

mustn't let her guess the truth, you

head so that she might look at his

know, Fanny. And what else does she of satisfaction hovering about his thin lips. He had scored heavily that "Oh, there's a lot of news!" she re night. All was going well with him plied. "Miss Veronica's still away The cab nulled up at a pretty little and the earl doesn't seem well. Docor house just peeping above a high wall: Thorne has been up to the Court to the kind of house which, pretty though That's all, I think-Oh, I'd it be, seems to shrink from its neighnearly forgotten! Mr. Grosser the landbours and crave for privacy. lord of the Dog and Owl-vou know A neat maid-servant let him the Dog and Owl, that low, little pub and as he went to the drawing-room she loved him. the door opened, and Fanny met him ic house, you know," she explained with a contemptuous toss of her head and threw her arms round his neck. Talbot nodded. "Oh, how late you are!" she com-"I know, Well?" plained, but with smiles in her eves

"He met mother vesterday and askand on her full, weak lips. "I seem ed her if she'd happened to see a man to have been waiting days, months! as had been staving at the Dog and Will you always be so late? It's so Owl. A man called-I can't rememlonely, and I seem to have been away per-oh, yes, Oatway-a man with a from home years, years!" bandaged hand." He soothed her and drew her to the Talbot's hand stopped in its caress sofa. ing stroking of her hair, then went on

placid countenance, and with a smile

like what I ought to be. Yes; it is

"How fine you are-already, my again, but mechanically. She could dear!" he said. not see his face, but it had grown She looked down at the ready-made dress she had bought-with the first white, and his eves had worn the ex money he had given her-and bridled pression which they had worn in the niddle of his speech in the House. with gratified vanity. "Well?" he said, and his voice "Do you like it? I'm so glad! I-I want to look like a lady, to be a lady sounded so dry that Fanny moved her

hrough an accident-and, oh, dear, I vish she wouldn't cry! I can't bear o leave her and I can't take her with he waited for a ship, so the next mornne, because she's got a slight cold. ing he took his place amongst the and I wouldn't have her ill when her dock workers and he was soon engagfather comes for anything." ed. It seemed to him as he toiled at "See here," said Ralph. "I've got the bales and kegs that Lynne Court othing whatever to do, and was only and all that had happened there were oing for an aimless stroll: suppose but the baseless fabric of a dream take your place while you're away' but the face and voice of Veronic She and I have met on the stairs now stood out real enough in the vision and all day long he thought of her and amused until you come back." of the marvellous, incredible fact that

ittle doubtful. His hotel was some way from the docks, but as his room cost but little he decided to remain there until he was fortunate enough to find a berth on one of the outgoing ships. she calls you; but-" The days passed in a green and

grey monotony, intensified by the terrible loneliness and solitude which oppress every man who lives in London won't be gone long. I daresay, with no friends. But presently he made at least one friend. In the room

at her, receiving a nod and a bright

smile in return.

adjoining his at the hotel were a mid dle-aged woman and a little girl; a and opened the door, said: nurse and her charge, as Ralph right ly guessed. The child was a pretty keep you company.'

little thing with all the charming ways (To be continued.) of childhood; and once or twice Ralph had met her on the stairs and smiled

## son gingham and chambrey. The pat-tern is cut in 4 sizes: 3, 4, 5 and 6 and again, and I'll try and keep her years. It requires $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards of 40 inch material for a 6 year size. A pattern of this illustration mailed The woman looked relieved, but a to any address on receipt of 10c. sllver or stamps. "Oh, I couldn't think of troubling

Boys' Russian Blouse

Knickerbockers.

sign. It is appropriate for flannel,

corduroy, serge, linen, galatea, Ander

White linen was used for this

Suit.

Suitable materials for any of these ou, sir," she said; "not that she's a patterns can be procured from AYR roublesome child, and she have took & SONS, Ltd. Samples on request quite a fancy to you-the Big Man, Mention pattern number. Mail order promptly attended to.

"Oh, that's all right," said Ralph. 9351.-A CHARMING FROCK FO I'm fond of children; you can leave THE GROWING GIRL. ner in my charge safely enough. You

The nurse hesitated for a moment only as she glanced at the handsome pronzed face then nodded gratefully "Ada, here is someone who

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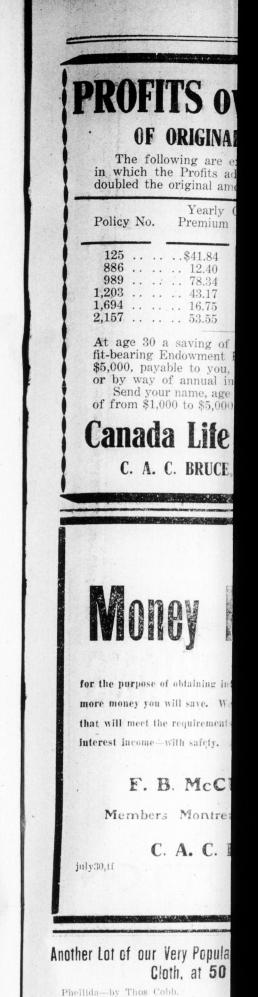
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