

slowly recovered; but his voice was almost inaudible when he was enabled to speak again.

something better than that. Don't speak to me of the stage again. And don't speak of it to her," he added, almost fiercely. "I won't have the idea put into her head. Oh. I'm all right; it was only a sudden faintness. I get 'em sometimes; it's-it's my heart, I suppose. And don't say

and stood for a moment, looking down from under his lowered lids, at Norton, who was still pale, and breathing

with a shrug of the shoulders and a laugh. "I know as much about it as they could tell me. Push the 'bacca

policeman? And I haven't been anywhich, more than the brilliantly light Her father was at work on a short where for weeks and weeks, and ed gardens, the music and the crowd story the following afternoon, when we've got the tickets, so that there which streamed, ebbed, and flowed, Kittie opened the door and put in her She turned to fly, with some other won't be any expense, and the poor like a living sea fascinated Hagn little soul has been looking forward ersons near her, but the living Hevangeline, who, happy in the pos stream poured swiftly down upon to taking me somewhere; and---" session of an ostrich feather, six inch her and caught her up. She was car "Oh, very well!" he broke in, with es longer than any she had yet see ried along by it for some yards, and a gesture of resignation. "Pon my in the garden, and proud of her con shortly. He always had a headache would have emerged with the rest soul, Kit, you'd talk the hind leg off panionship with Miss Kittle was i juite safely on an open space, but a donkey" the seventh heaven of delight. infortunately she trod on the hem of "First time I knew you had any Kittie also was very happy. Light her skirt, which was a trifle too long. hind legs, dad, dear," she said, kissmusic, the stir of a multitude, the at She staggered, stumbled, and would mosphere of excitement, were a ing the top of his head, already bent nave gone down; but suddenly she over his work again. "I'm glad you've precious to her as the breath of he saw some one swoop down on her said yes, for both our sakes. I finish nostrils; and though she walked de strong arms clasped her round the ed my new dress last night: it's nurely by the side of Hagnes Hevan waist, she was lifted and swung out ripper: and Hagnes Hevangeline has geline, her eves were sparkling and of the human torrent, and the next got a new hat, a neat little thing in her heart was beating time to the

from a burst dam, a stream of people came rushing down upon her.

Fitzpatrick, Stephen, Gower St.

shapely head, with its aureole of soft. rippling hair.

"Busy, dad?" she inquired. "Yes-very," he replied, rather

after one of his bachelor parties, and he had quite a big headache at that

moment. "What is it?" She came in and sat on the edge of his chair, her arm round his neck. "I want to go to the Exhibition to

night, dad," she said. "May I?" "No," he said. "I've got to do play at one of the theaters: so can't take you."

crimson and blue, with a 'hostrich' "Nobody asked you, sir," she said. feather. We are going to have our "I'm going with Hagnes Hevangeline. tea there, spend a long evening, see Someone has given her a couple of all the sights, and get back early, so tickets; it's her night off. and she that my affectionate parent should wants to give me a treat. Don't be not be anxious." disagreeable, dad, and break her heart; both our hearts."

"I'm not disagreeable, Kit," he said, leaning back, and looking at her with a novel gravity born of self-reproach. "I don't like the idea of your going to a crowded place like the Exhibition alone, or with only a slavey to look after you. The fact is, Kittie, you gad about too much; you aren't a kid any longer; you're grown up-andand----"

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music which filled all the air. safely on shore, so to speak. They had had their tea, taking it in a leisurely fashion, and leaning back

in their chairs with the aristocratic air which you are entitled to assume after such an expensive meal; they

Norton produced half a crown, lookhad wandered through the streets of ed at it sadly and wistfully, as if he Venice, and floated through-apparwere parting from a valued friend, ently-miles of canal, in a gondola; they had seen two or three of the side and tossed it up. Kittie caught shows, each more wonderful than the dexterously, cried, "Angel of a fa others, and they were now walking ther!". hissed him once more. with a stream along one of the broad paths lined with booths and stalls. glanced up as the door closed, sighed heavily, and returned to his work and vividly illuminated by countless Kittie ran up to her room, singing, lectrict lights.

"It's rather too much of a crush to don her new dress. As a matter of sn't it. Hagnes?" said Kittie-the fact, there was no cause for anxiety little maid-servant would have been on the part of the father, for the little slavey, though young in years, was vounded if Kittie had omitted the ld in experience and wisdom, and "H." "Let us go down here: it leads to another show. I think." the shrewdness which is a second na-

ture to the Cockney. She was quite They turned down a side path capable of taking care, not only of which was comparatively dark; but erself, but Kittie. they came into the light again pres-

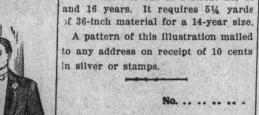
To Kittie such a place as the Exently, and as they did so a lady and ibition was an unalloyed delight; gentleman came toward them. The or, though its name doesn't sound gentleman was an elderly man, very very promising to the youthful mind, upright, and rather grim and sternit is very much more of a vast and looking; the lady was a young girl. varied show than a place of instruc- At the first glance Kittie saw that tion and information. The two girls they were what Hagnes Hevangeline arefully avoided that part of the would call "swells." They came grounds devoted to buildings con- nearer and Kittie seeing the young

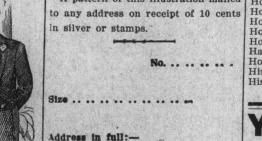
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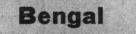


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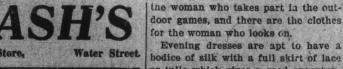












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