Good night! said Mrs. Carson. She prided herself on her politeness. She would not for worlds have omitted say One year, two, and Miss Hallam viction, I believe its our Ruby. ing farewell for even the briefest period, came home.

as Miss Carson's taste was not the most artistic in the world it was rather startling than admirable. She wore au eleborate dress of heliotrope satin brocaded in crimson velvet flowers, and opera clock of bright blue surah and long and very wrinkled.

it, and sailed out of the room, leaving dress defying description, all blue and behind her an almost oppressive sugges- pink toned down with a great deal of

of his wife and daughter, then sidled what he said, mamma? stealthy to where his niece still stood. home, and I entered to await Mr. Car-Ruby ! in quite a ponderous whisper, son's return. and laying one hand-eeru as to the Oh! said Ruby. half gloved fingers, the rest being as I delayed calling on him till the last red as a boiled lobster—gently enough moment—I have been so rushed with on the girl's dusky head, I wish I could business affairs since my arrival in New let you go in my place-Lord, I do! York a week ago. Plays, theaytres, and sech like don't From Eugland? suit me, nor me them. But for a young Ruby resumed he

cretur like you it's nateral, oh, it's asked the question. nateral! Tell ye what I'll ido, Rupy | From England. I'll get ye matiney tickets on the sly and ye can go after all, unbeknown to Ruby laughed half sadly to herself. bells.

On the sly! In a state of what subjec- By Jove! And then, in a sudden retion the poor little man was, to be sure! He could not do her the slightest kindness except in fear and frembling.

She was his dead sister's only child, that I sometimes continue doing one and he was very fond of her, would thing while thinking of another totally have been very good to her had he anflicient moral courage to assert him. Ruby haughed out at the lame

self and his rights occasionally. As it apology. was, he was a mere tigure head in his The stranger, all the time regarding own household-a very humble-visaged, her keenly, came lover to the mantel And Ruby-well, she was only a chilc, after all, just past sixteen. For I was wondering how a wee witch whom

heart throb as the first bars of the or . a remembrance of Paul Durand. chestra resounded, young enough to like to watch the gay crowns surging down ungencle disdain, while, as poor Charles and—Paul Dyrand!

or Viela at the Court of Illyria. ful as the minutes ticked on.

shining gilt frame and bright plush I am so glad.

clad lady rocking vigorously in a low

Modjeska.

How far had the play proceeded now?

Was Rosalind saying to Orlande in the sweet foreign voice of the Polish actress, Sir, you have wrestled well and overthrown more than your enemies. Or thrown more than your enemies. Or the control of the control o had it progressed farther? Was Jacques asking, Of what stature is your love? and Orlando answering gallantly, Just Durand.

he oull the house down ?

loud, brisk, imperious. She heard the doing all these years. door opened, shut, a brief colloquy, then the portieres draping the parlor entrance were thrust aside and a gentleman walked into the room bringing with him a whilf of the frosty outer world. A young gentleman a very handsome I am not exactly yearning to see Mr. young gentleman, overcoated up to the Carson. And now, Ruby, what a big chin, with a pair of dark blue eyes girl you are getting to be anyhow. Good-night, and good-bye. Russian cap, which latter he removed with alacrity as he perceived the other didn't go to see Modjeska.

occupant of the apartment. For a bare moment they regarded each other in silence, Miss Ruby's his attentions are very pronounced.

Three times he has called this week. brilliant glance measuring the stranger He said to see your father—a very

That was all she said. The way she said it would have disconcerted any ly, an autumnal blush tinging her faded ordinary man. But Paul Durand was cheek. There he is, and -- and --

not an ordinary man, or so his friends Some one was entering the opposite

council of war was held in the Carson mansion, the outcome of which was Ruby must go to school. She was young throat. At the half-bared bosom bloomed a great cluster enough to need it, Miss Carson declared, of Jacquemmots. and Miss Eustachia avowed that she Ahundred glasses were levelled visitors so evidently did that the child wrap and sat down.

was becoming rarely charming. Before she went, however, she had a Who? whispered Eustachia. private chat with her uncle, the result | Mr. Carson edged around to the back

of which was that Mr. Simon Carson, to of his wife's chair, and there indulged

whose office came the mail, brought her in an ecstatic pantomine for the benefit periodically a letter, an interesting, re- of those beyond. spectful, friendly letter, written in a great, slap-dash hand.

though just now her tone of icy dis. Enstachia narrowed her eyes into a promptly, settling up in this supreme pleasure was decidedly more chilling level green line as she regarded her. How tall, and rounded, and graceful old hypocrite! it's his Ruby, Lord love

opera cloak of bright blue surah and season. The theatre was packed from swansdown, and pink kid gloves very door to ceiling. The overture was over, other lady as good as his sister. and the curtain rung up. Fans flutter-It is curious the things which satisfy ed, soft lips smiled, bright eyes flashed. some people. That glance in the mirror | In their private box the Carsons were absolutely thrilled ther with intense assembled, pere, mere, fille, he redder, satisfaction. Deigning neither nod nor more nervous, more distressingly fldgety look to the dark clad young figure than ever. Mrs. Carsor, large and standing on the hearth rug, she swished around her train, swooped to catch

Lyon; Eustachia alert and smiling in a

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Mr. Carson, still engaged in a valiant | gold.

Patti was in good voice and singing struggle with his gloves, glanced furtive- divinely. But she did not hear a note. ly after the resplendent retreating forms At the opera to-night. Was not that across the carpet in a manner positively | The servant said the family was from

Ruby resumed her low chair as al

He stared at her. Why—how—I beg you pardon! 'em. Yes, Adelia, yes, my dear; I'm a Oh, just because they have only comin'! And in response to Mrs. Car-knockers over there haven't they? son's shrill summons he hustled off. thought you could not be accustomed to

> collection, I'm afraid that was a furious summons. But to apologize I must ex-

To-night, for instance, he said slowly,

I was tugging imploringly at your door, her the tinsel and glitter of the foot- I used to know was ; wondering if she lights had not yet lost their charm. She had grown up into a haughty young was young enough still to feel a quicker lady; wondering if she had ever so faint What.

Ruby leaped to her feet-brown the asses, young enough when the curtain rolled op and at last to lose her-Paul Durand! Such a favorite when self in the music life before her, forgetful of all her small daily griefs. Mrs. him when she was quite a little child him when she was quite a little child. Carson's icy politeness, and Eustachia's But it was six years since she seen him

Lamb puts it, with Rosalind in Arden, Is it you—honestly you? her slim hand in his close clasp. Of course, I And so to-night it was no wonder that know now—how stupid of me! It is the pretty mignonne face grew so dole- the moustaghe that alters you. I'm so glad to see you. I was just as cross

portiere and cabinet of bric-a-brac, chosen with execrable taste, spoke parvenu as plainly as tongue could have And they had a box, the little brown-out with the others to-night, Ruby? It was a delicate question could he chair before the open grate, told herseli but have known. The sweet child face, gloomily. One more might just as well before him grew almost tragic, I-1 have gore as not, and shedid so admire wasn't asked! in quite an anguish of

sorrow seemed lighter by being shared. And yet I don't know, deliberate Mr.

as high as my heart t Was—
Good gracious! Miss Ruby sprang
bewilderedly to her feet. Why doesn't
would have gone, and if you had gone what
would have become of me? would have become of me? That's so, said Ruby, reflectively. And indeed the resonant peal which It was better as it happened, wasn't it? startled her was something territic, long, And now tell me what you have been

Ten-eleven-twelve! Twelve? Mr. Durand sprang up in

Won't you wait to see Uncle Simon! Bless me, ao. We can exist without, Good-bye, said Ruby, I'm glad I

His very words, my love. I am sure his attentions are very pronounced.

transparent excuse! smiling.

There he is! cried Eustachia, sudden-

box-two persons. A gentleman, tall, I beg your pardon in most profound handsome, and brown bearded, on his contrition. I was not aware the room arm a lady; such a lovely, stately young thing as she was, too! An exquisite A few weeks passed. One day a dinner dress of amber brocade set off

was growing so ridiculously fast, her. She smiled and bowed at the Neither observed what Miss Eutachia's Carsons as she flung back her ermine

Can it bel grasped Mrs. Carson.

I believe, said Mrs. Carson, in tones

of disgusted, horrified, ponderous con-Oh, no, it ain't answered Simon

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Miss Eustachia Carson paused for a last deliberate fook into the pier glass? She was small, but Nature lad atoned for her higgardlines in regard to height by generous if unsylphelike breadth. She had a pretty featured languishing, inspirid face like the vision of a faded wax doll.

This prening, she had dressed with conscientious regard as to effect. And effect enough there, certainly was; but as Miss Carson's faste was not the most arisined. The word is was rather to the state of the word it was rather and the murred Mr. Carson, may be more there are not be the languishing, inspirid face like the vision of a faded wax doll.

Take her down to your aunits, in the word it was rather with the most scientification and the future of Mottgare dated the larguishing in any lot of the control of the Carson, the langual line of the control of the Carson part of the control of the control of the Carson part of the larguishing in any lot of the control of the cont

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