

My Lady Peggy Goes to Town

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER I.—Lady Peggy Barrow is the daughter of the bankrupt Earl of Exmouth, a nobleman of the old school. Her mother, Lady Diana, is a widow, and her father, Sir Percy, is a young man of fortune. Lady Diana is a woman of high character and is devoted to her daughter. Sir Percy is a man of high character and is devoted to his mother. Lady Diana is a woman of high character and is devoted to her daughter. Sir Percy is a man of high character and is devoted to his mother.

CHAPTER XVII.—These were Peggy and the little baronet. Her ladyship, mild made up her mind to leave Sir Percy, leaving sixpence on the table to pay for her lodgings, even now stood, lurch in hand, bundle once more under arm, still a man, not having dared to change her garments.

Sir Robin led a successful career, the realising sense that his mortal enemy, one who sought his life, who coveted his lady—from whom he was running away, to be verily—lay not many yards off him, seeming to banish that restful repose that had seldom littered this worthy and exemplary little person.

Lady Peggy's blade had struck the woodwork as she made her way stealthily down the darkness. While Sir Robin shook she gained the lower end of the hall, but not being acquainted with its ways and turnings, above all, having forgot the two broad steps that cut the straight road to the entrance in two, her ladyship, with much clanking, fell sprawling, her bundle shooting off into the unseemly, she up on hands and knees, hither, you, seeking it; Sir Robin hearing on his wainscot such a tattoo as was fit to wake the dead, he started from the safe shelter of the muffling pillows where he hid.

"Murder! Thieves! Ho, there! Landlord! Tom! James! Ho, there, I say! Help! Help!"

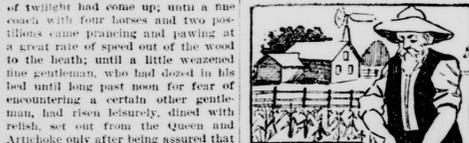
"Speak or I'll fire!" repeats Sir Percy, whose candle has been blown out by the draft. He takes a few steps down the hallway where he hears the curious scratching noise her ladyship is making as she distractedly feels around for the bundle.

At last she grasps it and creeps up unobtrusively to Sir Percy's very side. De facto her arm grazes his as she now raises herself to a standing posture, exactly as her lover, no answer being vouchsafed him, pulls his trigger and the ball goes whizzing through Sir Robin's door pane and finds lodgment in the chimney bricks.

Peggy, her customary composure being gone for hunger and the general excitement, jumps when the shot pops and thus inadvertently now peevishly touches Sir Percy's elbow. He turns upon her and seizes her wrists in a grip of steel. She, as tightly gripping the bundle under her armpit, utters no sound, but wriggles and twists to such a purpose that she is about to get free when her opponent renews his endeavors with an oath.

"Speak," says he, "or I'll brand you!" making it hold Peg's two hands prisoner in one of his, the while he may seize his rapier and put a finish to the matter.

She does not speak, but to the scene jump now the heavy, cumbersome country folk, rattled out of their deep slumber by Sir Percy's ball and no less by the piercing and prolonged shrieks of Sir Robin, each clutching a candle and a bundle of 'em armed with whatever they could catch, yet, luckily for her ladyship, no one of them with sense enough to fetch a candle.



The Farmer's Foes

of twilight had come up, with a raw squall with four horses and two positions came prancing and pawing at a great rate of speed out of the wood to the beach; until a little weazened little gentleman, who had done in his bed until long past noon for fear of encountering a certain other gentleman, had risen leisurely, dined with relish, set out from the queen and Artichoke only after being assured that the other gentleman had cooked. With ruined horse back to Garret Lane in the hopes of obtaining a suitable mount, which same was not to be had short of the ten mile return; until the little gentleman, then, thrusting his face out of his window as the vehicle came to a sudden standstill, spoke.

"Is this the best?" he asks, with blinking eyes and a shiver.

"Yes, Sir Robin, Farnham here," answers one of the postillions. "Your pleasure, Sir Robin?" asks the second man respectfully, quieting his horses.

"Well," returns the little baronet, "if you think we can gallop across that road those devils could overtake us, I proceed. If not—" He glances back over his shoulder.

"To tell the truth, the gentleman from Kent considered himself as betwixt two very impending fires, and 'tis safe to say he dreaded Sir Percy de Bohun's possibility at the back as much, if not more, than he did the robbers in front of him.

"We're in the best condition, sir," returned the man, "and fifty minutes ought to take us out of all chances of danger."

"Unless," replies the master, again casting an apprehensive eye at the rear, "they might close in on us from behind."

"No fear, sir," cries the lackey. "Our horses are bred and cooked. With your own rapier, pistols and the blunderbuss, Sir Robin, we should—"

"What's that?" exclaims the second man, eyes bulging, as with the handle of his whip he points to the fallen figure by the brookside.

"Sdeath!" squeaks Sir Robin, pulling down the coach sash. "On with ye, ye devils! On, I say," thumping impatiently on the pane with his signet ring.

"No fear, sir; no fear, Sir Robin!" exclaims the second man, jumping to the ground and inspecting her ladyship. "It's only a corp."

"Are you sure?" opening the door cautiously. "Sure!"



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