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SYNOPSIS

Virginia West enters boarding school a shy child, but her experience there and particularly the friendship she forms with Kathleen Foster, one of the older girls, develops her amazingly in a few months. At the Christmas holidays when she attempts to tell her mother about a man she has

tell her mother about a man she has met, Mrs. West realizes that her daughter has grown up and that it is not entirely a pleasant feeling to have a grown daughter where one formerly had a child.

AS THE two girls stood looking at each other, a bell rang suddenly in the apartment. Hannah, the colored maid, coming from the kitchen to answer it, peered in with interested round eyes at the quiet figures. She loved Virginia, and she had been with Mrs. West since Virginia had been a small child.

child.
She opened the door to a tall, good-

looking man who handed her his hat and coat and strolled into the living

teously, his eyes fixed admiringly on Kathleen. "I didn't know that any one was here."

Virginia came forward laughing: Why, Mr. Allen, I don't believe you

She curtseyed. "Why, what have you done to your-

"Why, what have you done to yourself?"

"I've been at school, you know."

"Do they make over girls in a few weeks at boarding school?" he chaffed.

"Have I changed so much, then?"

"I'm afraid you have." and then he turned to Kathleen half inquiringly.

Virginia introduced them and they were soon chatting merrily. Mr. Allen had been a friend of the family when Virginia's father was alive. He had plenty of money, but absolutely no intention of marrying, much as Mrs. West desired it. He was shrewd, proud of his freedom, as most men of forty-three who have remained unmarried are, and he understood Mrs. West perfectly. They were very good friends, however, and he admired her more than he did any other woman. Secretly Mrs. West felt that he might still be conquered.

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She came into the room in a few minutes carrying a jade green velvet and fur evening cloak which she trailed picturesquely on the floor. Her gown was black velvet, cut very daringly, and she looked her best. Even Kathleen gasped a little, and Mr. Allen rose and held out his hands for the coat.

"What do you think of my big girl?" Mrs. West asked laughingly.

"Isn't she wonderful?" he responded.
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And then his eyes wandered back to
Kathleen, who was apparently unconscious that he admired her exceedingly.
But she knew every look he cast in her
direction and was perfectly aware of
the fact that Mrs. West knew it, too.
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Mrs. West glanced at the clock. "We'll be late, won't we, Richard?" she said a little impatiently.

He looked at his watch, as men always do whether there is a clock in the reom or not.

the room or not.
"Plenty of time," he remarked casually. And then with a few laughing remarks to the girls they started. Mrs. West was unusually silent as they went down in the elevator and out to the car. Inwardly she was furious, but she was the class to show it, even when he said

too clever to show it, even when he said

quite eagerly:
"Who was the beautiful girl with
Virginia?"

Virginia?"
"Oh, one of Virginia's school friends;
I never saw her before tonight." Mrs.
West tried to keep her tone careless
and disinterested.
Womanlike she longed to say, "Do
you really think she is so beautiful? I
don't." and she bit her lips to keep
silent.
The offer collected stars with the collected stars.

silent.

The car rolled along smoothly and Richard Allen said, after a few moments, "I felt a hundred years old when I saw Virginia. You and I are another generation, Mary, I never realized it so keenly before."

They're nothing but children, aping grown-up, manners," Mrs. West said pettishly. "There's nothing so silly as girls that age."

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Richard said nothing, which made his companion more angry than ever.

Back in the apartment, Kathleen was

"What an attractive man, Virginia, who is he?"
"Mr. Allen; Oh, he's an old friend of the family. Do you like him? I think he's too old."
"Old, why he's fascinatinfi(much more interesting than a college man who can't talk about anything but himself!"

(Monday, Mrs. West decides to give a dinner.)

THERE is another book of music that

A would make a very nice Christmas gift, both because it is most attractively decorated and because the music itself

decorated and because the music itself is tuneful and interesting. The four pieces are a series of events at a masked ball, and while they are not difficult to play are sufficiently intricate to require a bit of studying. The book is only ninety cents, and I suggest it with my hearty recommendation.

Cretonne pin trays, boxes, pin trays and the like make pretty decorations for the dresser, particularly if you can

for the dresser, particularly if you can get them to match. One shop has a table of happy little pin trays in bright cretonnes, with picture-frames to match, and with handkerchief aud gloves boxes, also. Not any one of them costs more than sixty-five cents, so that for little more than \$2 you could buy a whole set. And think what a nice Christmas gift they would make!

Net Christmas stockings are very fascinating. One can get a peep at their contents, which are always very mystifying, and not quite make-outable. To/s, candies, all kinds of surprises are held within their capacious depths. One shop has a large assortment of these net stockings, filled, with prices ranging from twelve cents to \$2.25. The small ones, too, make attractive Christmas-tree ornaments.

When I first saw the snug, compact hairpin boxes of natural colored wood I thought they were nice. But it took Dorothea to point out their possibilities as Christmas gifts. "You could fill them with hairpins of various sizes," she said, in her practical way, "and they would be nice to keep on the dresser. Goodness knows, a body never can have enough hairpins." I believe she's right. The boxes themselves cost only Iwanty-five cents, and by the time you fill them with hairpins, you have a mighty acceptable gift, and at a cost of less than \$1.

The new pencil holders for desks are unusually attractive. Standing upright on a small oblong of black are six hollow tubes about two inches high. In

low tubes about two inches high. In each one goes a pencil, while a center receptacle of slightly different shape holds an eraser. Somehow you are reminded of the pipes of an organ. But anyhow you will like these holders and you will appreciate the color contrast of the brightly colored pencils against the brass holders. You can get these for \$1.10 and \$1.45, depending upon the number of pencils the holder will

With a Purse

Adventures

girls that age.

know me." 'Virginia!"

"I beg your pardon," he said, cour-

Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store

Lo! now is come our joyful'st feast, Let every man be jolly. Each room with ivy leaves is drest, . And every post with holly.

-Wither.

Here Are Gifts as Warm as Toast

—Blankets and Quilts Wool-Filled Quilts, \$10

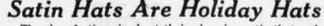
Soft and thick and warm are these quilts, filled with wool and a little cotton and covered with figured cambric. The borders are in plain pink, blue, rose, green

Indian Blankets, \$7.50

Any boy or girl at school would like one of these warm, colorful blankets as a couch throw. 'They measure 66x80 inches and are in all sorts of brightly colored

Wool-Mixed Blankets, \$10

Warm, cozy bankets of white wool-and-cotton are bordered in pink or blue and have wide bindings to match. They measure 76x84 inches and are of good



There's a festive air about their gleaming satin that makes one think of furs and rosy cheeks. Brown, navy, black and taupe are the principal colorings, and the hats are prettily trimmed with metallic braid, with velvet flowers, burnt plumage or rims of fur.

\$3.75, \$5 and \$6 are the prices.

To the Friend Who Travels A Traveling Bag Is the Thing to Give

Shiny, black enameled suit cases are very much the vogue right now, and they're as practical as they are smart. Knocking about seems to have very little effect upon them and they don't mind bad weather. Walrus grain fabricoid is another practical black material of which much luggage is being made.

Suit cases start at \$7 for the smaller size and go to \$17.50 for a

Hand-Bags, Special at \$10.50

Good, stout traveling bags of black, grained, split cowhide are leather lined and measure 18 inches long.
Other traveling bags start at \$5 for fabricoid and go to \$40 for

Heaps of Fresh Gift Neckwear From \$1 to \$2.25

There are women's collars and sets of imitation Point Venise and filet and of soft net trimmed with creamy Valenciennes lace. Scores and scores of pretty things!

An Interesting Gift List From the Upholstery Store

Pillows—round, puffy pillows covered with tapestry and velour in lovely shades and oblong pillows covered with Oriental fabrics are \$2 to \$7.50.

Pillow tops-of fine tapestry, of velour and of armure are 50c to \$1.25. Matting boxes—large matting boxes, with or with-out trays, are \$6.50 to \$11.50.

Scarfs and table runners—of silk, tapestry, velour and wood silk are \$3.25 to \$12.

And there is yet time to make many things of cretonne, silk-and-cotton materials, etc., all of which are moderately priced.

Cedar Chests Fragrant, Useful, Worth-While Gifts!

Beautifully marked, delightfully fragrant and durably sound red cedar is used in hundreds of cedar chests for us. It is a huge Christmas army that has invaded the Upholstery Store, but an army of usefulness, convenience and attractiveness. A girl or woman would be more than pleased with one of these chests for Christmas. \$12.50 to \$42.50.

The Gift of Twinkling Brightness-A Rhinestone Bar Pin

How they gleam and glitter in blue, red, purple, green and white lights! And how attractive are the settings—some gallery mountings, others with intricate filigree work and tracery of tiny stones! There are various shapes, but all are attractive. Think how pretty they will look on Christmas morning resting on a bed of soft, white cotton! 50c to \$10. (Central)

\$16.75

A Velvet Handbag for a Gift? Good Ones Are \$3

They may be had with tops of metal or tops covered with velvet and are in black, taupe, navy blue and brown, the very best colors of the season.

If you want a finer bag there are scores of pretty things in the Down Stairs Store. Some have beautifully carved and colored tons of imitation shell or of imitation Dutch silver. Inside, these are softly lined with silk and fitted with mirrors and little purses. \$5 to \$20.

Gift Gloves for Women

Washable capeskin in tan, coffee, gray and pearl, one-clasp style, \$2.25 a pair. Other capeskin gloves in tan, dark brown, ivory and beaver are \$2.50 a pair.

Light-weight capeskin gloves (these will appeal to women who object to the heavy appearance of most capeskins), in tan or brown. Plenty of velvety mocha gloves

in brown and gray are \$3.50 a Strap wrist gray mochas are \$4.50 a pair. (Central)

Sateen Pettibockers, \$3 and \$3.75

Otherwise, ankle length bloomers are of sateen in taupe, Copenhagen, black, purple and dark green, gathered onto elastic at the ankles and the waists. (Central)

A Dress Length of Lovely Voile for Christmas?

What nicer gift for a woman to receive on Christmas morn-

Many beautiful patterns to shoose from-most of them the new 1920 patterns-at 85c to \$2.50 a yard. Some are the lovely sating the voiles. Or of Grgandie

Many lovely light and dark olors at 55c a yard-40 inches (Central)

Camisoles Special at \$1.25

Flesh pink Jap satin, topped cluny lace, makes these little underbodices. They have lace shoulder straps and are touched with pink and blue ribbon.

Good Umbrellas That Were Meant for Gifts

They are good to look at as well as useful-what more could be de-

sired in a gift?

Black and colored silk covers with attractive handles—some entirely of bakolite, others with trimmings and ring handles of it. Many have leather handles or trimmings. The most of them have short white ferrules and have white tips. \$9.50 to \$15. Splendid \$5 Umbrellas

for Men and Women

The covers are union taffeta (silk-and-cotton), of a good quality over strong frames. The men's umbrellas have handles that are plain, trimmed with sterling or bakolite; the women's are good-looking handles tipped with bakolite and having rings of it.

New Tailored Frocks—Special at \$16.75 Of silvertone in navy and brown, there are two models, both youthful and trim. Of navy blue tricotine there are dresses which are embroidered about bodices and pockets with

Of wool jersey in Pekin, taupe, reindeer, Copenhagen and navy there are frocks embroidered in



\$16,75

New Taffeta Dresses, \$25

Fresh and rustling are these new dresses with crisp net collars and cuffs. They are made with draped bodices and overskirts and are in navy and black.

A Big Collection of Dresses Reduced to \$18.75

There's wide choosing among these simple, wearable dresses which have been reduced, as sizes are incomplete. There are navy blue serges and satin dresses.

Satin Dresses in Extra Sizes, \$23.50

Most of these dresses are in navy, black and taupe, and they are cut on long, straight lines, which are most becoming to heavy figures. Embroidered net collars, touches of Georgette or vestees of tricolette are used

36 Georgette Crepe Dresses, \$18.50 and \$22.50

-All Very Much Reduced in Price

handful of light-colored Georgette dresses that have become mussed and have consequently been much reduced. They are in white, pink, light blue and peach, and they are well worth a cleaning.

At Last! Something for the Man!

Shaving sets, conveniently arranged, each consist of : stand with a mirror that can be adjusted to the proper height and angle, a cup in a receptacle on the stand and a brush. Others also have talcum powder, shaving powder and a bottle for toilet water. \$2.50 to \$8.

(Central)

Pretty Sacques for Baby

Little knitted or crocheted sacques, many of them made by hand, are all white or finished with pink or blue. Then there are the fainty white sacques of cashmere and crepella and pink, blue or white sacques of crepe de chine, most of them beautifully embroidered by hand and finished with satin ribbons. \$1.50 to \$6. (Central)

Turkish Towel Sets \$2.50

Each set is in a box which contains a big bath towel, a smaller towel and a wash cloth. They are in pink or blue stripes and plaids or in jacquard border design with space left for embroidering an

(Chestnut)

Cozy Bathrobes for Children \$2.75 to \$5.00

Figured blanket bathrobes, many of them trimmed with ribbon, are in sizes for children of 2 years to 16. They are well made and attractive, with patterns for boys and patterns for girls.

blue eiderdown bathrobes for babies at \$2.75.

Satin Ribbon for Hair Bows

Light Blue Old Blue Pink Copenhagen Maize Navy Lavender Red Nile

and many more beautiful shades of color are here in ribbons of the better sort that one wants to give at Christmas time. In the right widths for hair bows and sashes, they are 85c to \$1.20 a yard.

Cretonne Desk Sets for Milady's Boudoir \$2.75 to \$4.50

Cheery cretonne desk sets in various colors and attractive designs are useful and good to see, too! (Art Needlework, Central)

Plaid Skirts Special at \$16.50 The colors and the soft mate

rials are delightful and the skirts are side-pleated or boxpleated. Some of the plaids are small enough to be called checks and others are large and will look especially well with the short sports coats.

A Splendid Group at \$19.50

Box-pleated plaid skirts with wide belts are in artistic shades of color. In many the box pleat is of dark, mixed stripes and the inverted part is a soft plain color and the contrast is surprising and attractive. There are also black and white plaids.

(Market)

Babies' Warm Caps Knitted and crocheted hats and padded silk hats are ever so cunning-and how much more so when framing sweet baby faces. Some of them are hand made and others are embroidered by hand.

Little Booties -crocheted or knitted, are all

white or trimmed with pink or blue. 35c to \$1.

Crepe Plisse for Underwear Many women prefer this to the

plain materials for underthings, negligees and such. Plain pale pink or white, 30 inches wide, is 50c a yard.

White, blue or pink grounds, with dainty floral designs, butterflies or birds printed on them, 30 inches wide, 60c a yard. (Central)

Wool Scarfs for a Gift

Most any girl or woman would appreciate one.

In a great many colors and combinations they start at \$7.50 for a straight scarf and go to \$12.75 for a big scarf that is almost like

Boys' Caps Special at \$2.35

There is an unusually fine se lection at this price and each cap is worth quite a bit more. There are tweeds, corduroys and a material like homespun—great choosing for a boy! Other caps and hats are \$1 to

(Gallery, Market)

Reductions Prevail on All Women's Suits in The Down Stairs

Store Wool jersey Checked velours | Wool velour Herr i n g b o n e Tricotine Gabardine

Silvertone There are suits for all occasions, from sports wear to matinees; new low prices start at \$23.50 and go to \$125. (Market)

Loveliness and Comfort Combined in These

Kimonos and Negligees A soft corduroy robe in light or Copenhagen blue, rose, pink, lavender and purple is lined with silk-and-cotton material. It is made with pockets and a long tie belt. \$12.50.

Beautiful figured silk and satin kimonos in light and dark allover printed patterns are \$15 and Pale pink or blue makes a negligee with pleated frills of Geor-gette crebe at the neck and

sleeves. Shirring and two-tone ribbon adorn the front of it. Two styles of pale blue or pink crepe de chine, effectively trim-

med with Georgette crepe, are

Christmas Frocks for Girls and Juniors At \$7.25, pretty, new frocks of

fine white pique are well tailored. The skirts are pleated in back and in front and show patch pockets on the sides. The only adornments are attractive pearl-like buttons. Sizes 8 to 14 years. At \$8.75, dainty frocks of white

pique are prettily hand-embroid-ered in colors. They have white dimity guimpes and are finished with black velvet about the waists. Sizes 8 to 14 years.

Well-Tailored Regulations at \$5.50 White iean regulations are box-

pleated from shoulder yokes and have blue collars and cuffs trimmed with white braid. Sizes 12 to 16 years.

Taking Care for the Rainy Day Even at Christmas it is wise to

remember rainy days, so-raincapes and raincoats!

Rubberized blue raincapes with plaid-lined hoods are \$3 and \$3.75. The hood linings of those at \$3.75 are silk. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Good-looking tan rubberized poplin raincoats with hats to match, for girls of 8 to 14 years, are \$8.75. (Market)



Men's All-Wool Chesterfield Overcoats, \$36.50

-which is much less than they'd be if we were to buy them

It is a conservative style, lined throughout with Venetian and is cut with a fly front. Of thick, warm oxford gray coating, every thread pure wool.

Men's Shoes Special at \$2.90

Black leather lace shoes with medium toes or on English lasts are sturdily welted and are all-around good shoes for any man or big boy. Boys' Shoes Special at \$4.90

Big boys' shoes of black and tan leathers are on English lasts. Sizes 21/4 to 6

Men's Leather Moccasins-Special at \$1.25 -which is about half price! The moccasins are in various tan, brown, gray and buck shades and make the sort of Christmas gift that every

man appreciates. Sizes 6 to 11. Slippers for Men and Boys Slippers of black or tan leather and of various colors of felt

(Gallery, Market)

A Christmas Sale of Blouses

Ordinarily every one would be a great deal more, but most of these are manufacturer's samples, though every one is fresh

They are all of soft white voile with fine laces and embroidery for trimming.

Not every size in each style.

Lamps for Gas in the Christmas Light Shop

Floor lamps, tall and well designed, are in a dark, rich mahogany finish and are heavy and solid. \$17.50. Table lamps, in mahogany finish, are in two sizes

at \$6.50 and \$7.50. Shades, of colorful silk trimmed with galloon and

deep fringe, may be had for these lamps at \$5.50 to \$15. Doll Lamps—Special at \$4

These pretty little electric boudoir lamps are in the form of little French court ladies with bouffant silk skirts of rose, blue or gold, under each of which a light bulb is concealed.

Umbrella Lamps-\$4

Another electric boudoir lamp, which has a cretonne shade that can be folded up like an umbrella-and that's mighty convenient for traveling.

A Belated Shipment of Good Black Charmeuse Special at \$3.75 a Yard

Soft, lustrous and fine-beautiful silk for Christmas giving or for oneself! This quality is today worth half as much again, if not more; we ordered this last May.

Frivolous Furbelows

What fluffy delight is heaped in the Petticoat Store these holiday times! Here are pink satin petticoats with row upon row of creamy lace and fold upon fold of pink chiffon-really there seems no end to their loveliness. One of the prettiest has a deep flounce of cream lace veiling knots of blue and gold two-tone ribbon. Prices start at \$8.75 and go to \$22.50.

Of a More Practical Nature

but none the less interesting are the silk petticoats that are Special at \$4.85

pleated flounces.

They are of plain and changeable taffeta in two styles, with deep

At \$6.75 are two-tone messaline petticoats with contrasting hems, changeable taffeta in many colors and petticoats made entirely of silk jersey in navy, gray, purple, emerald and black.

At \$8.50

you will find jersey top petticoats with pleated messaline flounces. They are in emerald, black, purple, king's blue and navy.

A Good Raincoat Is a Woman's Good Friend

Carefully chosen raincoats for women and young women are \$7.50 to \$35. They are well cut, with collars that button close, deep pockets, and many have snug belts.

The materials are cantona, bombazine, poplin, Schappe silk and novelty silks in stripes or plaids. In tan, black, taupe, navy and many two-tone plaids; sizes 14 to 46.