize!" said the youth sulkily, prodding the immaculate white trausers with the point of

"Margaret," he cried, "he's right. I should spologize, that's a fact. I'm a pig-headed duffer. The quarrel is my facit—all mine."

Then came a few low words: a little happy laugh from the girl, and then two of them strolled down tha lane together, utterly oblivious to the ridiculous figure which stood stiently

wa shing them until they disappeared around the bend.

The Kuight of the Golden Helmet remained thus for some moments, loss in thought. Then he turned about and went slowly up the lane. "Geet" he muttered, "wouldn't that

He was still lost in his own mus tegs as, whooplose, he passed sgain the grazing cattle and the huddled sheep.-BARRY PRESTON.

rook yer? This ain't the way they

The American Girl Abroad. At the functions hour in the Strand recently the traffic was held up, pe-destrians puzzled after the nearest fire alarm, constables apread their arms and the crowd increased. From the edge of the crowd the struggling wayfarer peered and heard the snap of the camera through the official si-Principal lence. It was an American girl anap shooting her companions.

#### NOT IN THE CATALOGUE

The reading room was as quiet as a ton. Now and then some students turned a page impatiently and the pa-per gave forth a sharp rustle as though aggrieved at such irreverent treatment, but visitors and attendants silke moved about with nieut treal, rubber caps rendered chair legs noiseless when they were moved, and the very card catalogue drawers moved on silent ways.

Linda loved this quiet. After the cintter and clutter of a busy office, which she had been compelled to escape because of perves threatened to grow unruly, the bookish silence of the reading room was more than grateful. She was sorry when the stroet.

The quiet place was never lonesome Linda had many friends among those quiet, studious men and women who spent their days pouring over the ref-erence books. There was the little old woman from the costumers who spent days over old books in search of correct pictures of the dresses of by-gone days; there was the little old German who was reading everything the could find upon chemistry, and the same as the church itself, and there was the tail, quiet man who displayed a singular catholicity of tasts.

One day it would be books on astrono

That was one of the reasons why my that he wanted, and again he would be interested in geography or chemistry.

Of them all this man Rallington was the most regular in his attendance and seemed the most like an old friend. It was he who had quietly aided Linda with suggestions which she had first come to the room. He had been a "regular" and had known It was often that Linda was able to help him with a nuggestion as to new book for her heart was in her work and she was something more than an automaton, dealing out the hooks called for with mechanical in-

pleasant opening of the day's routine. Last Christman he had brough a

The summer before their vacations had overlapped and for an entire month she had not seen him. She was glad when the vaca"I came in here to be alone," she beloved books around her and with quietly, as Tim offered to go; "but Ballington sitting in the chair in a the boys have been horrid to Mr. far corner where he was least likely to Shanley, and I haven't been enjoying

For once Linda was glad as the hands of the clock crept around to closing time and she knew that in an hour more she would be free to hurry home and creep into bed. Just be-fore the hands reached the closing tlent gesture. bour Ballington rose from his place and brought a book to the desk. Then, instead of leaving, be went over to the catalegue and began to acan the cards in one of the drawers. For a few months Linda watched him, then the looked up with the familiar glance of the proposal and also came over to the cards and also came over to the cards.

"Struck for a title?" she asked in voice so low that it seemed scarce clared Tim, virtuously. "I hope that y to be a whisper. "What's the let- you live up to it."

exact."

"Not logging," he denied. "It's a shorter word. 'Love.'"

ject. Suppose mance'?" "Let's look for romance, but not in

you for a whole month. Those two is too late. I have not spoken be weeks when you were away I simply cause when I see you with the other could not do any reading. I've been fellows I renlize how little chance around outside of the library until you that I must tell you that I love you come out, and I do want you to hely and ask you If there is any hope for me look for romance, Linda, even though it is not in the titles?"

He had risen to his feet again, while

help you after hours.

"There may be a romance in the satalogue," said Rellington, "but no as good a romance as there is this ent just outside the drawers. Yo do care a little bit. Linda,

"Since last vacation," she admitte-You may come this evening if you the to begin the study."

Rallington made a note of her aviscoss and left the place with class went back to recive the books ! ornders were returning. As she gave intl look around as the last book w stacked and the day's work done, a the catalogue cabinet as sh

passed it. "You're awfully wise," she white ed, "with your thousands of titles, h you haven't a 'Love,' and I'm sa-for you." Then Linds walked on

"Ah!" said the candidate, "this is Farmer Whiffletree's place, I believe. And you have just celebrated your iden wedding, I understand?"
"Golden weddin' nuthin'!" was the response. "I've just been sued for ten thousand dellars' with of breach of promise. You've not your card index mixed."-Washington Herald.

Unfortunate.

# Addie's Proposal

Of course, Addis Ropolds did not But there were some ill-natured persons in Brookton who were so us kind as to declare that a young won an who dragged half a score of eager sulters at her charlot wheels was a onfirmed firt.

"She's the sort that dies an old maid," explained Mrs. Cady, in the swed voice of one who regards spinsterhood as a disgrace

Phil Browster, one of her most ar dent admirers, was undoubtedly good looking. He was full elx feet tail, well built and, when he forgot to pose -which was seldom-he moved alert-ly and with natural grace. Tim Darnclosing hour came, and, after a brief interval spent in checking up the slips and ascening that the books were replaced in their proper stacks, she had to go out into the turmoil of the bus; the hadron and inclined to a reddish tint, and there were times when he felt that his hands were as large as dinner plates.

Now as she sat there with half a dozen cavallers in attendance, and the entire congregation of the Brick church looking on, Addie enjoyed the situation. She could imagine the gossips declaring, as they had done at every social she could remember, that the Sunday school rooms were just

That was one of the reasons why Addie always firted more desperately at the church socials than at other times. Thus it happened that the New Year festival of the ladies of the Chancel guild was enlivened by the addition to the ranks of Addie's victims of the latest arrival in town, Sam Shauley, who had come to take charge of the new bridge. The town men were inclined to resent the pres myre of the routine than she did. But enro of the newcomer, and the rest it was often that Linda was able to of Brookton regarded with amusement

Ballington, Richard Ballington-she into the empty auditorium, saw the knew the name from his slips—seemed gleam of white dress near the chan-almost a part of the reading room itself, so regular was he in attendance through the ground gines partition of and his good morning smile was a the Sunday school room, he recognized the proud toss of the head. He would recognize Addle anywhere, and his little gift the day before the holiday and sometimes, when luck was partition that she had not permitted Shanley to ticularly good, a box of candy would escort her home, but had slipped away from that enger young man and was here alone. Softly he made his way

tion was over and she could come explained, as she looked up. "I don't back to her place at the desk with the mean that I mind you." she added, myself a bit.

Addle interrupted with an impa-

"I don't want to talk about Phil of appeal and she came over to the me I shan't speak to him again. I'm catalogue drawer.

"It's a very good resolution," de-

"L' said Ballington. 'Lo,' to be firmly. "What are you looking at your watch." "Logging?" she saked. "That's on-

"Ten minutes of 12," he announced as he slipped the watch back into his "I don't think that's catalogued," pocket and ground the match under she said in dismay, "It's a funny sub-ject. Suppose we look for 'Ro more time I had."

"Are you going to make a resolu

books," he pleaded. "I know that this is a silly sort of proposal, but I love posal." he explained. "If you are not you, little girl. I've been sure of it ever since last summer, when I missed | want to make mine now, before it tifing ever since to tell you, but I stand, and yet when you tell me that didn't see how. I don't want to hang I cannot speak for a whole year I feel

"I think it is in the entalogue," she be epole, and now he stood before said, softly, "but if you'd rather, I'll ber, his pale, eager face lighted by e dim filumination from the rooms As he finished speaking, the bell in he tower began to tell the knell of he year and the sonorous strokes sheed oddly through the empty

> "If you want me to may 'No,' of ourse I shall try and do as you ask-" egan Addie. Tim grasped her hands ad drow her toward him.

> "Do you mean that perhaps there is "Addie, do you mean that-!" "Don't you suppose that there was one reason for my not accepting the ther proposals?" suggested the girl. Of course, I could not ask you to rey me, but now that you have-"You have had your last proposal," e cried. "Dear, this is going to be be happlest New Year for me!" "And for me, too," agreed Addle.

Malign All Through. Castro had gone to Europe to have malign growth removed. "Can it be done?" he asked, anxi-

The surgeon shook his head "If I were to remove it all," he said, "there would be nothing left to hold funeral services over."

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Some One Will Fall. cavation in the street ma not be a temptation, yet some per son will hurry along and fall right into it.

Jumped at Conclusion Two small boys had strayed in the rummy room of a certain museum. 'Wot's these?" said one

"Them's guys wot's bin dead a long time," answered the other. "And wot's them letters, B. C. 14, ver the guy in the corner?"

"Guees that's the number of the sutomobile wot run over the poor Moke."