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LADY DELIGHT.

BY ESTHER SERLE KENNETH

A golden-haired little girl in a purple dress-you would not understand, perhaps, when you heard them call her Lady Delight, until you observed her graceful, exquisitely modest manner, and heard the fine enunciation of her speech. Hardly the place you would look for either-a tumble-down hut, half fisherman's nome, halffarm-house, on the flats of Jersey. It was but a brown dot upon the wide yellow sands, where the blue sea turned a line of bare salt shore, and yet there . were MRS. E. J. HARDING. M. D. other brown dots, with now and then a more pretentious house, all the way to the town over the hill in the hollow Electrician -Belletown, a rather gay seaside resort. At least, it had a pretty good hotel, and summer boarders from the neighboring cities. The hotel was the Larch House, where Lady Delight's be apart than to be near. And Rick father, Shipper Doyle, sold his fish frequently; but his daughter never only say in his excuse, that he was not came thither, and could not have learned her nice speech and gentle handsome girl from allegiance to his Powder. manners of the city people. Her neighbors remarked this, and observed that she was "like her mother," who Office Cor. Broadway & Glenn Ave. was intelligent and refined. The pres-

ent Mrs. Doyle was not intelligent and She was energetic and unrepressed

one or, as the neighbors said, "driving and scolding," and perhaps it is not to be wondered at when I add that the with a puraing of the doarse is and a good woman had seven sons and honestly endeavored to do her duty by them. They were not like Delight, but they were her brothers, and she oved them all, from the three-year-

catch the fish when his father was ill -as occasionally happened. The factily's only other sources of income were derived from the prodigion, labors of Mrs. Doyle, who raised shickens, cultivated asparagus, sade butter and tivated asparagus, sade butter and sewed straw. To was strange that in none of these undertakings Delight sister's affairs. had ever been allowed to share much.

Mrs. Doyle, though the mother of many children, had no taste for the Council Bluffs, - - Iowa Mrs. Doyle, though the mother of care of them.

the children, Delight. You have a ly: in his prejudiced eyes Roxy was knack at getting slong with them.

Just keep them from under my feet Proprietor of abstracts of Pottawattamie Just keep them from under my feet to-day, for I've got to get the eggs and to-day, for I've got to get the eggs and asparagus to market, wash, churn, asparagus to market, wash, churn, and finish off a dozen of them straw JOHN STEINER, M. D., So Delight, winning, persuasive,

down the yellow sands in the bland summer weather. When she was sixteen, taller and a little more sedate, she often chanced to meet Rick Revere, who strolled with them, or took Delight's godmother. It was she sick. 2a. m., 2 to 4 and 0 8 p. m. Council bluffs who gave Delight her pretty purple to sew exquisitely, and encouraged with Skipper Doyle. her taste for flowers. She was a with her sometimes when the children grandmother west to attend him. She were not with her; or the two rowed had had the disease in her youth, and

away toward the sunset and parted she would not have Rick left to It your Lifer is affected, you will find a sure re lingeringly in the moonlight.
"You'll be taking Delight away
from us some day," Mrs. Doyle remarked, fixing her black eyes on bin
marked, fixing her black eyes on bin

"I hope so," he replied, fearlo half on him and she was fain to turn awe!
freeted, half flattered, the shildren
"What shall I do will Tom and Ned,
when Delight marrie" Tom and Ned,
and Ben and Wiff, and—the—beby!"
—for soon there were eight some under

the roof tree. sat might, Lady Da-But come seat mor frawned. She ful as well highered the baby's flannels, swing it to sleep in a hammock under with the skipper, taught the others to spell, a she must not king his skipper, and the skipper, and the skipper,

faling het, taught the others to spell, a she must for the whole family. One with tick, have her evening stroll with the fall being the property of the last little white chamber noon. A fill finish the little jacket noon. A fill finish the

crowded father's family to make one of Skipper Doyle's. She had curly black hair, she was plump, she was coquettish. Mrs. Doyle plumed her self on her young relative's graces. As for Miss Roxy, she set her cap instantly at Rick.

"Na"s appared to Dalight," said forthwith was as good as her word.

Mrs. Doyle in a low tone. "I don't care," answered Rexy. "He's the only good-looking fellow ill in the little stone house far away, around here, and I'll get him if I Secretly, for Lady Delight's sake,

shoulders and veil of curls cast a last heard that the red flag had been glamour over his eyes. And at first taken down from the door of the stone it was only offering civility to one of cottage. Rick was better—had recovthe family when he took Roxy out in his little white boat, the "Petrel," Lady Delight, a very pale and genwhich was large enough to hold but tie lady, indeed, had come down from

ital company. I don't see why you don't like her," he said to Delight.

her." gentle surprise.

all last evening; just rocked that Delight, "and mother is worn out with and die!" she cried.

This speech hurt little Lady Delight.

It did not sound like Rick, who she knew, was fond of children, and who had always been tender and considerate. But she only said, "Yes, she had noticed Roxy's hearty laugh," and "No, she c-uld not go out in the "Petrel" to-night, and certainly he might take Roxy."

Soon, so soon, there were an analysis of that I did not care for her a jot. I loved nobody but you. In those dark weeks I have wept like a home sick child for a sight of your surple dress and golden head. But I know how I have treated you. In those weeks I have weeks I h

Soon, so soon, there was an end of the sunset walks and moonlight rows. Rick and Delight drifted apart, and white surf for miles in a line upon the she never lifted a finger to detain him. "I never knew why he loved me, she said to herself, "and now I do not

gentle, though sometimes, at sight of Rick and Roxy together, she would tremble like a leaf. They had come to avoid each other—to look no more into each other's faces: it was feel to the leaf of the less pain to Lady Delight at least, to the first man bewitched by a wily and

true love. He seldom came to the house, but Roxy met him on the shore, by Brant Rock, where the little 'Petrel' was moored. If Mrs. Doyle found her sister of less assistance than she expected, she made no complaint "Let him take Roxy, if he is sug! ?

with a puraing of the doarse pe and a grimace of the narrow for fad. All the little world room Lady Delight could see be matters ran. The brothers, whe geened too rough or too young to understand, were very kind to her the little boys huntedall day old twins to Dan who was fifteen, and old enough to raise the potatoes and for reat bunches of wild flowers with and the figh when his father was ill which shey burdened her, for the sweetness of everything seemed gene to poor Lady Delight. Ben, next older, who hated to work in the gar-den, faithfully hoed her pinks and

She ain't no more handsome than a "I can't putter around all day with horned pout," and Dan spoke sincere-

no ways Atractive.

"She wen't never cut me no bread an' butter, an' if she slaps Bunny again when mother ain't looking, I'll tear her old ruffled gown!" Tom, one of the twins, and Lady Delight was too weary to reprove the kept the four littlest boys under her child for bad manners. She only rule, while she ran with them up and smiled a faint response as Dan's brown hand stroked her gold hair, and Tom hung around her waist head and

But one night Roxy went down the boat mooring, and flounced back them out in his boat. The Reveres about 8 o'clock, evidently out of sorts. were more prosperous than the Doyles; It transpired the next morning that they had more fishing-hoats, a larger Rick Rowers had not met her, for farm; and then Grandame Revere was word chanced to come that he was

"They do say it's smallpox, but may dresses—in the autumn a fine merino, be it 'taint," said the boatman, who in the spring an organdie; taught her lounged in the doorway and chatted

But it was that dreadful disease splendid old lady, portly and brave in snowy caps; and Rick had her blue contracted. The town authorites inper Doyle's family always liked him; which Rok Revers had somehow in but after Lady Delight was sixteen, moved from his home to a little stone his firm tread was often head on the house, far remote from any other habbare floors, his ringing laugh under itation, which stood far down the the low roof. He walked on the shore, whither his proud, adoring old

> all-pox!" shricked Roxy. was citting on his knee ore last! If I haven't

ain't one of the faithfui We read about, be yet ipper Doyle, dryly ded by a in's have my complexion outside mall-pox for all the fellows tom?" returned Roxy, retorded Rexy,

with has was ornamental, since Downthinst toelked herealf off her fact he keipper, thing baby!" responded not king his who made no secret of Hr Lady Dwife's young relative.

a'd better be a little use-

And now her labors redoubled by Delight's illness, and dissatisfied with So Roxy Reed came from her own Roxy, since affairs had not turned out

"He's engaged to Delight," said forthwith was as good as her word. Roxy was soon gone, but for three ong weeks Rick Revere lay terribly Secretly, for Lady Delight's sake, Skipper Doyle exerted himself to ob-Delight overheard this conversation; tain daily news of the sick man. Only but Rick did not. He did not recognize Roxy Reed as bold and unscrupulation faithful care saved his life and preious; the red cheeks and dimpled vented serious disfiguration. They at

two. But the girl was full of animal spirits and buoyant life, which was exceedingly attractive; it was plain that Rick was soon fascinated.

The lady, indeed, had come down from her tiny white chamber, and was going quietly about the house. The family had greatly missed her finishing touches of taste and neatness in hat Rick was soon fascinated. ing touches of taste and neatness in "She is full of fun and witty—cap—the little home.

She had filled the windows with boxes of plants from her winter "I did not say that I did not like threatened little garden, and was sit answered Lady Delight, with ting by the fire, mending Ben's mit-"No, but you never seem to care for her society. You hardly spoke a word He was bending before the cold wind.

She ran to the door. dreadful baby ""

"The baby isn't well," interrupted in this weather! You will take cold

tooth-ache."

Privately, she thought Roxy might have taken care of the child, under the circumstances.

"I had better. I think, don't you!" asked Rick, taking her hand and looking into her eyes.

Lady Delight remembered.

"Oh! I beg your pardon, but you know I'm not partial to babies. At least, I prefer them asleep, looking like slumbering angels. By George! but it's fun enough just to hear Roxy in the long nights so near my death, I learned that I did not come to see Roxy. I don't care to see her again ever! Oh, my little Lady Delight, in the long nights so near my death, I learned that I did not come to see Roxy.

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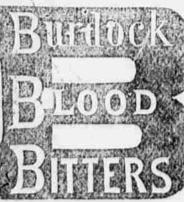
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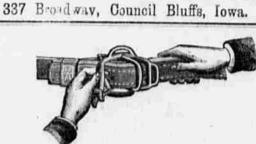
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