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(Aunt Effie, age uncertain, weight one hundred and sixty pounds, enters the Horses for Rent grounds assuredly, followed by her nephew, Edward, and her niece Lois, nineteen and seventeen respectively. Aunt Effie addresses the guide who approaches her.)

“Good morning Mr. Guide. We’ve decided--my niece and nephew and I--to take your horseback tour out to Glacier Lake and back. Edward, here, thought I ought to have some sympathy for the horse--a young man like that will have his joke, you know, but I told him I’d sit very gently. I told them they weren’t going to leave me behind like an old lady. I’m not going to take a trip clear out to Glacier Park and then not see everything there is to see. Don’t you think I’m right?”

“How far is it to the lake?--About fifteen miles round trip? Oh, that will be just a nice little jaunt, won’t it? Of course, I haven’t ridden before, but then we can take it easily and rest up when we get there. I’m looking forward to it, really---Yes, I’m ready to go. I bought this riding habit especially for this trip. I ought to be ready.

“Oh, is this my horse?” (Looking horse over, patting its nose, etc. Speaking to horse) “Good morning, dear. Nice horsie! Nice horsie! We’re going to have a nice ride and be good friends, aren’t we?--He looks so gentle. What’s his name?--Oh, Modesta. Oh, ha! ha! ha! That’s a nice name for a horse. I knew she must be nice and gentle.

“Oh, Lois, you and Edward are all mounted and ready to go. Well, Modesta and I will be ready in a minute, won’t we, Modesta?--Oh, you’re going to help me--Thank you, boys. Thanks, all four of you--No, not that way; I’d much rather ride sidewise. I don’t think it looks very feminine to sit astraddle of a horse, do you?--All right.” (Has difficulty mounting) “Umph! Umph! Umph! There we are.” (Reader may be seated from here on if preferred)

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