

**FOR THE SAKE OF THE  
DUCHESS; A PAGE FROM  
THE LIFE OF THE VICOMTE  
DE CHAMPIONNET**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649383924

For the sake of the duchesse; a page from the life of the Vicomte de Championnet by S. Walkey

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**S. WALKEY**

**FOR THE SAKE OF THE  
DUCHESS; A PAGE FROM  
THE LIFE OF THE VICOMTE  
DE CHAMPIONNET**



FOR THE SAKE OF THE DUCHESS



FOR THE SAKE OF THE  
DUCHESS

A Page from the Life of the Vicomte de  
Championnet

BY  
S. WALKEY



NEW YORK  
FREDERICK A. STOKES COMPANY  
PUBLISHERS

Copyright, 1899,  
BY FREDERICK A. STOKES COMPANY.

317  
For sale



## CONTENTS

---

CHAP.	PAGE
I. A ROYAL TEMPTER.....	1
II. MADAME LA DUCHESSE MAKES LOVE.....	9
III. THE MIDNIGHT RIDE TO PONTIGNY.....	23
IV. THE DUEL AT NIGHT.....	32
V. CHEVERNY.....	47
VI. MADEMOISELLE SHOWS HER TEETH.....	60
VII. MONSIEUR IS A DEVIL.....	70
VIII. M. LE MARQUIS IS FOILED.....	85
IX. THE INCONSISTENCIES OF WOMAN.....	94
X. THE CARDINAL'S LETTERS.....	104
XI. THE COMING OF MADAME LA DUCHESSE.....	117
XII. MADEMOISELLE AURÉLIE AT BAY.....	129
XIII. THE FACE AT THE WINDOW.....	140
XIV. SILVAIN.....	158
XV. THE REGENT THREATENS.....	162
XVI. THE MARQUIS MAKES A CONFESSION.....	170
XVII. TRAGEDY.....	181
XVIII. DE CHAMPIONNET PLAYS THE MAN.....	191
XIX. LOVE OR HONOUR.....	199
XX. THE DUCHESSE WINS.....	210
XXI. SAINTE ROXANE.....	217
XXII. FOR THE SAKE OF MADEMOISELLE.....	229
XXIII. LIFE AND LOVE.....	236

M854119



# FOR THE SAKE OF THE DUCHESSE

---

## CHAPTER I

### A ROYAL TEMPTER

"No!" I cried. "There's my answer, Monseigneur!"

"Then you refuse to obey me?"

"Absolutely," I returned. "I am not a murderer!"

And with this I lounged off towards an oriel, leaving the Regent of France and Dubois to stare at one another across the wine-stained, card-strewn table. Snow was driving against the windows of the Luxembourg, and a red gush of light, pouring from the great portico out upon the wide, glittering gardens, created a scene of exquisite romance that held me chained, until a shuffling of feet caused me to glance round on my companions, and I saw that Dubois was kindling some fresh candles. I hated Dubois; he was coarse to the marrow, despicably sleek and low,