

THE MOONMAN'S LITTLE BOY.

I went to the moon in a toy balloon. One cloudless night in the middle of June. But I was lonely as lonely as could be. Till the Moonman's little boy played with me. He looked at me sort of puzzled and queer. Then picked up a star and scratched his ear. And said in a voice sounding faint and far. "My, what a funny little boy you are!"

THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

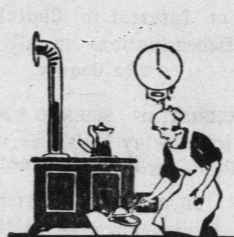
The girl was small and meager, and her meager-looking suit was small and meager-looking also; almost absurd, in fact, with that pitiful absurdity of yesterday's fashions. There were other things less apt to be noticed by a careless observer—courtesy, and a glint of laughter in the straightforward brown eyes; firmness in the line of the jaw, delicate though it was; a carriage that was by no means lacking in spirit.

Miss Dupre did not understand fully. The three noisy, eager little fellows at home had not been taught that way. But she answered promptly: "Thank you, Mrs. Grosvenor. I will do my very best. I hope I shall please you." And she added, which was not at all businesslike: "You see, I love boys so!"

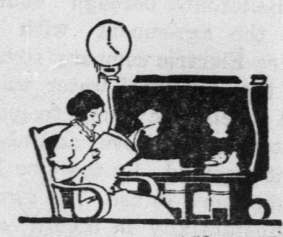
The boy was thin, with a handsome, sullen, fretful face, and long, nervous, unboyish hands. He looked like some little wild thing trapped and at bay. It was as if the soul of him realized in some dim way that it was missing its heritage, and was fighting blindly, desperately, for what it did not know.

can and Jack and their chums want to play." The boy turned to ask questions, wavered, almost yielded, suddenly hardened. "You said nobody could teach me." "Of course. Nobody can, really. You have to do things yourself, just the way you have to do your own walking. I couldn't walk you."

"I don't know how to do it," he cried. "Take off your hat." Miss Dupre nodded. "I told them," she replied taking off her hat. In her soul she knew that she had an unfair advantage. She did look prettier without her hat—any woman would, when the hat had seen two winter's services.



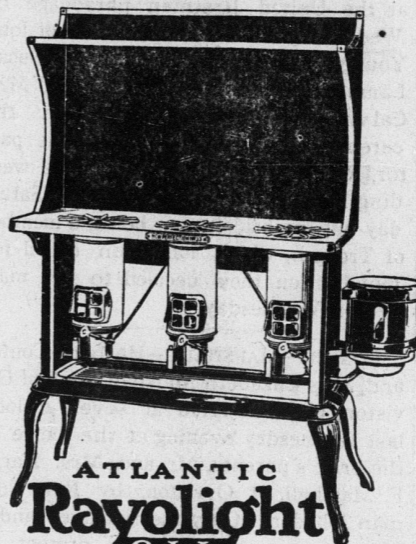
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