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just now. Don't you bother about the Gordon's Last Chance. By TAYLOR WHITE.

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mannin "Jimmie, do you speak slang?' de-

manded Maud Tolliver suddenly as her small brother came into the room. ther would come down in a few min-

"Do I walk on my feet?" demanded Jimmie in surprise. "Pipe your lay, angel face. I'll get you somehow, even if your speaks are all to the open door. If the worst came she muddle. Throw it off your chest." could call for the butler, but mean-"It's this way." explained Maud.

"You know Mr. Gordon?" You know Mr. Gordon ?" don to leave quietly, She took the "I've seen him once or twice," ad. chair indicated, stifting nervously on

mitted Jimmie, with a grin. Gordon' the edge, ready to spring up and run was a regular visitor at the Tolliver

"Papi wants me to marry him," explained Maud, "He's so strict and proper that I hats him. I thought that if I were to talk slang and 'act up' perhaps he would leave me in peace. He hates a slangy girl. He said so last night."

Jimmie grinned appreciatively. He had no great liking for the eminently staid and correct Gordon. He hated men whose suits always looked as though it was the first time they had been worn.

His own preference was for Barry Spaulding, who occasionally offered him a cigarotte and who talked to him precisely as though he was a mownup? / a zir

Gordon never seemed to see him, never laughed and joked, and Jimmie entered into the conspiracy with his whole heart after being assured that Mand would never disclose the source of her education in siang.

Before the week was out Gordon looked troubled. He was very much In love with Maud after his own fashion. There was no want of real affection, but Gordon was no gallant wooer. He had been accepted by the family, and in his quiet, patient fashion he was laying siege to Maud's heart.

He had fancied he had been making headway until she developed a trick of interiarding her speech with slang expressions.

At first he was shocked, but as Maud acquired proficiency and grew more and more slangy Gordon withdrew from his campaign. Though he loved the girl as much as ever, he assured himself that a wife who used slang was utterly impossible.

In secret Mand gloated over the fact, but bore herself demurely when her father sharply questioned her concerning her treatment of Gordon, for the latter's visits had fallen off, and, though Gordon had pleaded business as an excuse, Mr. Tolliver had an idea there was something else that that might explain the lover's sudden lack of Interest Then fate took a hand, and so it hap-

pened that Jimmie Tolliver, crossing the avenue, slipped on the muddy paving and fell directly in front of a rap. pleased." idly advancing automobile. There was a cry of horror from the

spectators, but one man sprang for-

VISITING NURSERY GOVERNEDS water carfiers," "But"- began Maud. And Gordon One Way of Earning a Living In a Large City. "Don't be a goat and butt in," he

"We cannot afford a nursemaid urged, "Hit the plush." He pointed to a chair, and timidly Maud seated herself. As she had led certain semifashionable section of my native town. This part of the resithe way into the parlor the butler had disappeared, supposing that he would not be required further. To ring for by couples who had more nocial conhim now would only make a scandal nections than money. among the servants. Perhaps her fa-

earn my living," monned Miss Nice-He usually spent the evening in the girl.

library when he did not go to the club, and in either event he must pass the took up enthusiantically. while perhaps she could induce Gorsent them cards stating that for a dollar a week she would call on every

should occasion demand. "It doesn't cost any more to have a whole chair," reminded Gordon as he sank into a seat between her and the door. "I want you to put me wise to some things. What's your grouch against me?"

"I have no grouch," protested Maud engerly, "Indeed, I like you very much."

interrupted again.

"I never saw you on the front steps waiting for me," said Gordon grimly. "Lef it come out with a rush. I'm in wrong. How can I square myself?" "There is nothing to be squared," in-sisted Mand. "I don't see how you can imagine such a thing."

"Naughty, naughty?" reproved Gor-don, shaking his forefinger at her admonishingly. "Look here, kiddo, put me next! You don't like me, and I like you. I can't help it if I've got a frozen face. It was wished on me, and it's none of my doings. Tell me how I can loosen up so you'll have a yin for

"A yin?" repeated Mand uncertainly. This was a word not in Jimmie's vocabulary. "A yin-a yearning," explained Gor-

don. "I want you to think that I'm the whole works, and you won't even let me be the second hand. Fix me up so I can come into the big tent and be a part of the program. I'm the 'what is it' out in the freak tent, and I don't like the job. I may not be quite your style, but I can learn. I'm the star pupil in the little red school-

house, and TR always be at the head of the class if you'll be the teacher. I love to love my teacher." Maud sprang to her foot, her eyes blaging.

"Mr. Gordon," she said coldly, "I will not prolong this interview. I do not know what is the matter. I do not want to know, but you must go, please. I cannot listen to you when you talk this way."

Gordon had sprung to his feet when Maud rose, and now he smilled down into the finshed, angry face. "It seems," he said a little sadly.

"that my latest effort is no more suc cessful than the earlier attempts. They may that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and yet you are not

"What do you mean ?" gasped Maud In astonishment. "You learned slang for my benefit."

What shall we do?" was the cry in a dence district was chiefly patronized

"I am not strong enough to be abut up in an office all day, and yet I must

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pleasant day and take a child out in the park for the afternoon. When it AGET T could spend the afternoon at her home. ty; m: Soon she had a dozen children at \$4 house; ; a month. She took these out walking, factory told them nature stories, taught them phone is new games and in every way made the William afternoon pass pleasantly. The mothers are now enthusiastic

about her, and, as for Miss Nicegiri herself, the fresh air and exercise are bringing the roses back to her cheeks. G. O. A She is branching out into other lines connected with children. She is studying massage and the care of infants' bands and feet. She also fills in the morning hours by teaching the little.

ones elementary French or reading, by bathing the younger ones and being in every sense of the word a mother's helper. A bright woman who took up this LOSTline of work might also have the agen-

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By order of the Common Council. OLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria, Ore. Dated, February 3, 1909.

NOTICE.

Resolution to Improve Street.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria has declared its determination and intention to improve 18th street from the south line of Exchange street to the north line of Grand avenue to the full width thereof and to the established grade, by removing all the old material throughout the entire improvement and by the construction to the full width thereof of a trestle street with pile bents of 7 piles to the bent, together with the necessary 12-inch by 12-inch caps, stringers and decking of 4-inch by 12-inch lumber and sidewalks of 10 feet in width on either side of the street, from the said south line of Exchange street to a point 50 feet south of the south line of Franklin avenue; from the said point 50 feet south of the South line of Franklin avenue to the north line of Grand avenue, the improvement shall Your clothes will be pure, clean consist of the removal of all the old and satisfactory, if done here. material and the renewing of the same with new stringers, street deck-ing of 3-inch by 12-inch lumber and new sidewalks, gutters and handrail, tc., complete. That the costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises so benefitted by the same, which said lots, lands and premises are included in the special assessment district including all lots, lands and premises

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ward and with an easy movement he reminded. "When I do the same grasped the boy's arm and carried him thing you object. Of course my slang to anfety.

For a moment Jimmie was too dased

"All right, old man?" he asked as he you-with slang." saw that Jimmie was pulling himself "Jimmie has told?" together, "Sappose we move on. This crowd is a little too eager."

He signaled a passing taxicab and directed the driver to go to a tailor's gently. "Do not blame the lad. He where Jimmie's muddled garments meant well in giving me my last might be made presentable. The man chance to win you. He saw begenth at cold air drove the last of the cobwebs from Jimmie's brain, and, gasing admiringly at Gordon, he decided that Maud was wrong in her estimate of the man. There was fire under the ice, red blood beneath the waxenly, immobile expression, and Jimmis's and I ask your pardon for having heart warmed to his rescuer. "Bay, Bo," he demanded suddenly,

"are you still dead nuts on Maud?" "I esteem your sister very highly,"

admitted Gordon. ""Kou're all right," declared Jimmle admiringly. "If you want to win cast your port car over this way and make a noise like a listen."

The noise of a listener was continued long after the visit to the tailors was concluded. Gordon's face was as asioniess as over, but there was a twinkle in his eye. Some evenings later Maud, coming

downstairs, reached the lower hall just as Gordon was admitted by the butler, Jimmis had been cautioned under pain of losing his promised reward to say nothing of his rescue, so it was merely "that thresome Kenneth Gordon" whom Maud greeted with perfunctory co-

diality. "I butted in to tear off a piece of the suffered berself to he drawn with-talk with the boss bloomer wearer. Is the their protecting circle. The last changes had wen. he in?" asked Gordon, "If you mean my father"- began

Maud Icily. "That's the guy," interrupted Gor-don. "Will you tell the delegate from the way works to ask him to grease his heels and slide down here?"

rect in appearance as ever, but per noy Remedy cleared my complexion, rheumatism, nervousness, stomach, haps he was drunk.

don, raising a detaining hand. "Use makes a home run."

forgot something upstairs, and I must failed." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug ee about it at once."

"Tell it to wait," commanded Goron. "I'm the head of the process

is more pronounced than your own to comprehend; then he slowly came to realise that Gordon, unmoved as ever, stood beside him, answering the ever, stood beside him, answering the the convert. You use slang to disgust me-expert. You use slang to disgust me-the converself. I am using it to disgust

"And you know?" gasped Maud.

"Bo it said to his credit that the temptation was great," said Gordon the surface and was sorry for his part. I foolishly imagined that if] could excel you in the use of slang ! I see now you never can feel. It was a foolish experiment, Miss Tolliver. bored and then frightened you. It was my last chance, and I hoped that it might succeed.

"L gather from Jimmle's remarks that you fear paternal pressure will be brought to bear on you. I beg to assure you that I will so contrive the situation as not to involve you. I am sorry that-the last chance-falled."

The little pauses in his speech were Gordon's only evidences of emotion. They were only little halts in the evanness of his soft, even voice, but they slowed the strength of feeling. and it touched Mand with a sudden

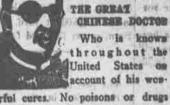
emotion "Don't go," she said softly, laying a detaining hand upon his arm. "Perhaps the last chance has not-1 mean"- But she could say no more m Gordon's arms were outstretched, and in his face, no longer expressionless there was a look of such appeal that chance had wen.

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