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CHAPTER 5—Continued.

"I'll tell you, Evelina," he continued stealthily. "A man just can't generalize the creatures. Apparently they are craving nothing so much as emotional excitement, and when you offer it to them they want to go to housekeeping with it. Love is a business with them and not an art."

"Would you like to try a genuine friendship with one, Polk?" I asked, and again struck from the shoulder—with my eyes.

"Help! Not if you mean yourself, beautiful," he answered promptly and with fervor. "I wouldn't trust myself with you one minute off guard like that."

"You could safely."

"But I won't!"

"Will you try?"

"No!"

"Will you go over and sit in that

chair while I tell you something calmly, quietly and seriously? It'll give you a new sensation, and maybe it will be good for you." I looked him straight in the face, and the battle of our eyes was something terrific. I had made up my mind to have it out with him then and there. There was nothing else to do. I would be frank and courageous and true to my vow and accept the consequences.

He slid along the railing of the porch and down into the chair in almost a daze of bewilderment.

"Polk," I began, concealing a gulp of terror, "I love you more than I can possibly"—

"Say, Polk, I let the pup git hung by her apron to the wheel of your car out in the road, and her head is dangerous kinder upside down. It might run away. Can you come and get her loose for me?"

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CHAPTER VI.

Deeper Than Shoulders and Ribs.

HENRIETTA'S calmness under dire circumstances was a lesson to both Polk and me, for with two gasps that sounded as one we both raced across the porch, down the path and out to the road where Polk's runabout stood by the worn old stone post that had tethered the horses of the wooers of many generations of the maids of my house.

But, prompt as our response to Henrietta's demand for rescue had been, Cousin James was there before us. He stood in the middle of the dusty road with the tousled mite in his arms, soothing her frightened sobs against his cheek with the dearest tenderness and patting Sallie on the back with the same comforting.

"Oh, Henrietta, how could you nearly kill your little sister like this?" Sallie sobbed. "Please say something positive to her, James!"

"Henrietta," began Cousin James with a suspicion of embarrassment at Polk's and my presence at the domestic scene. Polk choked a chuckle and I could have murdered him.

"Wait a minute," said Henrietta, in her most commanding voice. "Sallie, didn't you ask me to take that pup from Aunt Dilsie, 'cause of the phthisic and keep her quiet while the kit got a nap and didn't I ask you if it would be all right if I got her back whole and clean?"

"Yes, Henrietta, but you"—

"Ain't she whole all over and clean?"

"Yes, but"—

"Couldn't nobody do any better than that with one of them twins. I won't try. If I have to 'muse her it has to be in my own way." And with her head in the air the Bunch marched up the walk to the house.

At this Polk shouted, and the rest of us laughed.

"Polk, please don't encourage Henrietta in the way she treats me and her little sisters," Sallie begged between her laughs and her half-swallowed sobs. "I need my friends' help with my children, not to have them make it hard for me. Henrietta is devoted to you, and you could influence her so for the best. Please try to help me make a real woman out of her and not some sort of a terrible—terrible suffragette."

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