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Home Talent Plays

THE MYSTERIOUS CANDLES Note: This play is to be given by one person, with "off-stage" help. Scene: Living room of Porter home. Barbara Porter is seated in a big chair. The room is dark, except for a single candlestick burning on the desk at the left. At one end of the room is a long-riding table. BARBARA: Candles are so nice and cozy. But they always make me dozy. (Stretches, yawns, & settles down in chair with eyes all there is a knocking heard. Barbara jumps up.) BARBARA: I wear who is knocking now. I never get to rest, show. (Goes off at end of table.) BARBARA (off-stage Oh, no, no, no! Please go away. And bring your warlike other. (There is a minute's pause.) BARBARA: Buy cats? Goodness gracious not. We've all that we want. Please so. (Another pause.) BARBARA: They're no candles, did you say? Of course I don't believe it—stay— I'll buy a few, they're so cheap. No, just these four aren't cheap. (Barbara reappears on a carrying four plain candlesticks white candles in them.) BARBARA: He said, "intrude you should tell. The candles will go. Oh, well— (Sets candles in row on table and lights them from desk.)

ONE REEL YARNS

TWO WINNERS Katrinka was very proud of her new skates. She went skimming up and down the canal like a flying bird. Rotterdam to visit she told them how she could go faster than any one on the canal. "Jan here is quite a skater, too," said her uncle. "He skates to school every day in winter. I should like to see who is the skater!" "I'll race you from here to the dike and back tomorrow. Then we'll see who is the skater!" "And I will give a prize to the winner," said Jan's father. So the next day Katrinka and Jan prepared for the race. The whole family gathered out in front to watch. At the word "Go" the two racers bent low and started off. It was an even race to the dike. When they started back it was hard for the watchers to tell which one would win. "I'll let Jan win," thought Katrinka. "He is a boy, and it would shame him to have a girl beat him. Besides, he's my company. I don't want to make him feel badly while he is visiting us." "I'll let Katrinka win this race," decided Jan. "It would hurt her so to be beaten before all her family. She might cry. Besides, I'm visiting here, and it would be more polite to let her get the prize. She's so kind and dear, I don't want to hurt her feelings." And Jan slowed down. So the race slowed down. Jan kept his eyes on Katrinka, trying to let her get ahead. Katrinka watched Jan, meaning to let him get a start. The watchers in front of the house wondered what had happened. "You're trying to let me beat!" cried Jan at last. "You want me to win!" cried Katrinka. Then they both stopped and laughed. And when they started on again, it was hand in hand. So Jan's father, when he heard the story, gave them each a prize.

Nobody's Darling and Warren

By MARTHA MACWILLIAMS

ren caught it barely in time, settled it in place again and tucked her hand over his arm, saying: "I cease the struggle. You are my fate. Come along and let's get it over with. When will you marry me?" "The year after never," Zarah retorted. He shook his head, murmuring: "If nobody loves her, where, oh, where did she get experienced?" So it went all evening. Along toward second cock crow, that is to say, near 3 o' the morning clock, Warren, handing a slim figure, frowly shawled, into a very decrepit family carriage, noted upon its panel a lozenge with a crest recalling the lines of the sheet embroidery. He said nothing beyond a gay good-by. But besides next day he was rummaging through dusty papers in the office of the clerk, searching out names, dates, dusty deeds and wills and comparing them with a span new letter of inquiry his firm had received a week before. They had almost flung it away unanswered—not a soul had ever heard of Herr Vanderzell, Holland-born, and unheard of these 80 years. He must, of course, be long dead, but if he had left heirs, there was good news for them. Inclosed was an engraving of the family crest—almost the only sure sign of identification. Warren found no Vanderzell, but did discover sundry papers signed simply Zell, sealed with that same crest, and fully attesting that Zarah Zell, sole surviving descendant in the fourth generation, was the person sought. Two hours of long distance talk, a day and night of cabling, made it certain Zarah would come into England. Then only Warren told her of the letter, and its results. When he had finished, she looked away sighing. "Why? I thought you'd be so glad," he said, shaking his head. "You met me as though I were a long lost brother." "I thought you had come to tell me—something else," Zarah answered, looking down. "What?" Warren demanded. She raised her eyes, but dropped them instantly, murmuring: "Oh! That I had quit being nobody's darling." "Old stuff!" Warren interrupted. "That stopped when you threatened to tear my silk sock." Words Failed Him. Archibald—"Hello, Jimmy, what's the matter? Fallen off your bicycle?" Jimmy—"No! I was trying to reach a top shelf by standing on some dictionaries, and they gave way." Archibald—"I see—words failed you!" Forest Preserves. The Quebec Government is probably the leader in the New World in forest preservation. It plans to plant two pines or spruces for each one cut down, and has an elaborate patrol of its forests, including airplanes for fire detection. G. Hunter Ogilvie INSURANCE and GENERAL BROKER 281 King Street HOLD UP and BURGARLY PHONES 568J and 1087

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Curiosities of the Bible. There are many curiosities of the Bible seldom noticed by a person who simply reads the book's pages. The book contains 3,586,480 letters and 778,903 words; 31,178 verses and 1,180 chapters besides 66 books. The books were written by 40 men during a period of 1,500 years. The 29 books of the Old Testament were: Law, 5; history, 12; poetry, 5; prophecy, 17. The 27 books of the New Testament were: Gospels, 4; Acts, 1; epistles, 21; and prophecy, 1. The word "and" is found in the Bible 46,278 times, and the word "everend" but once. The nineteenth chapter of II Kings and the thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah are alike. The middle verse of the Bible is Psalm XCVII. —Albany, N. Y., Journal.

A Library Advertiser. Presuming that a public library is so well conducted that its custodians are able to direct applicants promptly to the volumes asked for, the next step for an ideal institution would be to advertise the treasures which it holds in trust for all citizens. It would appear that the Newark, N. J., library has reached the second stage, for it has been distributing circulars telling the ambitious worker how to educate himself by reading, and how the library can help him to find just the right things to read. Taking a cue from the methods of writers of eye-catching advertisements, the library entitled the circular in large type: "Get Wise Quick!"—Christian Science Monitor.

The Way of the World. Two men stood in a balcony on a high tower looking down into a busy market place in the heart of a great city. One man said to the other, "Do you see that fellow on the platform, addressing the people?" And the other after a moment replied, "Yes, I do. Who is he?" His companion answered, "I do not know. But he is telling the truth. Notice how few among all these hurrying thousands stop to listen." James Waldo Fawcett.

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