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"I'm going to be married."

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Secliis's Aunt Octavia, an ect an of wealth. She invites An eld Manor. Ames is fascins seca, a tea room girl.

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The Seven Suitors

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dlin and her fa tes finds Cot d Hollister, fencing on the root ter is there unknown to Aunt O Hollister vanishes mysteriously through the hall wall. Hezekish tells Ames she prohibited from visiting Hopefield Man

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ARE YOU (0) UP TO DATE

Just sent her a fine Airedale, and she wished to make sure the kennel mas-ter was treating the dog property. Lat-er we were all to ride. Ames seeks plans of the bound blir hads unt Octavia has just secured them. Co-lla's suitors are jealous of tames. ng that p Ames tearns that Hopefield Manor se-cretly incloses an old Revolutionary house. Apparently the ghost is Lord Arrowood, a rejected suitor. "Certainly, Arnold; you Apparently the short is Lord Afrowbod, a rejected suitor. The chimney smokes again. Hesetish is the mischief maker. Ames helps Hese-kiah to slude her Aunt Ostavia, Hese-kiah mysteriously disapparts. Cécilia, in great distres, asks Ames to find. her silver notebods, which has been takes, from her room. Ames suspects Hesekiah. yon like. Mr. Pepperton is a difficult bird to catch, so we hope for you at luncheon, and of course we expect you for dinner." Pepperton looked at me judged that he had kno avia a good many years-the heir intercourse was intimate. Hesekiah scares the suttors with a fack of lanter, speaks slightingly of Weggins and gives Amea the noisbook. Ames learns through Hesekiah that the seventh man who progess will win Ce-tilis the and Cecilia fear, Wiggins will propose too he plainly was at a loss to unde just how I came to be so thoroug tablished in her good graces. I c Ansel baseling search is subject with a gate and give Analysis. The subject is the search of the sear

"Is it? Just how are we to manage that, Hesskiah?" "Oh, that will be gaay enough. He's preity desperate, and since the com-pact between the unitors has gone to pleces he knows he will have to show his hand preity soon. He thinks you are wild about Ceclika. He lays great stress on his thinking powers, and he probably argues that you are bound to pop preity soon. It's just as well he thinks so, but we must finish this up today. I'll he a nervous wreck if we don't close the books tonight. There's your friend. Dick now." She indicated a high point in the main road, where it crossed the ridge from which she had shown me—it seemed, oh, very long ago'-the pro-cession of suitors crossing the stile. Dick, mounted, was gazing of across the fields toward Honefield. Man and horse were so distant as to create the that, one must be prepared for the worst." While he repeated this to the others I sought the clerk, who promptly hand-ed me a note which Wiggins had left late the previous afternoon, to be de-livered in case I called. He had gone to spend a day or two with Orton, the playwright, who was at his country house, in the hills beyond Mourt Kis-co, rehearsing a new plece, in which a friend of Hartley's was to star. I gain-ed the telephone booth in one jump, and in five minutes I was bawing wildly into Orton's ear. I had known him well in the Harte and Tortoise, and he answered my demand for Wiggins with the heart breaking news that Hartley had ridden off with some other er guests in the house. Orton dkin't know where.

know where. "I threw them out. I've got to rewrite my third act. I don't care wheth er they ever come back." boomed Or-"If you don't send Wiggins back to me at Hopefield as fast as he can get there, my third act is ruined." "What?"

horse were so distant as to create the illusion of an equestrian statue on a high pedestal. "Napoleon before Waterloo." I sug-gested. "Kapleson before Waterloo." I sug-gented. "He does look like Napoleon, doesn't he?' she langhed. "He's a bit fassed today. He knows that Wiggy's not at the ins and that you are up to some-thing, and to little Mr. Dick the archi-tect probably looks like one of those mysterious knights you read about, who suddenly appears at the tourna-ment all canned in an loe cream frees-er, with a tin pail over his head. Mr. Pepperion's presence no doubt worries him, as I don't think they ever met. Cecilia and Mr. Pepperton are riding. I dodged them just before I struck you, walking their horses in the most loverlike fashion in a lane over yon-der, but if Mr. Pepperion is really en-gaged it's all right, though if I were the other girl J think I'd be anxious." "Pep's playing the game, that's all. What are you going to do now?". She fanced at the sun. I fancied that it was with such a scanning of the beavens that her sisters a thousand years before had noted the time. "This is my pie day. There's un-doubtedly a gooseherry pie waiting for me at the bungalow. And pape will expect me for luncheon, I'd ask you to tome too, only yon'll have all you can bo to keep Mr. Dick from persuading fomebody to be the sixth man, so he ran slip in as number seven. If we get through today all right, you may come

"Tell Wiggins to come back on the Tell him the

an end any minute." "Till be glad to get rid of him," snap-ped Orton, in the harried tone of a man whose third act has wilted in relearsal

CHAPTER XXIV.

Hezekish Partitions the Kingdom I made haste to excuse myself, say

A S I came perspiring out of the telephone booth I found the suitors engaged in subdued de-bate by the hearth. They could hardly have heard my bleatings over the telephone, but they were greatly concerned about something. Shallenberger, who was apparently the only one willing to approach me, followed me to the veranda. "Those fellows in there don't under-

stand this. Dick told us last night, aftstand this. Dick fold us inst night, art-er we had called at the house and been refused admittance, that Miss Ceclia was ill with diphtheria. I remember that it was Dick who rang the bell and gave our cards to the footman. It was quite singular, you know, our being tarmed away, utless something had been wrong." mate, and ye

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ing in the garden. You and cetter go quietly into the house. The shock of seeing you in your usual health might be too much for them." "But I can't I must be accessible at all times," she cried, looking helplessly from me to l'epperion, who was all at sea for an explanation. "If that impres-sion is alward inshul annear at once." and for an extendation. At that impress along is abroad Tybull appear at once." "Then you and Pepperton must put for the terrare, here. You are love for all thow. farore them utterly your absorption with one another.

your absorption with one another. If any one approaches you, Pepperton, sak Miss Hollister to marry you." "No. It can't be done that way." Cecilia interposed. "Mr. Pepperton has told me of his eugagement. I can't be party to'a fraud-a trick. I can't coun-tenance it at all. It would rain every thing."

"Then stay right here. Pace back and forth and I'll manage the rest. I don't for the life of me know how, but I'll do ft."

As Cecilia and Pepperton stepped from behiad the screen of vines the men on the benches lifted their beads; then I beard nurmurs of amazement and chargin and caught a feeting glimpse of Dick tearing through the bedge with his late companions tum-bling after in fice a unrault bling after in fierce pursuit.

I ran to the stable and found a horse, feeling that I must be in a post tion to move rapidly if I saw Wiggin tion to nove apply it is an wright approaching. If Dick evided his wrathful pursuers he would be on the lookout somewhere, awaiting his own time, and if he saw Wiggins rushing madly for the house he might yet cir-cumvent us. umvent us.

initial to the board of many per data countrent us. I satisfied myself that Cecilia and Pepperton were still plainly visible from the garden, and I knew that for the time she was safe. I gained the high point in the road from which Hezekish and I had observed Dick on guard at uoon and waited. Remember-ing the fine fource the philosopher had made against the sky, I dismounted and rested by a stone wall where I could watch with less risk of being seen from a distance. I at once saw matters that interested me immensely. Dick had thrown off

The once saw uniters that interested me immensely. Dick had thrown off the other sultors and was rapidly grossing the fields toward Hopefield. When I caught sight of him he was just leaving the orchard where Heze-kiah and I had held our memorable kinn and 1 had need our memorable interview. A long stretch of rough pasture lay before him, and he settled down to a quick trot. He took several fences without lessening his gait, crossed the stille like a finsh a little later and was out of sight.

As I turned to my horse I heard the swift patter of hoofs and saw a man swift patter of boofs and saw a man and woman galloping furiously toward me. They were rapidly nearing the ridge, and their horses were springing over the farm white road in prodigious leaps. Wiggins had got my message. Hezekiab had met him in the road and was urging him on. As they came hearer I saw that Wiggins had taken fire at last.

fore at last, "Orton said some one was killed--who--what-who"--"I just picked him up five minutes ago. He desen't know anything," said Hozekinh. "and you daren't tell him. Bemember the rules. What's doing?"

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For larger beds the manure should be turned under with a plow. Deep plow ing is advantageous in most cases. The first plowing should be done hat in the fall, the second early in the spring The Charlotte Daily Ob

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terin. Brother Businessiah!" and there's always Hezekiah!" "Ab. Hezekiah the unpredictable! I knew there was a skirt fluttering some where. I naw her yesterday-stopped to see Beasford, who's a good old chap to see Beasford, who's a good old chap the teasing eyes wa where. to see Bassford, where a good eld chap, Hersekinh of the teasing eyes was whitewashing the chicken coop, and Michelangelo couldn't have done it be-

the presence of a strange imight with-in the gates who greatly multiplied the perils of the situation. The com-pact among the suitors at the inn was a thing of the past, and I now er-pected them to exercise all the in-sensity of which desperate lovers are suphile in presents that the inner the task that both Wingins and Popper-ton were old friends of mine did not make my task easier. I not only fait, is inguinhent on me in prevent Dick, is inguinhent on me in prevent Dick, the holder, of the clew, from taking ad-rantage of it, but knowing Geellas's war atflude of mind and heart toward Wingins I wished to save Repperton the puin of rejection if it could be fone. "Pep," I said, lowering my "Pep," I said, lowering my you love me keep close to (day. You're an engaged me matrice, Gire as imitation

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"Fill be the gost. Go shead, but heids a free under Wiggins. I can't stay here forever." Reporton's angagement smoothed out one wrinking and I felt sure that I could trusk him as an ally. The ground was holding, and

ly made his source unicul of access, and the reads in that neighborhood are many and devious. Orton had banished his guests that he might tinker with his play in peace and, knowing his temper, I was sure that Wigghts and the rest idled on the

I was sure that Wigghs and the rest of them would keep out of his way till the pangs of hunger drove them back. And ridden half a mile toward fing rapidly toward me, and as she drew nearer I identified her as Heze-ka one of the best in Miss Octavia's states. Hezekish rode astride, as a woman should, her bicycle skirt serv-ing will as a habit. She rode as a böy ides who lores freedom and quickened in and I were both grateful. The big bat is to strikes.

The back to sixteen . She drew rein and fished what seem of to be salted almonds from her wweater pocket. She filliped one of these into the sir and caught it is her

"Do you care much for this horse?" "Do you care much for this horse?" "It's a good horse. I fancy Miss Oc-tavia, thinks so herself. There are places, Hesekiah, where they hang people for horse stealing." "Thought 1 might need one today, so 1 borrowed him through the back way to the old red harn. The conchuman is

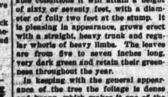
"Thought I might meed one today, so I borrowed him through the back way to the old red barn. The coachman is an ancient chum, and Annt Octavia would never mind even if she knew. And she will know, all right! Any-how, my rear tire had been patched once too often, and there is a suisfac-tion in a horse. Where's our sensitive and impressionable Wiggy? How him riding over toward Kisco yesterday p. m. with chin on his chest-dreadful riding form." "Wiggins is at Orton's-the play-wright's, you know. I're telephoned him to hustle back, but he's out of our reach somewhere. I couldn't speak to him direct; had to leave a measage for

What did you make out of Broth

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