

But, however much the accounts of valued above rank and learning. To her origin differed, there was no dis- be seen in her neatly appointed victoria, bestowed a rank and position pute as to what she is. Flossie Hamilton is the principal which the noblest of our gilded youth actress and attraction at the Frivolity coveted and ran after. In a word, Flossie was one of the Theatre, where she draws crowds nightly; crowds that go to see and en- artificial hot-house products of our

joy her dancing and singing in the age, and we write of her here because successful burlesque of "Old King it is simply impossible to ignore her; because she and her kind exert 30 Cole." 6993.0

Report says that Flossie Hamilton much influence in the world that it is was one of the chorus singers or su- impossible to write a story of fashpernumeraries at the Frivolity, and ionable life that does not contain her. that one of the minor actresses hav-If it had been possible, believe me, ing fallen ill, Flossie was picked out I would have kept Flossie Hamilton by a discerning stage-manager to fill in the background and out of sight; her place, and that from taking third- but she is so much mixed up with the class parts, Flossie achieved first-rate life of dear, pure Paula, down in Woldones, and so became the leading at- shire, that it is simply impossible to traction at the theatre in London at ignore her.

which the sacred lamp of burlesque Besides, why should I ignor her is always kept burning.

Be that as it may, Flossie was an at the Frivolity and applauded her, important member of London society. when ladies of rank copied her cost-Her name was on every man's lips- umes, and cabinet ministers laughed pretty little Flossie, with her blue every man, that is, who moved in fash- at her jokes. Flossie was a power in ionable society-her photograph could the land, a household word, a proverb, be seen and admired in fifty different and much too conspicuous a person attitudes in every fancy, shop in the to be ignored or passed over with a fashionable thoroughfares. word or two.

Flossie had the best-appointed | Let us go to Flossie's house in Ragbrougham in London; she had-and lan Street.

wore also-the best suite of diamonds Everybody knows Ragian Street; a. of any professional on the boards. quiet street in quiet, historic Chelses,

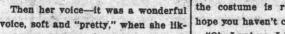
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ed to make it so, and cadable of changing from soft and pretty to shrill and crisp like a street-boy's. There was no doubt about her being

clever. The manager of the Frivolity was not the sort of man to pay a young lady forty guineas a week for nothing, and Flossie drew that amount from the Frivolity treasury every Saturday.

Flossie.

Yes, Flossie was one of the artificial productions of this artificial age, and she ought to have been very happy, if the possession of most of the good things of this life confers happiness.

But there was one thing which a when royal princes sat in their box great many, even of Flossie's most devout and staunch admirers, declared she lacked. They said that Flossie, eyes, and golden curls, and dainty, supple little figure, wanted just one thing to make her perfect, and that one thing was-a heart.

> She lacked all sensibility. In the very midst of the laughter which her saucy, elfish face had raised at the Frivolity, she could suddenly and without warning strike into some little, pathetic song, and make the laughter glide swiftly into tears; she

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she had, a thousand times- meaning not at all-and boxed your ears for

asking her.

draught in that last set scene; and the costume is really trying. I do hope you haven't caught cold." "Oh. Lor.' no. I hope not!" respond ed Flossie, with alarm; then she sighed. "I wish you'd speak to the stage-manager about it to-morrow

will you?" 3094 Flossie was far too grand a lady to mention the matter herself "Yes miss I will," said the faithful Weston. "I'm sure you ought to get to bed to-night."

"I can't, can I?" asked Flossie. "Aren't there some people coming?" "Yes, miss," and Weston went over the names. (To be coninued.)

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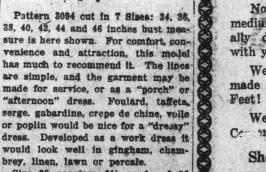
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