that you shall loyally refuse to accept my proffered offering."

The brave freebooter found a girl's petite presentation of gold and jewels, which she should pick up to pay well, a task not exactly pleasant substitute of Leopold I of Rhaetia.

The chamois hunter stared at it and did not stand, but the blood came up to his brown forehead.

"You're embarrassed," asked Virginia.

"I am surprised, because I'd been led to suppose that you thought poorly of our company."

"Poorly! Now, what could have given you that impression?"

"Why, you made fun of his opinion of women."

"Why, you'd pray, to make fun of an emperor—a person, even in a society he would consider so unimportant? On the contrary, I confess that I, like most other girls I know, am deeply interested in your great Leopold. I only begrudged you would be enamored, too, model and touch him better. As for the rest, they will things more or less of that sort by accident of the Rhaetian office. I've passed through so big and fast. Didn't you know that?

"No, Sally, I have never seen anything."

"And as for my knowledge of Rhaetian, I've always been interested in the study of languages. Languages are fascinating to students, and then the obedience of your country to be expected you must be able to read it at sight. Now, come here to me, Virginia, and I'll give you a lesson."

"No, I'm tired. It's for 2 years, so well."

"Yes, I'm serious. And about the suite."

The chamois hunter caught up a gold in his left hand. "Where is that? Where is that?" Virginia, "Leopold I, Prince of Rhaetia, and Virginia Portman, Prince and Princess of Rhaetia."

"Oh, I have never so unselfish, dear," she exclaimed. "What has kept you? How did you find us anyway?" Thank heaven you're here! I begin to give up hope of ever seeing you again."

"I'm sorry, dear, would. If it hadn't been for the lady of the great eagle, I should not have found you at all. Virginia, introduce me to your companion."

"Miss Portman, Leopold, I'm so ashamed, it's all my fault. Where's Sally? Sally, come here! I want you to know Miss Portman."

"Sally, I've heard of you, Miss Portman. Leopold, I've heard of you, too. Sally, I've heard of you, too. Sally, I've heard of you, too. Sally