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woods of the autumn, all around our Have put their glory on. The mountains that enfold

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And leave the vain, low strife at makes men mad, and tug for w The passions and the cares that wither life, And waste the little hour.

LADY THORNHURST'S DAUGHTER.

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par Court, &c. &c. acquan a CHAPTER XXX BETWEEN A FOR AND A FRIEND.

When Tessa had disappeared from gaze, he went into his wife's dressing-room, with a pleased expression on his honest, good-natured

'How noisy you are!' said wife complainingly. 'You forge my nerves, James-'Oh, bother your nerves!' said M Gwynne impatiently. 'I say, Molly, where did you pick up that little beauty of a governess? She looks as pure as a snow-drop, as sweet as a daisy, and as bright and blushing as a rose. The girls are in luck a

last. If that little beauty can make

our girls like her, I'll buy her an anpuity. TERMS :- 50 cents per Annum, Mrs. Gwynne set her lips together in a hard expression.

You are enthusiastic, Mr. Gwynne, she said. You don't pay such compliments. You never compaired me to a flower! But the 'little beauty' will have a short stag in this house. I've only taken her on trial, and this day month she goes back to the place she came from Low-born piece! I've had enough grand and matchless symphonies. General Provision Dealer, of her already. 'Little beauty,' in-

> Quite unconscious that her destiny was settled as far as Mrs. Gwynne was concerned, Tessa set herself to winning the affections of her pupils, and to studying their respective disspring-time of her own life, but she great feature of the Squire's Coppice was grave for her years, and neither expected nor pined for the enjoyments common to girls of her age. She had long ago setttled in her own mind the conviction that she was to be one of the working bees of this world, and not a gay butterfly, and her temper was too thoroughly sweet, and her mind too well balanced, to suffer her to become unrestful or dis-

She talked with her young pupils in the school-room, and presided at the dinner-table at six o'clock, a neat house-maid serving them, and was so winning, so sunny, and so gentle in her pretty girlish dignity, that the twins nearly fought with each other as to which should sit nearest her, and should display the most affection for her.

They were but rude hoydens, these good natured Dorset lasses, and with all their succession of governnesses had been neglected, and suffered to grow up as wild as the heath upon the plains around them. No in the summer, said the young goverone but their father had ever mani- ness. fested any affection for them, or looked upon them otherwise than in a soft sweet voice, and treated them with a pleasant confidingness.

They spent the evening with Tessa, and left her at ten o'clock with reluctance. They were at the schoolroom door soon after eight o'clock in the morning, simply dressed, and with eager faces. Tessa was fully attired and gave them admittance, greeting them with a few gentle

At half past eight the school-room Superior workmanship done at the breakfast was served. After the but it was not unpleasant for the The Subscriber is prepared to furnish season, there being little wind, a subscriber is prepared to furnish season, there being little wind, a season, the season will receive prompt attention.

'It's a splendid day for a walk,' 20th May, 1872. Beaverton, P.O. said Marah, a wistful look gathering

down two or three times since his only a few yards distant, and ad- good name was at stake, and she dared not disch day, but the walk is kept just as he vancing towards the coppice gate. was its only defender. She halted,

Tessa laughed merrily. 'I am afraid 'papa' is right, Sarah, 'Cousin Tom' sounds she said. 'You will do better to enough, in speaking to a gentleman heed him than the poor foolish old old enough to be our father." nurse. But though I don't believe in the ghost, I'd like to see the Tessa with drew a few paces within

boots, and we will go out for a ramround hat and fur collar. Herpupils my dear. soon returning fully equipped, the trio descended the stairs and made Todhetly, you know, said Sarah. their way out of the house by a gar- Uncle Tom, this is Miss Holm, my den door, and took their way across

and the little party was soon in the midst of the cool shadows of the pines, spruces, larches and firs. had seemed to be but little wind stirring when looking out upon the open heath, but here in the miniature forest there was a low, murmurous monotone, like the moaning of the waves upon a rocky shore. The wailing of the wind among the pines is the most weired and solemn music heard by human ears, and Tesssa stood entranced, her feet half buried

even a small portion of 'forever.' and I don't see how she managed to Half impatient, they urged her for- transgress her rule for once, ward, conducting her into dells THE FREEHOLD PERMANENT of love, for she was earnest and conof love, for she was earnest and con-scientious, and fully realized the heavy responsibilities she had taken winter rains; to a dark and dangerheavy responsibilities she had taken | winter rains; to a dark and dangerupon herself. She was only in the ous seeming pool; and lastly, to the

-the Ghost's Walk. from the highwaw, with which it communicated by a gate, to the rear part of the coppice, where it was terminated by a high blank wall. The iest portions of the coppice, and, in her way, I suppose, but she is tection in his very presence. hasten his leave-taking. He greeted Squire must have been of a gloomy turn of mind, and much given to solitude, for the walk was shut in by dusky trees growing so densely in places on either side as almost to seem impenetrable. The stone flagging was strewn with pine needles. In many places the long branches of the trees interlaced over-head, forming a continuous power.

Marah led the way into the Ghost's Walk through a friendly gap between two trees, and Tessa slowly followed in the wake of the twins into the shadowy region.

'This must be a delightful walk

'It is, said Martha, but no one ever comes here but Sarah and me, as 'nuisances,' and they were there- Miss Holm. And we wouldn't come fore grateful and loving to the gentle here after dark for all the money, young governess, who spoke to them owned by the 'old lady of Threadneedlestreet, as papasays. Sarahand I have got a little bower that we made ourselves in a little hollow near by-and that reminds me that I left my battledore there the last time I was in the arbor, and that was a month ago. It must be quite spoiled, and I have searched nearly everywhere for it. If it isn't there, it must be somewhere near. I'll just look for it, Miss Holm !

Tessa smiled assent and Marah scampered away, pushing her round dishes had been removed, Tessa and little person through a gap in the her pupils gathered at one of the hedge-like growth of trees, disapwindows and looked out upon the pearing from the view of the young wide heaths that stretched to the governess. Tessa and Sarah walked northward. The day was not bright, slowly onward over the pine needles season, there being little wind, and cold gloom deepening around them, and came out at the gate that opened upon the road.

This gate was locked, but Sarah disconcerted.

in her eyes. 'Won't you take us found a rusty key in a crevice of the wall and unlocked it, and swung it witch! he muttered. She

Its Todhetly of the Grange ! said therefore, and turned upon Todhetly eyes and alert, commanding figure to says it's honest truth, for she has of her mother's manner of speech.

By this time Todhetly had comeup. Ghost's Walk all the same. Wrap the gate, embarrassed by the admirup warmly and put on thick walking | ing gaze he bestowed upon her.

Good-morning, Sarah, he said, withdrawing his gaze from the blushher simple morning dress for a walk- impertinence. 'I did not know until ing suit of black alpaca, donned a yesterday that you had a new arrival, statement, but was gathering her her yet.

Miss Holm, this is my uncle Tom

Beg pardon, Miss-Miss Holm ! and give No relation of yours, I suppose?

his round cheeks as he continued ed in a blind fury upon his assailant, trouble to you will ever grow out of awe and and delight to Nature's to feast his eyes upon Tessa's glori- who had hastily dismounted our chance meeting. willing that she should linger for of vinegar aspect for her governesses, ment.

A voice was heard calling to Sarah Sir Victor Cheswick ! sen Tessa's task promised to be a labour fairy haunts; into pleasant glades, and recognizing it as Marah's voice, cried Tessa's rescuer sternly. You where I have been stopping for the

> entertaining me with your history. with the lithe yet stalwart young away. Tessa looked after him with Romantic, isn't it?

brain was clear, but his heart in a You had better not delay it." tumult. He admired her, and believed himselfin love with her. Like most men of impure life, he had little faith in the purity of woman. He believed from the storo of Mrs, Gwynne, that Tessa was of humble, ifnotdisgraceful, origin, and in hisleyes she was not a lady, nor entitled to the consideration due a lady. She was not fit to be the wife of a Todhetly, being only one of the lower class as he told himself. 'Unhand me, sir,' said Tessa

haughtily

By Jove, how becoming those airs are to you ! cried Todhetly admiringly. 'You look like a tragedy queen. You are altogether too pretty to be a governess, my dear. You would not mind giving a fellow a kiss? I've kissed many a pretty girl in my time-'Sir! cried Tessa, in a passionate

anger, 'How dare you insult me in this manner? Shame upon you insulting a defenceless girl !

stepped into the Ghost's Walk, and stretched out his arms, intercepting her retreat in that direction. Tessa fled into the road. Todhet-

ly advanced into the gate-way and looked after, smiling with the air of one highly amused, and not at all

about the ghost, but our old nurse Miss Sarah, in unconscious imitation with wild eyes and a haughty coun-Do not come a step nearer ! she | Sir Victor, he stammered, at appolo

cleverly feigned, and came yet nearer to her, comprehending why she had not continued her flight. he said, Molly will see you, and

She would turn you out of her house Victor Cheswick. I allow no man The twins hurried away in a ing face of the young governess just to-night if she saw me running in breathles delight, and Tessa changed before his attention bordered upon pursuit of you ! delight and Tessa changed before his attention bordered upon pursuit of you !

gray woollen material, and a small troduce meto your guest, if you please, Mrs Gwynne, when, watching his on the young Baronet and on Tessa, is opportunity, Todhetly rushed upon and then beat a leasty retreat toward a her, throwing his arms around her! the Grange so a war out sat , wa

Governess? ejaculated Todhetly, pure and spirited woman, and Tod- slipping his arm through his horse's in an assumed surprise. By Jove, betly choosing to see in the affair a bridleand approaching nearer to Tessa.

dence, Miss, I have a friend stopping scene neither saw nor neard the ap- herty would do both me an you at the Grangenamed Holm-Captain | proach of a horseman coming swift- | injury if he could, but he will pro-Holm, formerly of a line regiment. ly from the eastward. The first in bably lack the opportunity former turned Tessa coldly, and with an air came in the torm of a shower of blows one is his cousin. But I did not

gasping out: sommer benning as

Rude little animals! commented the strength of the Baronet. Sir to the gate of the coppice, and the Mr. Todhetly, looking after his young Victor Cheswick was young, some pair stood there in the cool dime

CHAPTER XXXI.

TESSA UNDER A CLOUD. With all his bravado, Todhetly was a coward. He had wantonly insulted a defenceless girl, believing her to be low-born, and therefore not entitled to the courtesy or consideration of a "gentleman" like him self. He had the loose principlesor want of principle-peculiar to many gay young army officers, and had never hesitated to kiss a pretty face wherever he found it, whenever the social rank of its owner was considerably beneath his own. amazement and rage at thus being brought to book by Sir Victor Cheswick for his gross insult to Tessa Holm were therefore excessive. He glared at the young Baronet with an angry defiance and his lips trembled

but he did not speak. Tessa made a movement to retrea toward the coppice gate.

Be kind enough to wait one moment, Miss, said Sir Victor Cheswick, and wild-eyed. With a smile he with a chivalrous courtesy, bowing sure Mr. Todhetly intends to apologize for his cowardly attack upon

> don't know who the girl is. You plaisance, and a low familiarity dame majority against hind

saw the ghost il oman mor above man so terribly old, Marah and I call him commanded. Back, sir. I warm gize. But really the girl all most and saw the ghost il oman more above. uncle. Mamma does not think that you not to lay a finger upon me! Not another word, sir l'interrupt Toohetly laughed sneeringly. He ed Sir Victor. You can got silling on I He pointed with his miding whip

toward the Grange Todhetly retreated a few steps in that direction, his countenance fairly livid and wall 'If you go further in that direction,' dangerous light gleaming in his eyes. 'I will go, he said, with a curse; women are always hard upon women. but this affair does not end here, Sir

will settle with you hereafter. As Tessa realized the truth of this to the girl, I am not through with courage to brave even the anger of o He bestowed a threatening glance

Then followed a short, wild strug- I You are not alarmed with the gle between the two-Tessa defend- fellow's threats, I hope, Miss Holm, too ing herself with the bravery of a said the handsome young Baronet, lawn directly into the plantation, she don't look any more like a lark, and determined to take from There is a homely old adage to the governess than -than a princess does. Tessa's lips the kiss she would not effect that barking degs seldom bite, In the excitement of the strange live long. I don't doubt that Tod-

timation that either received of a 'He can derive me of my situation, 'Not to my knowledge, sir,' re- third presence in that lonely spot, said Tessa sorrowfully. Mrs. Gwyof charming dignity. 'I donotknow from a riding whip that fell thick mean to utter any complaint, and that I possess relatives of the name. and fast upon the head and face of she blushed vividly. I thank you Ah, yes, by George! said Mr. Tessa's cowardly insulter. for your noble and timel defence of Todhetly, a slow flush creeping into Todhetly let go the girl and turn-me, Sir Victor, and I hope that no tes

ous leveliness . 'It don't seem pos- 'Stand back!' said the new-comer, 'I am not afraid of any, said Sire 'I could listen forever to that wild, sible that you are governess at ina clear ringing voice. For shame, Victor cheerfully, But I hope that sad murmer of the wind, she said to Heathstead. My cousin Molly-Mrs man! None but a coward would our acquaintance, so strangely begun, Gwynne, you know-has the knack insult a woman. Apologize to the will not end here. I will give my-But her young charges were not of picking up decayed gentlewomen lady, or I will treble your punish- self the pleasure of calling at Heath-nor Todhetly retreated a few steps, morning's excitement has had any injurious effect upon you. I am a Devonshire man, Miss Holm, but I 'Yes, it is Sir Victor Cheswick I have a box in this neighbourhood,

relative with a pitying sneer. 'Ah, five and twenty years old, handsome, shadows of the firs and pines and This was a paved walk, conducting don't be in a hurry, Miss Holm, and with dark flashing eyes, and of a talked, forgetful of their surroundhe put out his hand to detain her most noble and distinguished air. ings, until the gay voices of the twin And so you are only a governess? To Tessa, he seemed the realization girls approaching them aroused them. By George, I can hardly believe it. of her dreams of knightly chivalry. Both started and blushed, as Marah You'll have a hard life with my She moved instinctively nearer to and Sarah came bounding along the cousin Molly. She's a good woman him, feeling a strange sense of pro- Ghost's Walk, but Sir Victor did not given to nagging and petty jealousy. Tochetly, choking as he was with the two girls politely, Tessa effecting before closely resembled this, the I've just come from Heathstead, Miss a desperate rage, was too prudent to an introduction, and after a little Holm, and my cousin Molly has been engage in a hand to hand combat made his adieus, mounted and rode Baronet. He was about to turn a sigh. He was so noble, so brave, Tessa's gray eyes flashed and her away sullenly, an oath of revenge so chivalrous, and had such an air of cheeks reddened. She tried to tear upon his lips, when Sir Victor Ches- knightly courtesy, that his very preherself from Todhetly's grasp, but he wick tapped him upon his shoulder sence seemed to give breadth and would not let her go, and she was with his riding whip, and said, with beauty to existence. Tessa was very too proud to make a scene. She im- a haughty, commanding sternness grave and silent, as she turned from agined that he had been drinking You heard me, Todhetly? The the coppice gate with her young and was not himself, whereas his lady is waiting for your apology. charges, and walked slowly back in the gloom of the Ghost's Walk. The wind moaned among the pines above her head, but she did not even hear the weird and solemn music. A new element had entered into her life; strange thoughts were stirring in her young soul; and her heart was awakening to that emotion that links humanity to the divine. The chile life was over forever for Tessa Holm, and she stood upon the threshold of

her woman's heritage-love! The young Baronet riding swift over the Dorset heaths carried with him the picture of a lovely, spirited face, framed in masses of golden hair and lighted by gray soulful evesface such as had haunted his dream for years, and formed his high ideal of womanly loveliness and

'I must see her again,' he thought, a strange yearning tenderness at hi heart. 'I wonder if she loves any one. I have a conviction that in her I have seen my future wife,

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nothing about it. HE that is truly polite knows how Todhetly's coarse lips curled in a to contradict with respect, and to please without adulation; and 'Perhaps, Sir Victor,' he said, 'you equally remote from an insipid com-

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