

Master Courtney Makes a Call An Afternoon Visit to the Jolie Theater and What Came of it. Continued from last week.

The stout man laughed again, but this time not so noisily.

Of course she is, he said. There isn't but one Posie. And you want to see her? Well, sonny, run around the corner to the stage door. You'll find somebody there to take your note and your flowers. Then come back here to me if you want to see the show.

The lad thanked him and presently found the stage door and passed into a long bare hallway.

He walked carefully, being new to the road. And presently he came up to an old man in a chair, which was leaning back against the wall and the old man was fast asleep.

The boy stared a moment or two at the ancient doortender and thenin a polite endeavor not to disturb his slumbers-softly passed him, and a moment later found himself looking out upon the stage.

There was a queer odor in the air and such strang shadows, and from somewhere in front came a sound like the sea made when he and his mother went away one summer and, be played all day in the white sands. It was the great audience laughing but it didnt sound like any laughter the boy had ever heard.

There were people watching about all gayly dressed, and there were more people out on that level field, the stage, and there was music some where,

It made the boy a little dizzy at first, but presently his head grew steadier and he noticed he was stand ing near three young women who were close to the brick wall.

The boy started at these young wo men. They were very fluffy and very rufly, and short in skirts and pink in legs, and their hair was wonderful and their complexions dazzling red on dazzling white. The boy stared hard at these beautiful creatures, but they did not see him, because he was small and in the shadow, and they were waiting the signal to go. Perhaps he would of have mustered up enough courage to ask them where

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he could find the lady he sought. But he hesitated a moment, and then it wasnt necessary.

Is your angel in the house, Pos!e? said the girl at the right, and she looked toward the girl who stood day. nearest the boy.

I told you he only came night, said the girl addressed. Hes no time for mats. Hes too busy making money. The girl laughed softly.

Theres somebody I know, said the girl at the right, who will keep him a boy of his at home, aint there? What are you goin' to do with him?

The girl who stood near the boy laughed.

Oh, the kiddy has a grandmother over in England that'll be glad to take him off his fathers hands.

And then something was said in the wings and the three girls gave themselves a little shake and ran on to the stage. And the boy turned and went past the sleeping door tender and along the dingy hall. He was close to the door when he noticed he still had the violets in his hand He stared at the fragrant bunch and then flung it in a dark corner

When the boy reached home he he rang the bell and the butler admitted him.

he said in his pleasant voice, but his just the same. face wore a serious look. Do you know whether papa is to be home to dinner?

butler replied. He left no word.

and called up his father's office,

This is Courtney Stiles, he presently said. Tell my father, please, that quick under his breath. I want to talk with him. There was a moment's silence. Yes, its Courtney papa. I have a particular favor to ask you. I want you to take dinner here with me. There is something I want to say to you. Oh will you come Thank you, papa. Hh hung up the re ceiver and called to the butler. Papa will take dinner with me he said in

his quaint way. He looked very small when he fac ed his tall father across the table, and the man's heart smote him when he looked at the quiet little face that was so strangely like the boy's dead mother-somehow he had failed to notice it before.

Courtney had little to say while Bal- to go to my grandmother. com was in the room, but when his The man looked at the boy for at 8 o'clock sharp.

father had lighted a cigar, and the stout butler had gone away. the boy leaned a little forward and looked straight in his father's eyes.

Papa, he said. I went to see her to

His father gave a little start.

Went where, my son?

I went to the Jolie theatre to see Posie Paulding.

What!

across his father's face and he noticed iron it carefully on the wrong side. busy all right. Say, she added, theres how his father's hand clutched the edge of the table. He knew that he was very angry, and he waited just a moment.

Nobody went with me, papa. It was just my own idea. I heard she was to be my new mamma, and Iwanted to see her, His brave little voice shook right here and he had to stop a moment to catch his quivering

Go on, my son.

And Courtney Went on.

I bought some violets for her, he said, but I-I didn't give them to her. She is beautiful, papa, and her dress was lovely, but her face is so red and white, and she smells so very sweet, and her voice hurt my ears.

Did she know you, son?

No, papa. I didnt get the chance Just out for a little walk, Balcom, to tell her. But she spoke about me

What did she say?

She was talking with the two girls and I couldnt help hearing what I think not, master Courtney, the they said, and one of them asked about me, and she said that my grand The boy went straight to the phone mother would be glad to take me off your hands.

The man said something sharp and

What else, son?

Nothing else, papa—only when the girls ran on to the stage I came away And when I was going down the long hall to the street I saw I was still carrying the violets. Then I threw them in a dark corner and came straight home.

Well, son?

The boys voice shook a little.

And when I got home I went into the parlor and told mammas picture all about it.

The room was very still for a mo-

What else, son?

You mustnt be angry, papa. But I The dinner was a quiet one, for have seen Posie Paulding and I want

what seemed a long time.

Then he arose and laid down his cigar.

Side by side they passed from the room and across the hall and into the great entrance and the room sprang into glowing radiance.

In front of the portrait of the beautiful women they passed, the man and the boy, and presently when the man looked down he saw that the boys eyes were filled with tears.

Why, son, son, he said very gently, and put his arm about the little shoul ders So you want to go to your grandmother?

Yes, papa.

The man drew a long breath. You shall go, son-and I will go with you.

Oh papa!

But he saw a shadow and a question on the upturned face.

Just you and me, son.

HOW TO WASH PONGEE SILK

Pongee silk can be washed in water and come out looking as well as if dry cleaned, but few people seem to know that it connot be washed in the ordinary way at all if good results are expected.

The first little point to remember is not to wash it in hot water or rub soap on it, especially strong soap. In stead dip it into a lukewarm suds of some pure white soap and carefully wash it out until it is clean, rinsing in several waters without bluing, Nev er rub it on a washboard, but gentle wash it out with the hands.

The next little point is in connect ion with the ironing, and the secret of quickly and successfully ironing pongee is simple to allow it to be hung in the sun and air until it is Courtney saw a dull red surge bone dry before beginning and then That is all.

> Do not on any account sprinkle pongee and never try to dampen the whole thing at once before one part is ironed another will become dry, and redampening the dry parts will decor ate your suit with shadows, and then to get rid of these objectionable places you will be obliged to rewash it all over again. Dont try even to iron pongee over a damp cloth, for this method will produce shadows also. And, of cource, ironing pongee on the right side, as so many do, leaves an unsightly gloss all over it.

There is no reason why pongee should not look as new and silky after it has been properly laundered as when first bought if these directions have been followed and it is allowed to become bone dry before beginning to iron it.

If a frock of pongee is embroider ed in colors it is best to wash a small piece of it before risking the entire suit. If colors run at all, then wash it in gasoline or better, send it to the dry cleaners.

KING IS IN FAVOR OF EARLIER HOURS

London May 1-Following the ban on the hobble skirt by the Lord Cham berlain, inspired by the Queen, society is eagerly discussing King George's direction that future Courts are to be held one hour earlier. The guests will begin to arrive at half past 8 o'clock instead of at half past 9. The King and Queen will enter the throne room at half past nine, instead of at half ten. which will permit the Courts to be brought to a close at midnight instead of in the small hours.

King George is a firm believer in early hours. He told a friend recent ly that a man cannot expect to succeed in business if he does not begin early if he is up half the night.

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You were in on the ground floor of

No I was in the cupola: when the bottom dropped out I fell clear into the sub-cellar .- Puck.

Insistent Canvasser-But, sir, this is something you cannot afford to be without.

Merchant-My dear man, if I could afford one-tenth of the things Id be as rich as Mr Carnegie—Boston Trans

