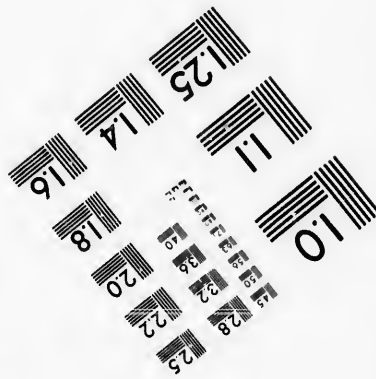
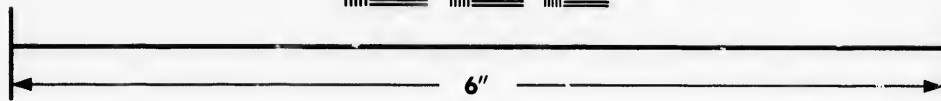
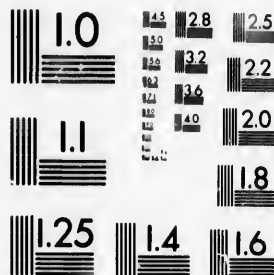


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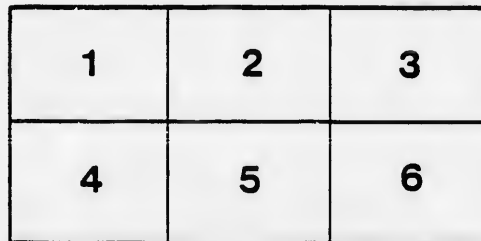
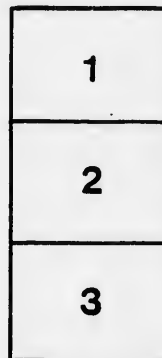
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Mary—Mrs. J. has just gone out bicycling, sir.

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* SYNOPSIS *

ACT. I.—Top Floor Flat. Montmorency Apartment House.

ACT. II.—Two weeks later.

ACT. III.—Morning, one week later.

Time—The present.

Place—Harlem, New York.

NOTE—"Our Flat" was produced under the direction of Mr. John Morris, who staged the original production at Strand Theatre, London, England, where it is still being played. Mr. Morris made the voyage to America expressly to give this production his personal attention.

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MURDER

and blame the sportsman for it. In like-manner will there be something wrong with your furs if you do not get them from . . .

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And flirted with another man
Who sat across the aisle.

—New York Press

Flossie—Mamma, tan I have a new dollie?
Mamma—No! Your doll is just as good
as new.

Flossie—Well I'se dest as docil as new, but
Dod dave 'oo another little dirl.

TOMMY'S BREAK.

(From Puck.)

I got fired from Sunday-school
Week before last. I don't care!
Never liked it, anyhow—
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Teacher asked who Samson was—
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- MARCH—"Honneur".....Lumbye
- CAPRICE—"Lucretia Borgia".....Donnezitti
- GALOP—"Salut".....Lumbye

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He dreams about the turkey big
And eke the hot mince pie.
And other things that will within
His little stomach lie.

But when beneath his little vest
Those goodly things have sped
And he bids Pa and Ma good-night
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