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THE JUNIOR BRITISH WHIG

HUMOR PLAY WORK

ERALDINE

was the young-

est girl in the

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The Directress

had refused at

first to admit

Home Talent Plays

thinking.

. THE FAIRY OF THE SILK HAT household. Nora is reading, curled up pended by black allk threads which are in a chair. Enter Kathleen, breathless, invisible to the audience slowly jerks KATHLEEN: Oh, Nora! Father's raging around upstairs like a bear. You'd think he'd bite any minute. His silk hat's lost entirely. NORA: Not his parade hat, surely!

KATHLEEN (nodding vigorously): His ifne silk hat he wears every year in the St. Patrick's Day parade. NORA: You're not telling me that! KATHLEEN: It's the truth I'm telling you It's himself put it way father and he'll come and thank you last 17th of March To-day he went to get it out for the parade this afternoon, and he can't find where he put feyther believe in fartes? We've been looking till I'm blue in the face almost. I wonder where says it's silly. But I'll show him -(She gets down and looks un-

NORA: Why it's broken-hearted were telling. he'll be. He hasn't missed a St. Patrick's Day parade since he came to America, he says. KATHLEEN: And he can't go without his silk hat. I've looked every-

where and everywhere. (The two girls sink down on the sofa and look at each other in despair.) NORA: Oh, I'm wishing silk hats grew on bushes.

KATHLEEN: I'm wishing there were fairles would bring silk hats for the asking-a nice Irish fairy like mother used to tell us about. NORA: But she never said anything about their bringing silk hats, girls' names, when arranged in the "Oh, my goodness, look at this funin astonishment, as a fairy stands famous woman: Turh, sarete, nana smiling at them from the doorway. she wears a white Pierrette dress with shamrocks sawed over it, and carries

a little walking stick.) FAIRY: Who was calling me? NORA: The saints preserve us! KATHLEEN (rubbing her eyes): There's something wrong with me en-

NORA (timidly): We didn't mean to bother you, please. And excuse us if we seem rude-but we didn't expect you, exactly. FAIRY: Shure, an' you called me. KATHLEEN: We were wishing

NORA: Wishing we had a silk hat. FAIRY: And whatever would you be afther doing with a silk hat?
KATHLEEN: Somebody's stelen father's and he can't be in the parade without it. We're that worried NORA: St. Patrick's Day, you

A silk hat you shall have! (She maves Scene: Parlor of the O'Flannery her walking stick. A silk hat, sus-

into the room as though moving by NORA: Oh, it's for all the world like father's chi hat. He'll be that pleased he'll be beside himself, I'm

KATHLEEN: You're a regular Irieh fairy, aren't you? FAIRY: From the ould sod, indade. NORA: Wait and I'll be telling

FAIRY: A minit please. Does yo NORA: No, that he dreen't. FAIRY: Then you mustn't call him, der the sofa. Nora starts peering dis-tractedly into all sorts of amilkely never see them, even if they are right directly and decided that Geralby them. He'd think it's stories you dine didn't fit. They'd have to "freeze ber out."

NORA: Ob. I see but how about FAIRY: That's yours to keep. (The Fairy glides quietly from the room. Nora picks up the bat.) KATHLEEN: And we didn't even thank her. Oh, but I'm that glad I'm

Father! I've found your silk bat in the old shoes closet. Father!

TO-DAY'S PUZZLE The initial letters of the following mate's dresser drawer. KATHLEEN: I wish - (She stops right order, form the last name of a nain, viloe, tebh. Answer to yesterday's: Snip-e;



her, but Geraldine's uncle was very rich, and Geraldine was very bright, so she had agreed to let the girl

ONE REEL YARNS

CYRENA

try to carry the baby," said Florence Roberts, "but she's a regular baby doll. Of all the wonderful clothes she struts around in!" Geraldine had been put in Florence's room, and Florence was telling her troubles to a group in one of the

But Geraldine appeared hard to "freeze." She went her own quiet way and took no notice of most of them, which only made the girls angrier. So Geraldine gained a name for being "stuck up."

One Saturday afternoon Geraldine was down in the library studying. while Florence and a bunch of girls were lazily enjoying themselves in her room. "Let's play Rook," suggested Florence. "Geraldine has some Rook cards she doesn't care if I use. Just a minute." She pulled open her room-

It was made of sawdust and had a china head. One leg and one arm were missing, its wig was gone, and it had only one eye, which was a faded blue. 'What on earth-"

"You let Cyrena alone," came a voice from the doorway, and Geraldine, her eyes flashing, rushed in and grabbed the battered doll. "You can laugh at her if you want, but she's all the doll I ever had to play with when I was a little girl, and we were so poor I couldn't have any playthings. Some lady gave her to me when she came to take care of my sick mother. Then when I didn't have any father or mother any more, and my uncle found me and took me, I couldn't desert Cyena. She's-she's all the family I have!" Geraldine hid her face in her

Then, nobody seemed to know how it happened, everybody was hugging Geraldine, and Cyrena looked on, with

NOTES FROM ELGIN.

Mrs. S. Mustard Fell and Had Leg Fractured.

Elgin, March 9 .- Mrs. (Rev.) Keough has left to visit her mother at Winnipeg. Miss Addie Morris spent the past week at Ottawa. She will be accompanied home by her sister, Miss Bell. S. Halladay was called to Kingston last week owing to the illness of his daughter, Ruth, who is a student at Queen's.

Miss Hazel Halladay spent a few days at Kingston with her sister. Miss Pearl Grey has returned from visiting her sister at Leeds. The crow made its appearance during the past week of mild weather. Mrs. S. Mustard had the misfortune to fall and fracture her leg.

Mrs. Alma Kerr spent the weekend with friends at Brockville. D. Ains made a business trip to Montreal. Miss Anna Hutching is enjoying a month's holidays at her home in Jones' Falls.

Kenneth Burt has secured a situation in New York state and has left to accept it. Miss Marguerite Knapp spent Sunday at Newboro. Mrs. Drummond and baby, Kingston, have returned to the village.

F. Leavine has rented his cheese factory for the coming season. Mrs. S. J. Dargavel and little daughter, were guests of their mother at Brockville. Mrs. Rogers, New Boyne, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Joel Halladay. The sawmill is kept busy these days.

Mrs. Lilia Kelly and son Howard, arrived home from New York city. to spend the summer. Mrs. Lyman Lyons, Latimer, was called here by the illness of her mother. E. J. Sullivan has his new house ready to occupy. Albert Ferguson proposes erecting a new house the coming sum-

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learning, they were at least as much

after paying for rent, heat, light, and

Miss Villets's salary, they had only

a hundred dollars a year for the pur-

The Incident of the Seventeen

She had come to the board-meet-

the same, they could have the books.

Only Guy looked sympathetic, and

The rest of the meeting they gave

he stroked the pine table and said

(To be Continued.)

WAS TROUBLED

FOR FIVE YEARS.

Sask., writes:-"I feel that I must write to you before another day pass-

no good. I was in no pain, but felt-

so ill, at times, I thought I would

die, in fact, all my friends were sure

man was relieved of stomach trouble

band got me two bottles, but I had

medicines I had taken, however, he

insisted, and after the first two days

I must say I began to feel better, and

but could not go alone I was so weak,

but I soon got so I could walk and

I am nearly seventy years of age

You may make use of this latter if

you wish, as it may be the means of

eat, and I have sot quite stout.

after the first bottle I felt so much

This time last year I saw where a

five years I am better.

I could not live many weeks.

Mrs. Samuel Ward, Millerdale,

chase of books.

CHAPEAR XIX.

In three years exile from herself Carol had certain experiences chronicled as important by the Dauntless, so regarding theirs. And for all their or discussed by the Jolly Seventeen, talk of the need of additional librarybut the event unchronicled, undis- tax none of them was willing to risk cussed, and supremely controlling, censure by battling for it, though was her slow admission of longing they now had so small a fund that, to find her own people.

Bea and Miles Bjornstam were married in June a month after "The Cents killed her none too enduring Girl from Kankakee." Miles had interest. turned respectable. He had renounced his criticism of state and society; ing singing with a plan. She had he had given up roving as horse- made a list of thirty European novels trader and wearing ged mackinaws of the past ten years, with twenty in lumber-camps; he had gone to important books on psychology, eduwork as engineer in Jackson Elder's cation, and economics which the librplaning-mili; he was to be seen upon ary lacked. She had made Kennithe streets endeavoring to be neigh- cott promise to give fifteen dollars. borly with suspicious men whom he If each of the board would contribute had taunted for years.

Carol was the patroness and man- Lym Cass looked alarmed, scratchager of the wedding. Juanita Hay- ed himself, and protested, "I think dock mocked "You're a chump to let it would be a bad precedent for the a good hired girl like Bea go. Be- board-members to contribute money sides! How do you know it's a good -uh-not that I mind, but it wouldthing, her marrying a sassy bum like n't be fair-established precedent. this awful Red Swede person? Get Gracious! They don't pay us a cent wise! Chase the man off with a mop, for our services! Certainly can't exand hold onto your Svenska while pect us to pay for the privilege of the holding's good. Huh? Me go serving!" to their Scandahoofian wedding? Not a chance!"

The other matrons echoed Juanita, nothing. Carol was dismayed by the casualness of their cruelty, but she persist- to a bellicose investigation of the Miles had exclaimed to her, fact that there was seventeen cents "Jack Elder says maybe he'll come less than there should be in the to the wedding! Gee, it would be Fund. Miss Villets was summoned; nice to have Bea meet the Boss as a she spent half an hour in explosively reg'lar married lady. Some day I'll defending herself; the seventeen be so well off that Bea can play with cents were gnawed over, penny by Mrs. Elder-and you! Watch us!" penny; and Carol, glancing at the

There was an uneasy knot of only carefully inscribed list which had nine guests at the service in the un- been so lovely and exciting an hour painted Lutheran Church-Carol, before, was silent, and sorry for Miss Kennicott, Guy Pollock, and the Villets, and sorrier for herself. Champ Perrys, all brought by Carol; Bea's frightened rustic parents, her cousin Tina, and Pete, Miles's expartner in horse-trading, a surly, hairy man who had bought a black WITH HER STOMACH suit and come twelve hundred miles from Spokane for the event.

Miles continuously glanced back at the church door. Jackson Elder did not appear. The door did not once es I am so happy and so grateful to open after the awkward entrance of your splendid medicine, Burdock the first guests. Miles's hand closed Blood Bitters, for after an illness of on Bea's arm.

He had, with Carol's help, made I had stomach trouble so bad, I his shanty over into a cottage with | could not bear the smell er taste of white curtains and a canary and a food of any kind, and got so thin and weak I could not work. I had four Carol coaxed the powerful mat- doctors attend me, but they did me

rons to call on Bea. They half scoffed, half promised to go. Bea's successor was the oldish, broad, silent Oscarina, who suspicious of her frivolous mistress for a month, so that Juanita Hay- by Burdock Blood Bitters, so my husdock was able to crow, "There, smarty, I told you you'd run into the no faith in it alter all the different Domestic Problem!" But Oscarina adopted Carol as a daughter, and with her as faithful to the kitchen as Bea had been, there was nothing better I went out a little every day,

changed in Carol's life.

She was unexpectedly appointed and I feel better than I have for years the town library-board by Ole Jenson, the new Mayor. The other members were Dr. Westlake, making others as well and as happy Lyman Cass, Julius Flickerbaugh the as : am." attorney, Guy Pollock, and Martin B. B. B. is manufactured only by Mahoney, former livery-stable keeper The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronand now owner of a garage. She was to, Ont. delighted. She went to the first meeting rather condescendingly, regarding herself as the only one besides Guy who knew anything about books or Hbrary methods. She was planning to revolutionize the whole

Her condescension was ruined and her humility wholesomely increased when she found the board, in the shabby room on the second floor of the house which had been converted into the library, not discussing the weather and longing to play checkers, but talking about books. She discovered that amiable old Dr. Westlake read everything in verse and "light fiction"; that Lyman Cass, the veal-faced, bristly-bearded owner of the mill, had tramped through Gibbon, Hume, Grote, Prespott, and the other thick historians; that he could repeat pages from them_and did. When Dr. Westlake whispered to her, "Yes, Lym is a very well-informed man, but he's modest about it," she felt uninformed and immodest, and scolded at herself that she had missed the human potentialities in this vast Gopher Prairie. When Dr. Westlake quoted the "Paradiso," "Don Quixote," "Whilhelm Meister," and the Koran, she reflected that no one she knew, not even her father, had read all four.

She came diffidently to the second meeting of the board. She did not plan to revolutionize anything. She hoped that the wise elders might be so tolerant as to listen to her sugges tions about changing the shelving of the juveniles.

Yet after four sessions of the library-board she was where she had been before the first session. She had found that for all their pride in being readingo men, Westlake and Cass and even Guy had no conception of making the library familiar to the whole town. They used it, they passed resolutions about it, and they left it as dead as Moses. Only the Henty books and the Elsie books and the latest optimisms by moral female novelists and virile clergymen were in general demand, and the board hemselves were interested only in

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