Che Harridan-Ormsley Elopement

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Katrina Harridan was the sixth of en daughters, red haired and under d, but that did not prevent her being a power in her world. At young ladies' seminary she was the knowledged leader as well as the est intimate friend of her twelve mates, each of whom had the iding. In this they were prescient, to Thorndyke Ormsley had for some to made her the object of his atten-

ndyke Ormsley did not altogether meet with the approval of the class.
They thought him lacking in the dash and daring requisite for a suitable match for their president.
Katrina, however, viewed the matter.

from a different standpoint. As she confided to her youngest sister Pamela: "There is something restful in Thorndyke's conventionality. I always know st what to expect from him, and I ney that I can furnish more of the

element of the unexpected than is found in most orthodox families." She therefore smiled upon her ad-mirer. It followed that she had been graduated but a few months when he de up his mind that to marry her the only proper course of action.
was too well regulated a young man to propose to Katrina without having first spoken to her father. This was a procedure that the astute morsel of girlhood had foreseen and arranged

As he afterward complained to Ka-trina; "I cannot understand it. Your father was brusque, nervous, quite unlike himself. All that I could get him y was that you were too young that he entirely disapproved. When I tried to argue. Pamela came In, and he intimated that the interiew was closed." Katrina buried her face in his shoul-

der. "Oh, dear, oh, dear!" she walled. "What shall we do?" Thorndyke attempted to comfort her,

and he found the process so agreeable that he prolonged it for some moments before saying soothingly: "Do not be discouraged, Gear. I will call on him He must be made to see rea-As a happy thought struck him "Why don't you speak to him your-self? You girls have always seemed to get your way pretty thoroughly. He will say 'yes' to you."
"He won't." Katrina's voice, though

smothered, was decisive.

ecause I won't let him." Without giving her lover time to recover from ock she hurried on: "Papa has lost a great deal of money these last He has really a hard time to get along, so that another wedding is out of the question. You don't know what a wedding costs. We have had five. So we do. There would be the presents and dresses for those twelve bridesmaids, the flowers, music, cater-er, trousseau—oh, it is awful!" and she clasped her hands despairingly. "Papa is always so good. He wanted to mort-gage the house, but I said 'no.' " Light had begun to dawn upon Orms-

ley. "Let me, Katrina," he began, Two red spots appeared in Katrina's "And have us all ashamed to look you in the face? Never! Pamela and I have decided never to marry un ess we elope."

Thorndyke Ormsley stiffened. "That

Katrina began to cry in earnest. "I always knew that you were proper, but I never thought you were so horproper that you cared more for people would say than you did ac," she sobbed.

Her lover could not resist her tears You know that I love you better than anything else in the world," he said tenderly. "It is not entirely on my own account that I object. There is own account that I object. There is Aunt Harriet. She would be utterly scandalized by an elopement. Is it right to distress her when she has done everything for me and I am all she

At this virtual capitulation Katrina's bride and drank to the be tears ceased to flow. "Then if I get groom with equal fervency. Aunt Harriet's consent you will be willing to elope?" she asked guilelessly. "I would do anything to marry you." he answered, with unusual reckle

Katrina threw her arms around his neck. "Then it is as good as settled."
"You don't know Aunt Harriet," Ormsley admonished.

I do. And, what is more, I wager that if you do exactly as I tell you she herself will suggest an elope-

So the two put their heads together. Most men would have wished themelves in Ormsley's place. He must have been sensible of his privileges, for he left the house more in love than ever and vowed to play his part in the dy. Katrina refused to admit the sibility of a tragedy.

Miss Harriet Ormsley lived in a big id fashioned house called the Larches. She had the only victoria in town her utler always stood behind her chair ach caps. In all respects ber estabwere alike disturbed by the

Harridan, a mere upstart in society! It

ridiculous, preposterous! orndyke refused further discussi Thorndyke refused further discussion of the subject. His aunt lay awake most of the night, and as the clock chimed the hours of the early morning se did her indignation grow.

It was almost at boiling point the next day when Katrina was amounced. Before her hostess could speak the girl threw herself in her arms.

"Oh, dear Miss Harriet," she cried, "of course Thorndyke has fold you. I

"of course Thorndyke has told you. I suppose I ought not to be here, when I am forbidden to have anything to do with him, but it can't be wrong to come when he is away."

Miss Harriet found berself patting

"Do not cry, my dear," she said with difficulty, due to a remarkable stricture in her throat. "It is a deplorable situ-tion, but your father cannot be an entire— He must be made to see reason. I will call and explain."

This conclusion was far from reas-suring to Katrina. Yet the young diplomat managed to murmur with a fair assumption of gratitude: "That is so good of you, dear Miss Harriet. If Thorndyke and I are ever happy, it Thorndyke and I are ever happy, it will all be due to you."

On her way home Miss Harridan found it imperative to call at her fa-ther's office—or, rather, to call on the office boy. Tommy Jenks was her stanch admirer, for she had a way of treating him as if he were already a member of the firm.

"Tommy, if Miss Harriet calls to see father during the next few days just tell her that he is engaged. She would only worry him. Do you think that you could keep her out—for me?" She

smiled engagingly. The office boy was flattered by this proof of confidence. "Sure I can, Miss Katrina," he declared stoutly. "Just

you trust to Tommy Jenks."
Miss Ormsley called at the office several times. At each visit blandly assured her that Mr. Harridan

"It is impossible," she declared indignantly. But the office boy played his role to perfection. Katrina's next visit to the Larches

found its mistress in a state of mind quite at variance with her usual ele-gant calm. "Your father, in coalition with his impudent office boy, has refused to see me. He shows regard nei-ther for my age and position nor for the happiness of my nephew."

Kat ina listened meekly, for she saw that no suggestions were needed. The Ormsley blood was up. Yet even she was surprised by the suddenness with which Miss Harriet seized her by the shoulders and half swing her round as she cyled, "If you had any spirit in you, you would marry without his con-

struck. "Yes. elope!"

"But what would people say?" the

girl objected. "An Ormsley is above the vulgar criticism of the general public," Miss Har-riet a swered majestically. And indeed you can scarcely call it an elopement when I will see you married and give a reception at the Larches in the

So finally Katrina and Thorndyke allowed themselves to be won over to Miss (rmsley's way of thinking. That flery old lady insisted on making all of the arrangements and was filled with exultation whenever she thought of Mr. Harridan and his discomfiture.

She was the only witness at the cere mony, for when she sugg guests Katrina demurred.

"If I cannot have my own family I do not want any one but you." she de-clared. "I would have liked to have had those twelve bridesmaids," she added, with a self sacrificing sigh.

will all be there in the even-Miss Harriet comforted. So they were, but it was an eleventh hour great that had the place of honor. It was on the way home from church that Katrina begged Miss Harriet to break the news to her father and to implore him to forgive her on her wedding night. Softened by the sight of the youthful happiness, Miss Harriet could not refuse

could not refuse. Mr. Harridan presented a bold front. but he speedily capitulated before her eloquence. Miss Harriet almost forgave his former obduracy since it made

When Mr. and Mrs. Thorndyke Orms ley were driving to the station, the first step on their wedding journey, the m gave voice to a presentiment which all evening had clouded his happiness. "I noticed that young Croxton

very attentive to Pamela tonight. Does that mean another elopement?" Katrina gave a happy laugh as she

held up a slip of paper. "Did you not see this, stupid boy? It is Aunt Harriet's present to me, a check for \$5,000. She said she wanted me to be sure of my welcome in the family. Dear Aunt Harriet! It was a shame to fool her. Yet I think she enjoyed it, and it was absolutely neces-Part of this check shall go for Pamela's wedding. I can promise you that this shall be the last Harridan

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(Continued from Page 2.) mighty corporation, and she was a companion, the most despised and incompanion, the most despised and in-adequately paid personage in the Ma-

"Emily, ring for the porter and order clam broth for us all from the buffet car."

"I don't care for any, if you will excuse me, Mrs. Maguire. I'll order for two." "Nonsense!" said the domineering

Mrs. Maguire. "A cup of hot broth will do you good. You're looking a bit white this afternoon, and we can't ford to have you sick on our hands now, with Maguire on the edge of pneumonia."

The piercing tones ran the length of

the car, and there was smothered laughter up and down the lines. With crimson cheeks. Emily touched the button, but when the walter arrived it hand and ordered a dainty luncheon. Mrs. Magnire admitted that for a

man "in pork" he knew how to It annoyed her that she could not communicate this discovery to her hus-band. Later she said something of the sort to Emily, who had brought Mr. Maguire an evening paper picked up at

Emily did not seem to hear the patronizing remark of her employer. Her mind had leaped forward to that moment when the train should pull into the Grand Central depot. Then she and the Magnires would enter the car riage held in waiting by liveried serv ants, and Marston would go his self made independent way. When she returned to her chair, the dull foggy dusk was settling down on the river. Pretty soon on the broad six track way trains loaded with suburbanites would be shorting past them, suburbanites going home to cottages and firesides all their own, where women who had never dreamed of artistic careers wait-

The porter received Mrs. Maguire's curt comment on poor gas with abject

locate the trouble, but we'll soon be in

town," he said and hurried on. He knew the Maguire type. Emily started, Marston's hand was on her arm, not gently or as a remind-er that he deserved her attention, but in a masterly, determined clasp.

"Emly, do you think for one minute have you study with the best""I don't want to study; I have no

ambitions: I just want"-

ast word—"you."
"Emily, get a rug for Mr. Maguire,'
exclaimed Mrs. Maguire so sharply
that the dozing passengers all woke up.
Then as the girl leaned over to pick up the fallen rug Mrs. Maguire whispered

"I guess you forget where you are!"
"No," replied Emily happily. "I'v only just found out where I below the morning."

Mrs. Maguire gave vent to an exclamation that roused her husband to frightened wonder and made several men in the farther end of the car laugh

The little bride in chair 11 leaned over and touched her husband's hand. "Billy, dear, I believe there's a little story going on right under our noses." Her husband patted her hand tenderly under cover of the friendly dusk. "Wouldn't be surprised, sweetheart, and all I've got to say is I hope that the young man is the sort who will not consign Emily to a drafty seat.

"I, hope, he is just as dear and good And down in the front of the car Marston and Emily Hunt sat gazing out into the night, too happy for words.

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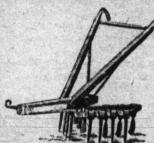
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