

time to ask his companion a question, he had arrived at a railway station. He followed Robert into one of the carriages. The whistle for departure sounded, and the two fugitives were on their way.

“But, Robert,” said Charles, “Elizabeth will be uneasy about me; and if my father, who is now able to walk out, should come to the gardens, and not find me there, what will he think?”

“Make your mind easy, Charles, we shall be back in two hours; and I dare say we shall find Elizabeth scarcely arrived at the middle of one of her stories.

“Are we going to some place for your mother?”

“No, for ourselves; we are going to play at ball.”

“To play at ball!”

“Yes. There are matches for ball playing, as well as there are races for horses, and pools for billiards; and to-day, we shall win prizes, and what we win we shall share.”

They arrived at —— and had only