A Letter and a Face.

BY ROSE HAWTHORN LATHROP.

CHAPTER IV.

From Harper's Bazar.

The two governesses were indignantly blushing at Mr. Romer's galloping way of bringing up subjects not proper either for breakfast tables or young girls. Herr Greissen fairly clutched his shock of hair in a misery of vague jealousy

Mr. Romer laughed, and kept on laughing at intervals during the rest of the repast. But he had finished talking.

As soon as they rose from the table the proprietor of Ranch Superb, and also of Lucy Somerset, said: "Dan, a word with you. Come into my smoking room."

When there, Mr. Romer faced round on the hearth rug. "You've been out in the garden with that girl. I saw you."

"Certainly."

"You are abominable I tell you you can't make love to her. Go away."

"We're engaged"

Mr. Romer did not expect this, and his mouth opened uselessly.

"Fiddlesticks. Dan!" he said at last.

"Absolutely true, sir. I—I hardly know whether I am on my head or on my heels, but engaged we are; and [illegible] one, I am simply in heaven."

Mr Romer asked, spluttering with astonishment: "But how did you? [illegible] you can't both have got [illegible] in half an hour, man!"

"[illegible] love with Lucy right off, as [illegible] saw her," Michaelis averred [illegible] "She (darling) won't say [illegible] anything, but looks at me [illegible] when she means [illegible] what I ask. See? We [illegible] know how it all happened, any more than you do."

"Dan!" cried Mr Romer, going up to him and grasping both his shoulders, "You love her really?"

"Oh, Uncle Romer!"

"And you're sure she'll have you?"

"Why, she loves me, sir."

Lucy's dragon-like guardian glanced up at the ceiling and raised both hands. Then he tapped Michaelis on the chest with a forefinger, and looked at him with a mischievous twinkle

"My dear boy," he said, "it was the wish of my heart."

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