



THE LOVES OF THE LADY ARABELLA

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SYNOPSIS.

At 14 years of age Admiral Sir Peter Hawkshaw's nephew, Richard Glyn, fell deeply in love at first sight with Lady Arabella Stormont, who spurned his attentions. The lad, an orphan, was given a berth as midshipman on the Ajax by his uncle, Giles Vernon, nephew of Sir Thomas Vernon, became the boy's pal. They attended a theater where Hawkshaw's nephew saw Lady Arabella. Vernon met Phillip Overton, next in line for Sir Thomas Vernon's estate. They started a duel which was interrupted. Vernon Overton and Hawkshaw's nephew found themselves attracted by pretty Lady Arabella. The Ajax in battle defeated French warships in the Mediterranean. Richard Glyn got \$2,000 prize money. He was called home by Lady Hawkshaw as he was about to "blow in" his earnings with Vernon. At a Hawkshaw party Glyn discovered that Lady Arabella was a poor but persistent gambler. He talked much with her cousin Daphne. Lady Arabella again showed love for Glyn. Later she held Glyn and Overton prisoners, thus delaying the duel. In the Overton-Vernon duel, neither was hurt. Lady Arabella humiliated by her pranks, Richard and Giles shipped on a frigate. Giles was captured by the French. Sir Peter arranged for his exchange. Daphne showed a liking for Glyn, who was then 21 years of age. Giles was released. Giles and Richard planned elopement. Sir Peter objected to the plan to wed Daphne. By clever ruses Giles and Richard eloped with Lady Arabella and Daphne, respectively. The latter pair were married. Daphne was pleased; Arabella raved in anger. When the party returned, Arabella asked Sir Peter to aid in prosecuting Giles in court on the charge of committing a capital crime. All attended the trial. Upon Arabella's testimony Giles was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. Sir Peter visited the prince of Wales in effort to secure a pardon for Giles. Arabella threw herself at the feet of Overton, whom she had loved for many years. He spurned her. Then she told her plot to have Giles executed so the Vernon estate would devolve upon Overton, whom she had planned to marry. Her affairs being disarranged, she announced that she would probably marry Sir Thomas Vernon himself. Pardon from the king was secured with 24 hours' leeway in which to save Giles. After great difficulties were overcome, Sir Peter and Richard reached the prison at the moment Giles was to be executed.

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Already there were great crowds in the street, and as I made my way madly toward the jail, I was often impeded. I shrieked, I screamed at the people, and waved aloft my precious paper, shouting: "Pardon! Pardon!" The cry was taken up, and swelled in a great roar that came from a thousand friendly throats. As I galloped along on the tinker's horse, through the crowded streets, an awful unspeakable thing loomed up before me. It was the gibbet, and it was empty!

I felt the hot tears run down my cheeks at this and some recollection of the God that Overton had preached to me caused me to utter an inarticulate thanksgiving! But if my tongue faltered, my heart did not.

At last I pushed my way through shouting crowds to the jail. The people parted, and I saw a black cart drawn by a white horse, and Giles Vernon, with pinioned hands, sitting in it, by the side of the hangman. I noticed—as I did all the trifles of that dreadful time—that the jailer was ashy pale and Giles was fresh-colored. I flung myself off my horse, rushed toward the cart, holding the paper above my head. Oh, the roaring and the shouting! I thrust it in Giles' face; the hangman, in a second, cut the thongs that bound the prisoner's hands. Giles took the pardon and kissed it, and then threw his arms around me and kissed me, and smiled and waved his hat in the air, while voices thundered, men shouting like demons, and women screaming and weeping. And the next thing I knew Daphne appeared, as if dropped down from heaven, and, springing into the cart, clasped Giles; and Lady Hawkshaw, a little slower, but yet quick, descended from the coach, in which she and Daphne had come, and embraced all of us; and then the cheering seemed to rend the skies.

In a little while, the mood of the crowd changed. They began to clamor for the blood of Sir Thomas Vernon. He was known to be away from home, but, as if by a preconcerted movement, a dash was made for Vernon court, which was but five miles away. The military were called out, and the crowd stopped; but not without a collision, and several persons were badly injured, which did not tend toward better feeling for Sir Thomas.

For ourselves, I remained with Giles until he was duly released by the officers of the law, while Daphne and Lady Hawkshaw set off to meet Sir Peter on the road. They met him, five miles off, and brought him back to York in their coach. I shall never forget the scene when they drove up to the inn where Giles and I were already, the crowd, however, not allowing him to remain indoors at all. When the coach halted, to the people, in their delight, picked Sir Peter up and carried him bodily upstairs to an open balcony and demanded a speech, followed by "Parliament! Parliament!

Our next member!" and so on. Sir Peter made a speech—the most wonderful I ever heard—standing with one hand on Giles' shoulder, and the other on mine, with Lady Hawkshaw and Daphne in the background.

He began by roundly damning Sir Thomas Vernon, "and a lady who shall be nameless." Nevertheless, in spite of some vagaries, the speech was full of sound sense, and he promised the people, if they gave him their suffrages for parliament he would do all in his power for the abolition of the barbarous law from which Giles Vernon had suffered so cruelly. He averred that it was impossible for a seaman, alone and unaided, to take care of himself on dry land, Jack ashore being a helpless creature at best, and but for Lady Hawkshaw he would probably



I saw Giles Vernon with Pinioned Hands.

have been hanged himself long ago. This allusion to Lady Hawkshaw, who fairly divided the honors with Giles, brought forth yells of delight from the crowd. Her ladyship appeared and bowed magnificently, and it was a regular triumph for us all, from beginning to end.

Next day, with Giles, we all started for London, the happiest coach load of people in the three kingdoms.

Two days after our arrival, we read the announcement of the marriage, at St. George's, Hanover Square, of Sir Thomas Vernon to Lady Arabella Stormont.

Sir Peter was delighted at this match, and so was Lady Hawkshaw, and for once they were agreed. The position of the newly-married couple in London was anything but a pleasant one; for Giles became the object of public sympathy, and of popular and royal approval. The prince of Wales sent for him, and our visit to Windsor, whither we all went to thank the king, was made a triumph for us. Sir Thomas and Lady Vernon were forbidden the court and Carlton house, and were frequently hissed in public. I saw them myself at Drury Lane, when they were hissed. Sir Thomas merely grinned, while Lady Arabella surveyed the scowling faces before her with a slow sweet smile, and calmly played with the diamonds in her stomacher.

We had a whole year of happiness. The dreadful experience Giles had been through began to tell on him, and he was permitted to remain quietly a year on shore. And I, because of Giles, was given a year with my bride

before I had to leave her. And what a year of blessedness it was to all! We all lived with Sir Peter and Lady Hawkshaw in Berkeley Square, and those two honest souls took delight in us. Lady Hawkshaw became a heroine, and the worthy woman enjoyed it thoroughly. Overton came sometimes to see us. A persecution had been set on foot against him; and he was several times arrested and sentenced for unlawful assemblage. But persecution was not the way to prevail with Overton.

It was very well understood who investigated these continued persecutions, and that did not help to increase the popularity of Sir Thomas and his beautiful wife. At last, a year to the month after the trial at York, the last indignity was offered to Overton. He was sentenced to be whipped at the cart's-tail, and set in the pillory.

There was a general rally of his friends; and on the winter morning when this barbarous sentence was to be carried out, a number, including many persons of note, were assembled at the prison, when Sir Peter and I joined them.

We soon heard that the government would not permit the first part of the sentence to be carried out; but when Overton emerged from the prison he was unaware of this, and prepared for the worst. The holy calmness of his countenance and air brought even Sir Peter to admit that "the pious dog is a man, after all." When informed that

behind Lady Vernon's beautiful, triumphant face. The coach stopped; and Lady Vernon, holding the child up in her arms, directly in front of Overton's eyes, gave him a smile and a meaningful look, as much as to say:

"Poor wretch! your inheritance is gone!"

The crowd, which was never in a good humor with the Vernons, began to hiss vigorously. This they appeared not to mind; but when hisses were followed by a shower of stones and sticks, the equipage rolled off at the top of its speed.

At 12 o'clock Overton was released, and at once he was exhorting the people to fear God and live truly to him. He was not interrupted by the constables who were present, and was listened to with solemn attention. He has preached ever since, and has never again been molested. And when a dear little girl came to my Daphne—I was then at sea, fighting the French—Overton was at the christening, and made a prayer over her infant head, which my Daphne believes will keep that dear child good and holy all her life.

Giles Vernon, now Capt. Vernon, in command of his majesty's ship Acasta, 44, is counted the smartest of the young captains in the British service. The women still love him; but Giles has grown a little shy of going too far with them, and avows he will die a bachelor. However, there appears to be an affair forward between my little Daphne, who is now four years and six months old, and Capt. Vernon, and I think something will come of it when she is of a marriageable age—and so thinks her mother, too.

(THE END.)

NURSES FOR PAMPERED DOGS.

New Occupation for Girls in London, and it Pays Well.

With the increasing craze for dogs of rare and valuable breeds as pets in England a new employment for girls has been created. They can become dog nurses.

It is no uncommon thing to see in the squares and parks a pretty girl in a neat uniform with two or three valuable little dogs on leash, giving them their daily airing. She is a dog nurse, and this is only one of her duties.

Besides the exercising of the pets the nurse must see to their food, which is no small matter. Special things are cooked and the dogs must be carefully watched while they eat to see that nothing goes wrong. Then the bath is a serious affair. Sometimes a silver bathtub is used and scented water.

The nurse must also look after the toilet of her charges. When they go out with their mistress she must see that they are in proper trim, with their little coats carefully brushed and cleaned and their jeweled collars bright and sparkling.

After they have retired at night her time is her own, and for the most part she considers her five dollars a week very easily earned, for she has her board and lodging provided as well as her uniform.

One of the great requisites for the new profession is that the applicant shall have an extinct sense of humor.

ANOTHER USE FOR CONCRETE.

Chosen as Material for Building Meteorological Observatory.

Concrete has been used for work in the bowels of the earth and for structures upon the earth's surface, but it has remained for the government to find a use for it in conjunction with the study of the elements. The renowned meteorological observatory of Blue Hill, a few miles from Boston, has been constructed of reinforced concrete. Its designers, in seeking to secure a building where freedom from vibration and unyielding stability were absolute essentials, were inspired to use concrete as the only material possessing these features in the degree required. The number of self-recording instruments with their delicate adjustments has made necessary the selection of a material which would guarantee freedom from the errors which were caused by the rocking in severe wind and rain storms of the old observatory. Concrete, therefore, is now receiving the government's sanction for all classes of building operations, and, with its recent application in the building of boats, it is no long stretch of the imagination to read the announcement that future "Dreadnaughts" will be made of reinforced concrete.—Cement Age.

Testing His Voice.

A voice suddenly floated up from the atrium in the Italian quarter. "It's a beggar singing for money," said a visitor there, half questioningly, half decisively. "Not at all," declared a native indignantly. "It is a fine singer. He sings in this way for practice. He doesn't sing for the pennies, but if they indicate their delight in his singing by throwing him a lot he knows his voice is good enough for Italian opera, so he goes and applies for a place on the stage."—New York Press.

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The Widower—Yes, the rest were all girls!

Fifty cents per acre is the price at which the State of Colorado is selling land in the Little Snake River valley, Routt County, Colorado, which is open for entry under the Carey Land Act.

Purchasers of land must also contract for a water right, to be paid for in ten annual assessments, the total cost including a perpetual water right in the Little Snake river canal system, being thirty-five dollars per acre.

This is pronounced one of the most fertile valleys in Colorado, and record crops of all grains, grasses and roots are now being raised there. Both the Moffat Road and the Union Pacific are building into the district.

Persons desiring full information about the land and water should write to the Routt County Colonization Co., 1734 Welton St., Denver, Colorado. The land is sold in tracts of 40, 80, 120 and 160 acres.

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