

ALL. A telegram! For Charlotte!

DOBSON. No, for you.

FANNIE (*reads*). Fannie and Mildred Fairfax! What can it be!

MIL. Open it quick!

DOBSON. But what are you all doing up so late?

CHAR. Oh, just acting a little comedy.

FANNIE. Gracious, Dobson, it can't be true! Our father has been dead five years.

JUNE. Our father!

CHAR. You haven't received news of him!

JUNE. Read it, quick! What does it say?

DOBSON. "My daughters: I have heard the news of my sister's death, and am hastening home to you. I shall now be able to repair the past, and give you a beautiful home. Expect me within a week.

Your father."

JUNE. But, Dobson, is he risen from the dead?

DOB. I won't say that, but wonderful things happen in America.

FAN. Our father alive!

JUNE. And coming home to take care of us! Ah, how happy we shall be!

CHAR. Now 'tis your turn to be congratulated, girls.

FAN. Dear Cousin Charlotte!

JUNE. Oh, how splendidly things have turned out!

CHAR. Yes, we've seen a good deal of trouble together, but, all's well that ends well.

END.