The ORIOLE

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"I was takin' a walk," she said dubiously. "I haf to take a whole lot of keep on walkin'."

"Get in," he said. "I'm out riding. I don't know when I'll get home." Florence got in, Uncle Joseph closed the door, and the car slowly

bumped onward. "You know where Herbert is?" Uncle Joseph inquired.

"No," said Florence, in a gentle

"I do," he said. "Herbert and your friend Henry Rooter came to our house with one of the last copies of the Oriole they were distributing to subscribers; and after I read it I kind of foresaw that the feller responsible for their owning a printing press was going to be in trouble. I had quite a talk with 'em and they hinted they hadn't had much to do with this number of the paper, except the mechanical end of it; but they wouldn't come out right full with what they meant. They seemed to have some good reason for protecting a third party, and said quite a good deal about their fathers and mothers being but mortal and so on; so Henry and Herbert thought they oughtn't to expose this third party-whoever she was. Well, I thought they better not stay too long, because I was compromised enough already, without being seen in their company, and I gave 'em something to help 'em out with the movies. You can stay at movies an awful long time, and if you've got money enough to go to several of 'em, why you're fixed for as long as you please. A body ought to be able to

for nine or ten dollars, I should think." He was silent for a time, then asked: "I don't suppose your papa and mama will be worrying about you, will they, Florence?"

live a couple o' months at the movies

"Oh, no!" she said quickly. "Not in the least! There was nothin' at all for me to do at our house this after-

"That's good," he said, "because before we go back I was thinking some

of driving around by way of Texas." and said nothing. It seemed to her ing. I haven't got any more right to that he suspected something; she was be picked on for that than a child." not sure, but his conversation was a little peculiar-though not in the least sinister. Indeed, she was able to make out that he had more the air of an accomplice than of a detective. Nevertheless she was convinced that far, far the best course for her to pursue, during the next few days, would be one of steadfast reserve. And such a course was congenial to her mood, which was subdued, not to say apprehensive; though she was sure that her recent conduct, if viewed sympathetically, would be found Christian. The trouble was that probably it would not be viewed sympathetically. No one would understand how carefully and tactfully she had prepared the items of the Oriole to lead snavely up to the news of Aunt Julia's engagement and break it to Noble Dill in a manner to save his reason. Therefore, on account of this lack of comprehension, really the only wise and good thing to



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do was to claim nothing for herself, and allow Herbert and Henry to remain undisturbed in full credit for publishing the Oriole. This involved disappointment, it is true; nevertheless she decided to bear it.

She had looked forward to surprising "the family" delightfully. As they fluttered in exclamation about her, she had expected to say, "Oh, the poem isn't so much, I guess-I wrote it quite a few days ago and I'm writing a couple new ones now-but I did sense this former owner and proprie- out at once.-Grit,

take quite a lot o' time and trouble | tor was certain that he would never with the rest of the paper, because I hear the last of it. However, on achad to write every single word of it, or else let Henry and Herbert try to, exercise, and I ought to walk and and 'course they'd just of ruined it. walk and walk. I guess I ought to Oh, it isn't so much to talk about I was far less painful to Herbert than

> do things that way." Like so many other young unearthed rehearsals, this one was never to be played for an audience. Adults are undependable. Thirteen attempts to exercise a great philanthropy, and every grown person in sight, with the possible exception of Great-uncle Joseph, goes into wholly unanticipated fits of horror. Cause and effect have no relation: Fate operates without reasonable sequence-like a monkey.

> And while Florence, thus pensively disturbed, sat beside fat Uncle Joseph during their long, long drive, relatives of hers were indeed going into fits; at least, so Florence would have described their gestures and incoherencles of comment. And straight into such a fitful scene did the luckless Herbert walk when driven home, after the movies, by throughts of food, at about six that evening. Henry Rooter had strongly advised him against return-

> It may reasonably be felt that it required no particular gift of prophecy to hazard the prediction that in all probability a most unpleasant form of inquisition awaited Herbert on his return to his home. And Henry Rooter had the wisdom (and experience) of thirteen.

"You better not," he said, wisely. "Honest, you better not, Herbert!"

"Well, we got apple dumplings for dinner," Herbert said, his tone showing the strain of mental uncertainty. "Eliza told me this morning we were goin' to have 'em. I kind of hate to go, but I guess I better, Henry." "You won't see any apple dump-

lings," Henry predicted. "Well, I believe I better try it, Henry."

"You better come home with me. My father and mother'll be perfectly willing to have you."

"I know that," said Herbert. "But I guess I better go home and try it, anyhow, Henry. I didn't have anything to do with what's in the Oriole. Florence looked at him trustfully It's every last word ole Florence's do-"Yes," Henry admitted. "But if you go and tell 'em so, I bet she'd get even with you some way that would probably get me in trouble, too, before we got through with the job. I wouldn't tell 'em if I was you. Herbert!"

"Well, I wasn't intending to," Herbert responded gloomily; and the thought of each, unknown to the other, was the same, consisting of a symbolic likeness of Wallie Torbin at his worst. "I ought to tell on Florence; by rights I ought," said Herbert; "but I've decided I won't. There's no tellin' what she wouldn't do. Not that she could do anything to me, particularly

"Nor me, either," his friend interposed hurriedly. "I don't worry about anything like that! Still, if I was you I wouldn't tell. She's only a girl, we got to remember."

"Yes," said Herbert, "That's the way I look at it, Henry; and the way I look at it is just simply this: long as she's a girl, why, simply let her go. You can't tell what she'd do, and so | nor Cousin Florence's poem. what's the use to go and tell on a

"That's the way I look at it," Henry agreed. "What's the use? If I was broken, even when Aunt Fanny in your place, I'd act just the same | mourned, shaking her head at him, way you do."

"Well," sald Herbert, "I guess I better go on home, Henry. It's a Herbert just looked at her. good while after dark."

"You're makin' a big mistake!" Henry Rooter called after him. "You won't see any apple dumplings, I bet | thing about it is this about Noble a hundred dollars! You better come Dill.'

on home with me." And Herbert no more than half opened his front door before he perceived that his friend's advice had been excellent. So clearly Herbert perceived this, that he impulsively decided not to open the door any farther, but on the contrary to close it, and retire; and he would have done | pretty soon he came back to the house so, had not his mother reached forth and he had a copy of this awful paper and detained him. She was, in fact, that little Florence had given himjust inside that door, in the hall with one of his great-aunts, one of his aunts, two aunts-by-marriage, and an elderly unmarried cousin, who were all just on the point of leaving. However, they changed their minds and ask her mother about that." decided to remain, now that Herbert

was among them. It really seemed that to many persons who were gathered there, apparently in important consultation, his appearance was distinctly welcome. His own feelings were in nowise mixed. They were distinctly apprehensive, and the volley of mingled questionings and reproaches which The wise youth finds out what most met him did not tend to remove them. Bach member of the party seemed to that he's the best fellow in that busi-

minutes later, but it had already be- main cooped up with limitations when come clear to the son that the North | you might just as well be enjoying the End Daily Oriole was in one sense n fullest liberty. If by chance you get thing of the past, though in another | into a blind alley see to it that you get

count of the life of blackmail and slavery now led by the members of the old regime, the Oriole's extinction guess; it just sort of comes to me to his father supposed; and the latter wasted a great deal of severity, insisting that the printing press should be returned that very night to Uncle Joseph. Herbert's heartlest retrospective wish was that the ole printing press had been returned to Uncle Joseph long ago.

"If you can find him to give it to!" Aunt Harriet suggested. "Nobody knows where he goes when he gets the way he did this afternoon when we were discussing it all with him. I only hope he'll be back tonight!"

"He can't stay away forever," Aunt Fanny remarked. "That garage is charging him five dollars an hour for the automobile he's in, and surely even Joseph will decide there's a limit to wildness some time!"

"I don't care when he comes back," Herbert's father declared grimly.



"Oh, If Boys Could Only Be Girls!" Herbert Just Looked at Her.

that printing press back-and Herbert will be let out of the house long enough to carry it over. His mother or I will go with him."

Herbert bore much more than this; he had seated himself on the third step of the stairway in the hall, and maintained as much dogged silence as he could. Once, however, they got a yelp of anguish out of him. It was when Cousin Virginia said:

"Oh, Herbert, Herbert! How could you make up that terrible falsehood about Mr. Crum? And, think of it; right on the same page with your cousin Florence's pure little poem!"

Herbert uttered some sounds, totally incoherent but loud, and expressive of a supreme revulsion. The shocked audience readily understood that he liked neither Cousin Virginia's chiding

"Shame!" said his father. Herbert controlled himself, could be seen that his spirit was not

smiling ruefully: "Oh, if boys could only be girls!"

"The worst thing," said his father -"that is, if there's any part of it that's worse than another-the worst

"What about that poor thing?" Aunt Harriet asked, "We haven't

heard." "Why, I walked up from downtown with old man Dill," said Mr. Atwater, "and the Dill family are all very much worried. It seems that Noble started downtown after lunch, as usual, and "Who gave it to him?" Aunt Fanny

asked. "Who?" "Little Florence." "Why, that's curious," Cousin Virgi-

nia murmured. "I must telephone and The brooding Herbert looked up,

and there was a gleam in his dogged eye; but he said nothing. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Avoid World's Blind Alleys.

The young man of today does not have to follow the job his father had unless it's the job best suited for him. appeals to him, and then sees to it feel in some manner particularly ag- ness. Such fellows rise to success in spite of handicaps. Then the world Herbert's father joined them, a few wonders and applauds. It's folly to re-

Suits of Pale Gray SIME PEOPLE

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Very attractive are the suits of palest gray velours de laine, the coats



and lined with black satin. The con- NOW USE DYED RABBIT SKIN trast is almost as startling as black and white, yet the grayish tone makes them possible for winter wear.

The dress coat and the coat dress are still important, and the resemblance between them is so great that it is difficult to distinguish one from the other. There are models designed for coat purposes which look like dresses; again there are models, distinctly dresses, that have a most cont-like appearance. Both types agree on high-neck finishes and large sleeves. Practically all have long sleeves and low waistlines. If they are of the chemise type they must blouse over a low-placed girdle of ome sort. The day of permitting this type of garment to hang in a perfectly unbroken line has passed.

A new idea appears in the coat dress, or robe manteau, as the French call it, developed in velvet or heavy woolen material and shown with a short circular cape and muff of fur. The muff is crescent shape.

BEST WAY TO CLEANSE SILKS

Fabric Should Be Scrubbed With Brush Instead of Rubbing Between Hands or on Board.

The best way to clean pongee, tussah and novelty silks is to wash them in lukewarm water with good soap. Instead of rubbing between the hands or on a board, material of this sort should be scrubbed with a brush and it will need rinsing in at least three waters.

The greatest danger in handling material of this kind is in using water which is too hot, for very hot water causes heat wrinkles which will not disappear even under the iron. Oil Stains-Stains made by machine visible pockets are features.

Striking Garments Collared and oll or any of the ordinary oils can be removed with carbon tetrachloride. Oll Paints-A mixture of carbon tetrachloride and chloroform in equal

parts will remove oil paint marks. Nickel-Stains and marks on nickel can be removed by rubbing them with a paste made of whiting and ammonia.

GARMENTS FOR SPORTS WEAR

Knitted Capes Are Among the Most Favored Numbers; Sweaters in Tuxedo Models.

Knitted garments, apparently, are being more and more strongly featured lets at noon time. in the new sports wear showings. Knitted capes, large affairs which drape into shawls, are among the most fa- the same. Any druggist can supply vored numbers. Silk and wool mix- this well-known blood builder. Phytures are popular, usually in two-tone sicians have prescribed Gude's Peptomixtures, about 60 per cent silk. Suits Mangan for years. It restores the of the darker mixtures are bound blood to its normal healthy state by about with bright colored bands. An increasing the number of red cells. attractive dress is shown with fur collared cape to match. The cape may run down, weak, pale and sickly, rebe tied at the waistline, giving smart gain normal health by helping the overskirt effect to the garment.

drape into shawis, are hand made. Sweaters are shown in Tuxedo models, or slipon with V or straight neck. Silk numbers use bright colored stripings. while hand-knit wool ones are shown with attached scarfs of many colors.

Knicker costumes continue to festure, but are being more in demand for sports than for street wear. Western houses form the bulk of the order business, it is said, many calls coming

for the separate knickers. An effective original design golf costume of soft material in tan with brown overplaid is featured by a prominent sports house. The suit consists of sleeveless jumper, skirt, cape and knickers, the latter included if desired. The skirt fastens at the side, and may Black Broadcloth Coat With Bright be unsnapped for added width if the Green Broadcloth Cuffs and Braid wearer desires it for tramping or golf.



None would guess this coat to be of rabbit; yet it really is dyed bunny fur. The comfy shawl collar, belt, and in-

HOW GIRLS WEAR THEIR HAIR

Head Dresses That Simulate Bobbed Cut Are More in Favor at Present.

Some of the head dresses, among the younger girls, have taken a very be so much the making of its last efprominent place. The colffures are fect, Bracelets with the short sieeves, simple enough-more often than not being those that have been bobbed are favorite adornments, and, while and made comfortable in the last degree. But there is usually some sort of extra adornment somewhere about liant, and a girl wears many of them the head, if it is only a slightlyjeweled comb, that is pushed in carelessly to keep the front locks of a

Dutch cut in position. The head dresses that simulate a bobbed cut are even more in the public eye than are those which are actually cut short. Many are the young ladies who prefer to keep the full length of their locks intact, and then to make them look as though they had been clipped off. On these hair arrangements there is usually imposed some sort of decoration if it and which is carried out by the use of

forehead. When the contour of the face can stand the strain, the hair is pulled bottom. straight back from the forehead, and it is just enough from which to dangle sleeves of this rich material. with which it is worn.

Wreathr of silver and golden leaves of silk or wool.

are favorite hair adornments for the younger girls. They are neither very heavy nor large, but they are just accentuated enough to add that extra finish to a simple frock which can and with the entire lack of sleeves, they are not over conspicuous in their designs, they are still distinctly brilin different jewels and colorings if the fancy strikes her.

IRREGULAR HEM IS FEATURE

Distinctive Fashion Carried Out by Use of Panels and Draperies-Fur in Favor.

The irregular hem, such a distinctive feature of many of the new fall frocks is only a band of jewels across the panels and draperies, is also to be met with in the long suit coats which as a rule are inclined to flare around the

The lavish use of fur is another charthen further augmented with little acteristic of suits and coats. Often puffs of hair over the ears, for it is an entire jacket front will be fashthis covering of the ears that still loned from some soft fur such as mole seems to be necessary as a matter of or caracul, while here and there a strict fashion and good sense. No one winter wrap is seen which besides havleaves a tip of the ear showing, unless ing a fur collar will also have the

a length of earring conspicuously nec- Pile fabrics which imitate such flat essary to the finish of the costume furs as broadtail and caracul are employed as trunmings on the new frocks

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