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Mrs. Muggers—I see a prominent sodety belle is dead. If there ever was perfectly blissful existence on earth, enjoyed it while she lived. Mr. Muggers—Because she was In Muggers-No. Because she was

I was called "It." Try as I would, I could find no patron saint in the calendar who answered to that name, and there was really no excuse for "it" but the negligence of the Johnson family to christen its children. They bestirred themselves early only in the case of my elder sister, who was named Maggie. Even I, the youngest of a batch of five, never knew the second child, a boy, by any other name than "Brother." Then came "Sis," the third, and "Babe," annother boy, and finally I, the last of the Johnson brood. "It" rang in my baby ears long before I knew what was meant. I suppose that being the real baby it would have caused confusion in the household, where there was already a "Babe," and so they substituted "It," for that was my title by right of succession. I never knew my mother. She died

soon after I opened my blue eyes to the | cial loss. world. Perhaps if she had lived my nomenclature would not have been so slightingly treated. Maggie, the eldest, a quiet, faithful girl, took charge of us at mother's death. Father was a teamster and away all day from the little family, for whom he provided generously out of his slender earnings. He, too, called me "It" when he took me up in his lap and rubbed his harsh, stubble beard over my baby cheeks or pinched my little fists with his big, horny fingers. Maggie gave me a mother's care, as she did the other children, and I had really no trouble about my incomplete name until I went to school for the first time.

"Your name is what?" asked the teacher when my turn came in a long line stretching from the foot of her desk to the last bench in the room, "'It' Johnson," I answered prompt-

a doubting shake of the head. "Little girl, you must have forgotten your name."

"No," I gasped for a lump in my throat almost choked me. To be the first in the whole room who had any difficulty about her name was mortifying even to a little 6-year-old.

"Have you any brothers or sisters in this school?"

"Yes, my big brother is in No. 3." "Go up-stairs and bring him down

I trundled off, perplexed, to find 'Brother." Up to the top floor I climbed and soon espied him in a front seat of Room No. 3, the door of which stood wide open. He answered the summons of my vigorously beckoning finger and my assailant's face. I confided to him the dilemma I was in about my name.

"Well, 'It,'" he said, "you are in a made good time in getting home. bad fix. You never had any other

name." "But isn't your name 'Brother' and

nothing else?"

"No, I've been christened James be-"James?" I queried. "I thought that

was father's name: "And it's my name, too-James John-

Then for the first time I learned that "Brother's" name was James, that "Sis" had been christened Cordelia, and that "Babe, the infringer," was Andrew in the Baptismal record. Only ity. poor, little slighted me, was "It" and nothing more.

"Brother" made matters clear to the teacher, and she laughingly inscribed the name of "It" Johnson upon the big roll book of the school.

I passed through my school days as "It." Then, tired of book learning, I went to work in a shoe factory. "Brother" was a teamster now, like father. Auctioneer for the County of Grey "Sis" was married and lived in the country. "Babe" had run away to enlist in the army, and there was norequired highest references furnished body at home but father, and Maggie, and me, for James was boarding in another part of the city where most of his hauling had to be done.

I hadn't been in the factory long when that old phrase "you're it" was revived on the vaudeville stage, and of course the young men about the place teased me by applying it to me, a real "It," an "It" from her birth

"You're it," they shouted, as they came up with me in the street. "You-'re it!" said their mischievous eyes as

to her 16th year.

I entered the shop and passed the foreman to go to my table. The foreman was strict and permitted no noisy conduct inside the factory. He was a serious looking man, with a young face, but the mien of one beyond his years. He called each girl by name as he parceled out the work and told her what to do. "Mollie! Rosina! Gertie! Becky! Annie! You!" he said when my turn

"Her name is 'It' said a saucy miss

who stood close by. The foreman shot a forbidding glance they all tally with the sample." And of sympathy. Such a situation is por-"you" I remained to Mr. Joe Park- trayed by the biographer of the Rev. inson, the foreman, for weeks and-

The factory hands still called me months. and Maggie. But, somehow, there was acter by plausible platitudes, said nothing galling in it any more so long as Mr. Parkinson refrained from using

be gone half an hour! the family slight. I had always been a frail young thing though not ill, and the foreman gave

showed me no favoritism. I paid my fine when late, the same as the rest, and if I made a blunder I paid for the damage. Withal, I felt sure that Mr. Joe Parkinson liked me the best of all, and my little heart, craving affection and only too ready to give it, went out to him in the first flush of awaken-

ing womanhood. He must have read it in my eyes, for his glances grew warm when he spoke to me, and his hands often lingered around mine as he placed the work in my outstretched arms. The girls at my table were all friendly but one. Somehow a silent antagonism had sprung up from the first between Rosina Freoli and me. Rosina was of Italian descent, a buxom, crimson-cheeked girl, with a well-poised, vain little head. She was of a quarrelsome and jealous disposition, feared by the girls and relentlessly pursued by the young men with admiring glances, impudent innuendoes in compliment to her beauty, and invitations to all the parties in the cheap dancing halls of the town. To all of these Rosina went, and often more than once a week was she fined for being tardy the morning after. She stood her punishment with a saucy smile for she knew her beau of the evening would make good her finan-

Aware of Mr. Parkinson's hobby for promptness, I had been invariably on time. One night Maggie was taken ill. I nursed her till daybreak. Then I fell into a sound sleep at the foot of the bed and was awakened only by my sister's anxious cry that it was long past rising time. I hurried away without a morsel of breakfast and reached the factory just three minutes late. Mr. Parkinson stood at the desk, noting my

"My sister was ill all night," I stammered, blushing to the roots of my hair. He must have read in my eyes the penitence expressed for having crossed him in his efforts to promote promptness.

"All right, little girl," he said, with a kindly glance from his handsome brown eyes, "I'll forgive you this time."

As I turned to go to my place I saw Rosina at my elbow. She had heard the foreman's remark. An evil expression spread over her darkly beautiful countenance. All day she pursued me with her jealous grudging eyes. At noon she held a confab with three of "'It' Johnson?" she repeated with her stanchest admirers, and their sneering faces, bent upon me, boded me no good.

"You'd better go home earlier," advised Becky, my particular chum. "Tell him that your sister is too sick to get supper, and hurry away from here before closing time. They mean mischief, sure!" I dared not offend a second time by losing a quarter of an hour at the busiest season of the year, so I staid until the gong announced the close of day. Becky and I were not more than half a block from the shop when Rosina and her noisy escorts came toward us from the middle of the street.

"There goes 'It!' Joe Parkinson's 'It!' I'll pay de fine! There it goes!' And the rudest of the quartet picked up a handful of mud and plastered my back with it. I turned to run back to the factory, when out of the darkness the arm of a man shot squarely into

"The foreman knocked him down!" whispered the excited Becky. "I'm glad of it!" And we took to our heels and

As I crept into my bed that night the sweet thought that he had defended me kept me awake many hours. When I slipped into dreamland at last it was with his face bending over me, his lips whispering that he loved me, me-poor, nameless, insignificant "It."

Next morning I hurried to the factory long before the opening hour to thank him for his gallant defense. To my utter dismay a stranger was at his desk. I gave him my number and passed on. Soon the other girls arrived in groups of two and three. Their faces were grave, and they seemed to discuss with subdued voices a calam-

"What has happened?" I gasped, filled with anxious foreboding.

"Mr. Parkinson has been arrested," said Becky. "The blow he dealt the scapegrace who insulted me was more effective than he had meant. The fellow was lying unconscious at his home. It was even feared that his injuries would result in death. His two companions had sworn out a warrant against the foreman. Neither they nor Rosina made their appearance at the shop that day.

Even now I cannot bear to dwell on the miserable days that followed. Joe Parkinson languished in prison, while the victim of his gallantry slowly recovered. I went to him with a breaking heart. He stretched out his hands through the bars and drew me toward him until he kissed my forehead. I was a woman at last, and my cup of

love and suffering was full. "I can bear it all, little one!" he said, manfully. "It was all for you!" He was acquitted at the trial. On the day of his release we were quietly married, and that night he left me to go to the far West and commence life

It did not take him long to get a start, and I soon joined him in the cozy little home he had prepared for me. "You!" he cried, as in the days of old. Only now he clasped me in his arms and kissed me. "Little wife!" he added. "Dear little wife!" And I was "It" no longer.

UNAPPRECIATED.

Perhaps few experiences of life are at her, then looked rather pityingly harder to bear than when an appeal upon me. "You," he repeated, "mea- to another out of the fullness of one's sure these vamps and make sure that heart is received with an utter lack

A dishonest gardner had received notice of discharge, and after an unsuccessful attempt to vindicate his char-Ah sir, you will miss me before 1

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