## ONLY A BOY.

BY C. L. VAN LANDON. "Has your fair-haired Saxon been with you to-day? I have been watching for his appearance as the signal for my departure, and it is the first time my departure, and it is the first time I have ever been so agreeably disappointed in him. Perhaps he has come and gone. What a persistent little wretch he is! But then, who wouldn't be, with the encouragement you give him? Leola, why will you?"

The speaker, a lady of twenty-five or thirty. with a rather plain but not at all on account of her solemn warning.

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season will open a week later than was expected, and that they are going to turn the Vandeville inside out for the season? I would like to know so as to arrange my summer vacation according-

but you have no idea how hard I must work."

"Not must! Listen to me."

"Hush1 I know just what you are going to say, and I don't want to hear it. Not now, at least. A year from the present it wan to thought to tell me when my triumphs begin to grow stale. No, I adore my freedom; why should igive it up if make more than a living, I enjoy life thoroughly. I can have the best of friends, and for the manager, who intended to bring suit against her the best of friends, and for the present I wan nothing more."

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"And now, my own dear Cleo, prepare youngrateful to talk to me that way when a little I have."

"It was morth or six weeks after this that Mrs. Lyone, in the thick of the existence of the season at the vandeville, received a letter from the absconded actress.

There were loving messages for britished to bring suit against her the best of friends, and for the manager, who intended to bring suit against her the best of friends, and no blest, and the best, and no blest, and trust I ever knew."

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Come, shall we talk it over?'

'Thank you. I can't afford Worth; and I accept presents from no one; not even from you. I am my own artist, sir; abundantly able to do justice to the occasion. It has given me half of my success. Two days I must have, so say good-by, and go a fishing.'

The that a companal?'

didn't care for that, but he is magnificently handsome, and a terrible despende, besides being everything else that I could desire. He fascinated me, and I must have thrown a spell on him.

So when he asked me to say yes, what could I do? I started for Havre, but we halted at Glasgow. Since them we have come to Paris, and are cutting no condition by a prompt resort to the purify-

'Of the most serious kind. If you do not obey I will suppose that my influence is at an end, and we will part forever. That is a good boy; go at once. I cannot spare you another moment.'

Somewhat ruefully Eugene Estey took his departure. As he knew that if he was in the city he could not keep away; so he followed out her orders to the letter, and went tishing.

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'By the way, who do you think I saw on the street yesterday? Nobody else than your pet diversion, Eugene Estey, and I was very glad that I went away before I entirely broke his heart. What is he doing here? Ask Creston.

'So, with love to all, 'Your affectionate friend' 'Your affectionate friend tter, and went tishing. When he came back Miss Leola's

rooms were vacant. She and Martha had gathered up their appurtenances in haste and sailed the day before for his mustache, and declined to make any Havre.

everything else—but she was not running away from him.

While talking with Cleo Lynne she

about as well on the English turf as en the Pacific coast. He was a plunger, after the most approved style, and had

ton, a semi-bohemian with whom he was slightly acquainted, had introduced him, at a chance meeting on the elevated railroad.

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There was a frankly happy smile on his boyish face, and he held out his hand with an engaging boulomic that was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois, after the formality she demanded from the most of the was refrashing to Leois and the words as the patch of the was a translation to the words as the was a frash to the words as the was a frash to the words and the word

statement. Probably he had his opinion, and so had Mrs. Lynne.

It was not a retreat on the part of Miss Divine. She had grown tired of Eugene Estey—as she grew tired of Edgar South, though he was known

dozen nights, and knew what you were looking at. Your face pleased her, and she asked me to bring you round and I did it, in my way."

"And she knew you well enough to thirty dollars or so, to the amusement thirty dollars or so, the solution of the soluti

looking at. Your face pleased her, and arrange my summer vacation according. I have half a notion to run across the herring pond.' Martha is wild to go, and I confess I am tired of things, here, and want to see how it is abroad.' "Sensible girl. If I had the means I would go also. Go by all means—and keep your 'boy' at a distance. There he is now. I don't want to meet him. Good-day."

The two kissed each other, and Mrs. Lynne went away. She had a horror of Eugene Estey; and it was possible that he had a suspicion of her.

Miss Leola Divine was beautiful as dream, scarcely twenty, a queen of the stage, and a widow; though this last was not generally known. To the world at large she was a miss.

Mr. Eugene Estey was not over twenty-three, and looked as though he might be several years younger. He was rey well off, had no one to look after him, or demand his attention; and had fallen desperately in love with Leola Divine the very first evening shappeared at the Vandeville.

He worshiped at a distance for a month or two; but in an evil day Colonel Creston, a semi-bohemian with whom he was slightly acquainted, had introduced him, at a chance meeting on the elevated railroad.

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'Bless your soul, weren't we children. She there was more thing the new first of the read of the players, and the and ad-dozen spectators.

He looked up with mock sadness, after having drawn in vain to three samplivine in just the weeding."

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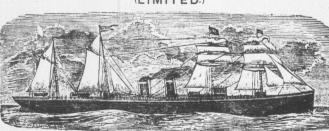
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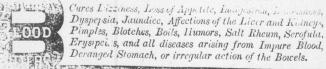
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