

ASHAMED OF FATHER.

With a weary face and tired manner, an old man entered a store on Broadway, and looking around in a wistful sort of way said to the first person he met, "I've stopped for my little girl; I thought she would not want to walk home alone, and it's about time to close, ain't it?"

Yes, it's time to close," replied the floor walker, "but who is your little girl, and where is she?"

"My little girl is Sally—Sally Denham, and she's here somewhere; can't you please tell me where? I'm a little near sighted or I could find her easy enough."

"There's no such girl in our employ," said the floor walker decidedly, "You must be labouring under a mistake, sir."

"This is Rathbone's, ain't it?" the old man asked.

"Certainly."

"Then she's here."

"I am quite sure, as I told you before sir, that there's no girl by that name in our employ."

"Is there another store kept by a man named Rathbone?" he asked wearily.

"Yes, I believe there is," without much interest, "three blocks further down, I think."

The old man went out, and a young girl, who had heard the conversation between him and the floor walker, breathed a sigh of relief. She was a new clerk and her name had been registered with other new ones, but not as Sally Denham (although it was Sally); it read Maude Elliot. No one in the store knew her, she reasoned, so why should she not call herself Maude, if she wanted to, instead of that plebeian Sally. And to think her father should come after her. Her face flushed hotly as she wondered what those proud girl clerks all around her would say if they should find out that the shabbily dressed old man was her father. The girls were starting for their homes; she put on her cap and jacket and went out.

"I will give father a piece of my mind," she said to herself, unduti-

fully, "I shall ask him never to stop for me again. I am quite big enough to go home alone, I think."

She took a roundabout way home; it was a pleasure to walk along the street now, for she was dressed in a very neat and becoming suit, the hard earned gift of the dear, loving old father of whom she was ashamed.

But what was the matter at home? She was startled as she reached her door, and heard the commotion within.

"Your father's killed, Sally," was the abrupt explanation of a small boy outside; "he was a looking of you up, an' couldn't find you."

The frightened girl darted past him into the house, where she found her mother nearly wild with grief. "Mother," she sobbed, "it isn't true is it, that father is dead?"

"Yes he was killed—was knocked over by runaway horses while looking for you. He died just after reaching home; his last words were, 'Tell my little Sally father tried to find her; tell her to find her Father in heaven, he'll watch over her even unto the end. Where were you Sally?'"

But Sally did not answer; she simply could not. She was down on her knees beside the father's dead body, sobbing out her agony of grief and remorse.

"It's my fault, all mine," her tortured soul moaned, "he wouldn't be lying here cold and still if I hadn't been ashamed of him."

A year has passed since then, and Sally Denham is still a clerk at Rathbone's. But there has never been an evening since her father's sad death that, as the time for closing the store arrived, she has not heard a voice say: "I've stopped for my little girl; I thought she wouldn't want to walk home alone."

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If a man has not a good education, all his money will never buy it for him. He can scarcely even make up his early waste of opportunities.

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