

IN THE BLOOD.

Showing That Love For the Stage Is Inherited.

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Copyright, 1910, by American Press Association. Miss Constance eyed her niece severely, her usually calm face drawn to stern, unapproving lines. "Never mention the subject again," she finished decisively. "The stage! The very idea!" The three ringlets hanging primly from each side of the high brow bobbed in grotesque emphasis. Little Marie Durthy's pretty cheeks reddened indignantly. "You are just naturally prejudiced," she asserted petulantly. "There is positively no use trying to reason with you, for I don't suppose you were ever at an opera or musical comedy in all your life."



"I tell you again, young lady, that I am heartily sick of this foolish talk, and if I hear more of it I'll take you away from here and place you in a convent." "I don't care," snapped the girl, rebelliously sullen. "I'd as soon be in a convent as anywhere else if I can't go on the stage." "You shall never have my consent to become an actress," came emphatically from Miss Constance, "nor shall I

unoccupied. Marie Durthy had responded to the call of the stage. With some little money saved from her allowance and in company with the chorus girl Marie was taking her first peep at things in Gotham long before Miss Henley was aware of her fitting. "I'm going to take you to Rollins," exclaimed the chorus girl the morning after the two arrived in New York. "He has a keen eye for talent as well as form, and he can, if you make a hit with him, place you in his 'pouy' ballet. Rehearsals start tomorrow at the Rotterdam, you know." Rollins, ballet master of national prominence, welcomed Mabel enthusiastically. She was to have a speaking part this season in "The Mermaid," a rival production, but Rollins was above petty jealousies. He listened to the girl's plea for her friend, all the while playing analytic eyes upon the newcomer. Under other conditions it would have been embarrassing to the girl. "We have over 100 girls in the 'Nymph and the Naiad,'" volunteered Rollins, his lean face alight. "and, by Jove, every one of them can sing. I'll give you a tryout on the piano. If you don't make good it's nix to you in our gentle merry-merry, although I don't mind doing Mabel a favor provided it doesn't pull down the standard of the show." Marie, although a bit frightened, had a truly clever voice and one trained beyond those of the usual aspirants. She "made good."

SIRENS AND SONS.

Charley No Shirt is the name of the chief of the Walla Walla Indians in the Omuttilla reservation. A. A. Aall for many years held the distinction of having his name appear first in the St. Louis directory, but this year he slips to seventh place. The chief justice of the supreme court of South Africa, Sir John Henry de Villiers, has been made a baron by King George, the first exercise of the royal prerogative in adding to the peerage. John Hays, twenty-six years old, tried to enlist in the United States navy at Evansville, Ind., but lacked one pound of the necessary weight. He went outside, drank a gallon of water, returned to the recruiting station and was accepted. Paulhan, the French aviator, pronounced his name as if it were written "Paulyan" and not "Paulian." The name of another magnate of the flying world, Archdeacon, offers still greater difficulties to the French tongue, and it is said to be rare to find two Frenchmen in a company pronouncing it the same way. Captain Cameron McRae Winslow, now federal supervisor of New York harbor, as Lieutenant Winslow in 1898 led the little party of volunteers that undertook to cut the Cuban cables off Cienfuegos, that the Spanish forces on the island might have no means of communication with the home country. By many critics and some historians this act has been called the bravest of the Spanish war. Current Comment. Soon it may be necessary to give the Interstate commerce commission jurisdiction over aeroplanes—Atlanta Constitution. Every little while some rich American coming home from Europe gets through the custom house at New York without a squabble or a scandal—Chicago Record Herald. There are 400,000 members of building and loan associations in Pennsylvania alone, representing that number of home builders. What do the cliff dwellers of New York think of that?—Philadelphia Inquirer. A Chicago judge proposes as a cure for the automobile evil that autoists be compelled to give bond for the payment of damages to persons or their heirs. The old difficulty of first catching your automobilist would spoil this recipe, as it has others for catching and cooking this feet here.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The Royal Box. The late King Edward VII. was the first ruler of the new dynasty, the house of Saxe-Coburg. There exists in Germany a superstition that the empire will be overthrown when the emperor has seven sons. William II. has six. King George was the twelfth holder of the title of Duke of York and the eighteenth holder of the English title of Prince of Wales since its creation in 1301. King Albert, the new monarch of Belgium, devotes two hours every day to the study of mechanical engineering. He drives his own automobile, and, what is more, he can repair it when anything gets out of order. Train and Track. There are 99,000 miles of railways in the British empire. In crossing this continent a railway car has actually to be lifted or raised a vertical distance of more than two miles. The Great Western, the largest railway system in England, operates with all its leased lines over 8,900 miles and has 2,596 locomotives. The Prussian state railways have built a huge tank into which a car may be run and sealed for complete disinfection, both inside and out, by formalin gas. Healthograms. No spit—no consumption. When you must drink, drink Adam's ale. Summer—the time to abstain meats and take to vegetables. An uncongenial occupation warps the body and withers the soul. To relieve worry and sleeplessness take a bath—hot followed by cold. Dirty milk is better food for bacteria than it is for babies.—Dr. W. A. Evans, Chicago's Health Commissioner. Tales of Cities. The city of Detroit now manufactures more automobiles than any other city in the world. Manhattan island has three reservoirs, two in Central park and one at High Bridge. Salem, O., has a big sign at the depot telling the traveler that it is the home of various important industries, all of which are listed on the board. English Etchings. Since the work of rat destruction began at the port of London in 1901 698, 110 rats have been killed. The London city policemen get from \$9.56 to \$10.25 a week. An extra allowance for coal is granted in winter, and uniforms are furnished free. The traffic in rough diamonds is centered in London, as nearly the entire product of the mines of the Cape of Good Hope is in the hands of a powerful syndicate there, from which the manufacturers are obliged to buy. DAMES AND DAUGHTERS. Miss Sadie American, president of the New York Council of Jewish Women, spoke at the Jewish international conference recently held in London. Miss Eva Canfield is said to be the only ferrywoman in the northwestern states. A license to operate a toll ferry on Salmon river has been granted to her. After forty years on Broadway, Apple Kate, who has sold fruit on the pavement outside of St Paul's church since the days when Barnum's museum was one of New York's landmarks just across the way, has become a bride. Edith Allen Hecker, granddaughter nine generations removed from the Puritan maiden Priscilla, has been married at the age of twenty-eight to John Van Beal, a well known Boston lawyer, who is approaching his sixty eighth birthday and lived a few doors away from the residence of the bride. Mrs. Sol Smith, the actress, who at eighty years is still actively engaged in her profession and who recently celebrated the forty-eighth anniversary of her first appearance on the stage, said the other day, "I did not begin my stage career in my early youth, as some suppose, but took up the work when, at the age of thirty two, I was left a widow with six children, for whose support I was responsible."

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Fly Catches. Catcher McLean of the Cincinnati Reds says that the new pitcher purchased from Chicago, Bill Burns, has the best slow ball that he ever saw a left hander display. Fred Tenney's contract with the Lowell club of the New England league is as a player only, and it is stipulated that he will be released at the end of the season. Outfielder Duvy Jones of the Detroit Tigers is surely having his third lease of life. He never played better ball and is getting on the bases oftener than any other man in the game. Jake Daubert of Brooklyn is the classiest young first baseman who has broken into the league since the advent of Dick Hoblitze. He is very quick, is a wonderful handler of thrown balls and a dangerous left handed batman. The Aeroplane. Japan is carrying on important experiments in aviation, but observes great secrecy on the subject. The Australian minister of defense has offered \$25,000 for the invention of an efficient aeroplane by an Australian. One of the most ingenious French aviators is trying out a combined dirigible balloon and aeroplane, a cigar shaped gas bag helping to raise and support the machine. A writer in the London Graphic figures out that it costs about \$5,000 before the ordinary individual can attempt to fly, this sum including not only the aeroplane itself, but a shelter for the flying machine, tools needed for the countless repairs, etc. Short Stories. About one-fourth of the men in the navy at the present time have re-enlisted. The first ice skating rink ever built in Mexico is expected to be in full swing by Aug. 1. It is in the City of Mexico. It is estimated that the total circulation of all the newspapers in the world is 12,000,000,000 copies—enough papers to cover 10,450 square miles of surface. The largest college fraternity in this country is the Phi Delta Theta, with the Delta Kappa Epsilon a close second. Beta Theta Pi is third. The membership of each is about 17,000. Town Topics. Baltimore can endure cobblestone paving for years to come, but let us hope it won't be necessary.—Baltimore American. The New York zoo's hyenas have not laughed for two years. You get awfully blasé if you live in New York that long.—Cleveland Leader. Good water has driven typhoid fever out of the city. It cost money, but the result was worth the expense. Similarly in time, by hearty co-operation of all the forces, tuberculosis may be driven out.—Columbus Dispatch. German Gleanings. There are no deserted farms in Germany. A pretentious electric plant near Hamburg, Germany, is driven by a windmill. The German army boasts the best health record of all the world's fighting forces. Germany's chemical exports form the most profitable of all the industrial lines comprised in her outgoing commerce. Science Siftings. There are more than 2000 miles of tubing in the average human body. The sun will continue to give out its present amount of heat for 50,000,000 years. German physicians have found the Roentgen rays useful as an aid to anti-toxin in killing the diphtheria poison. In experiments with high power explosives used in guns British scientific men have used chronoscopes, with which it is possible to register time to the millionth of a second.

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