swiftly through the sweet spring twilight looked like the personification of spring-time with her fresh young face, her dewy dark eyes, her sensitive mobile young mouth, red as a dark red rose. She looked like youth itself, welcoming in the new season. Several people glanced after her, and smiled with sympathy for her freshness and bloom and untouched virginal candor.

CHAPTER XL.

Paris, May, 1908. Eugenia had been complaining that her new teacher in advanced French diction was very ill-natured and ex-acting, and had asked Marise to go with her to a lesson to back her up in a protest against his unreasonable

he two girls drove up to th ancais in Eugenia's inevitable cab. and leaving her inevitable maid to wait in it, passed through the dingy little side-door into an ill-lighted corridor and felt their way tollsomely up a stair-way not lighted at all. A dingy, stone-colored corridor with painted and numbered doors on each side, like a needy old-man's home of ill-kept reformatory. A knock at one of these, opened by a bald, pale, elder ly man, with a knobby nose and sev eral chins. A tiny, cluttered, stuffy room, with a lumpy sofa, two chairs, an easel and a window.

After her presentation to M. Vau-doyer, Marise sat down on one of the hard chairs to await development The actor was in a long, paint-stained blouse, and excused himself by saying that his pupil was a little ahead of time, "A real American," he said, smiling at both of them. He had been painting, he explained, waving a wrinkled old hand towards a canvas on an easel.

"Oh, you are twice an artist," re-marked Marise, doing as she had been taught to do, automatically turning pretty speech. As a matter of fact she thought the sketch anything but The old man's face clouded. "To be

a painter, that was all I ever wanted. he said, looking with affection at the very mediocre landscape, and adding sadly, "All my life... all my life."

But to have been—to be such an artist as you are on the stage-surely to be enough, Marise. This time she spoke sincerely, out of a very genuine admiration for

his acting.

Before beginning his lesson, he "What do you think of it? What do you think of it?" he asked suddenly, turning on Marise, the question like a loaded revolver at her temple.

Much practice had steadied Marise'

nerves against any sort of holdup that could be practised in social relations. She said instantly, "I think it shows one of the charming landscapes I ever saw. Where in the world is there ever saw. Where in the world is there such a delightful composition?"
The lesson began, but Marise heard not a word of it, not a word. She sat straight on the hard chair, her face a blank, and walked up the street with Jeanne, seeing in the blue twilight, the pale face of Jean-Pierre Garnier approaching them. The alcove curtains hung close before her and Jeanne's voice was on the othe side. And then, the burst of men's laughter from across the landing, cut short by Jeanne's closing the door and then the heavy, dragging step in the corridor, the loud, harsh breathing. She waited, tense with fright

"Marise, Marise, . . ." It was Eugenia speaking to her, "Help me explain to M. Vaudoyer that I haven't the least desire to become an actress or to know every word of Moliere by heart! That I simply want lessons in how to pronounce French correctly, the kind of lessons my English-diction teacher gives me." She spoke with an impatient accent, and Marise coming to herself saw the two factors saw that with anyour looks. ing each other with angry looks.

M. Vaudoyer said indignantly, "It's t worth my while to give instruc-

to see the curtains twitch open, and Jeanne's dreadful face appear . . .

some one was speaking to her, u gently, insistently, by name. . . .

necessary work."
"I will do any necessary work."
Eugenia answered hotly, "but what has reading a lot of deadly dull old books to do with pronouncing French correctly? And if I'm not going to be an actress or a singer, what is the use of all those idiotic ah! ah! oh! oh! fee! ever. fee! fee! exercises?"

M. Vaudoyer sat down abruptly, and

reaching for a large red-and-white checkered handkerchief, mopped his hald head and perspiring face with it. He was evidently containing him-self with difficulty and waiting till he could be sure of speaking with moderation before he opened his lips. Eugenia explained to Marise with Eugenia explained to Marise with dignity. glad of the opportunity to state her case, "I come to M. Vaudoyer for lessons in diction. I don't come to study singing or 17th century history. I hate history and all those dull studies. What I want, what I am paying for, is a very simple thing. Instruction in French diction. I don't see that I am getting. I don't see that I am getting

Her accent showed that she con idered her case unassailably good

Vaudoyer listened with atten tion, looking at her very hard, and when she had finished he nodded, "You are right, Miss Mills. I am not the teacher for you. I am a poor, old, impractical Frenchman, incapa-ble of satisfying a practical American girl, who knows what she wants and has the money to buy it. You are the race of the future, you Americans, I of the past. There is no common ground between us." He poke mildly, Eugenia stared. Marike viced.

rise winced.
"What do you mean, M. Vaudoyer?" asked Eugenia. "Are you sending me

He said with a little smile, "You have sent me away, Miss Mills, far away. And as to what I mean, if you like, I will try to tell you. But you will not understand. I cannot talk the American language. I can only speak the French language." He paused, wiping his perspiring fore-

est value without the other. Neither is to be had without paying the price

is to be had without paying the price of your being, that is the only way to become anything the price of all you have . . . all, all!"

"You must have perfect command of your medium, just in itself, as a nancican firm. She is an accomplished linguist and pianist. Marise and her father visit Paris, where Marise meets an American girl, Eugenia Mille, from Arkansas.

She had decided to walk so that she could cool off, and think over the Vallerys' maneuver, and as she walk ed she had it out with herself, going could cool off, and think over the Vallerys' maneuver, and as she walked she had it out with herself, going deep. By the end of the first mile she knew it was foolish and futile to resent the afternoon's comedy. That was the sort of thing everybody tried to do, only few people were as successful as Mme. Vallery. She knew well enough what she would get, if she pelted right in on them now, as they sat laughing over their little triumph. They would never dream of denying it, any more than she or her father would deny being the author of a far-laid plan in chess, author of a far-laid plan in chess. by command of a medium. To be mas-which led to an opponent's defeat. ter of my tool I must not only be

The tall, slim, lithe girl, walking able to laugh, when I feel like it, swiftly through the sweet spring but whenever I need to laugh, wheth-

else, as if you were reading.
"Barbara! celarent; darii; ferio;

little pieces of it here and there, and hanging it up on his wall. By chang-

ing the very fiber of your being, that is the only way to become anything

"Or at least-" His carefully repressed indignation burst for a mo-ment from his control; he said in a

that was all that was left of their foolish, induced mirth. Marse was nettled and angry. He had no business playing tricks like that on them. She had been made to appear foolish. Look for a moment to the window, and when he turned back, said quietly, "You must excuse an old man's bad temper, Miss Millis, and you must leak for a negligible more practical. estied and angry. He had no bust and when he turned back, said quies less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on them. It was a neighbor, must be less playing tricks like that on the like tricks like the like tricks li

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Incommand Dee: Wonday, August 13, 1923

Cuits. "How about the scalloped pond and I threw Katherine's plan for support into the breach, hoping it would divert attention from Jim.

The kitchen door opened and Jim strained feeling at any time, and I feared that under the present circumstances with everyone's nerves dangerously keyed up, something might to give exuberant voice to his feelings. The laundry Business has been snap.

for millions of your great round dollars. No, not the wealthiest, sharpest American who ever lived can possess European culture, by buying clination of the head:

He was vague as to marises name, something with an snap.

"Co her first on the pretext that she may dition, which scorns to show emotion can eat with you." (Continued in The Morning Bee.)

> Adele Garrison "My Husband's Love"

The Keen Question Mother Grahan Asked Jim.

Katherine and I promptly obeyed ny mother-in-law's suggestion to hasten the dinner. I only waited to observe with seeming casualness. chilled again.

Her response was what I expected. heard. "When I need your advice, Marask you. The fire is plenty hot." "What's the idea, Machiavelli?"

sical smile. "If I had asked her not overheated."

dinner? Mrs. Ticer is here you know."

"I know full well," I said with a he-es leetle tail vunce." Katherine the problem many times before. asked to the dinner table with us tatoes?"

over anything. have to go home at any time? Katherine asked. "That might do," I returned dubi- Jerry yelled excitedly as soon as he ously, for repeated experience with entered. "That there bootlegger got tions sounded behind me and I realized specialty for some time of the family the problem had made me a pessimist clean away! Yes, ma'am; no, ma'am,

"You don't fell me," came a drawl- Gee!" ng masculine voice from the kitchen Jerry, out of breath, shook his head porch outside, and for a pane-stricken as if overwhelmed at this last piece had risen, for I knew well that the separate containers and it does not second I thought that the words in Sam' Ticer's unmistakably eccents the shamed flush on Jim's face. I derwood's overcoat. were ironically addressed to me. Then knew that he recognized the uncon-"Better keep a good hot fire, as I heard Jim's voice in answer I scious intonation in Jerry's voice People you mother, so that Junior won't get realized thankfully that any reference which held blame for his not being ads every day. to my neighbor had not been over-

"There's your solution, I fancy," garet, how to care for a child, I'll Katherine said in a rapid undertone. "They're probably ravenous riding around all this time with the troop-Katherine asked softly when we ers. Why not, fix dinner for the were safely in the kitchen. "Your old three Ticers at once? Then afterruse of 'Piggy, please go to Cork,' I ward, you and Mother Graham and I can eat, while Jim and Katie serve "Exactly," I returned with a whim- themselves in the kitchen."

"Go to the head of the class, and to have the room so warm, she would pass me those pans of biscuits in the have piled the logs on. But now she'll ice chest," I retorted on my knees keep it low, and Junior won't get before the oven door. "This gauge is just right now for the biscuits, and if "Wise lady," Katherine returned we 'flax around,' as Mrs. Ticer says, with a chuckle, "Now, what about we can have dinner on the table-" "Before vun leetle sheep can shake

weary little smile, for I have faced quoted Katie with a laugh-provoking fidelity, as she handed me the bis-Mrs. Ticer, as a neighbor, must be cuits. "How about the scalloped po

I tested them meticulously. "They'll be just right when the bis

to give exuberant voice to his feelings, for dinner, you and Jerry right away, greatly aided in the last few years "Couldn't we get Mrs. Ticer's din- his father was true to his native tra- and I'll call Mrs. Ticer down so she by the application of improved meth-

"That's a very good idea, Mar- wash. garet.' Ticer has very keen perceptions, him. And Jim here says he had hold words were sharply peremptory: of him and the fellow broke away. "Jim, what is that bundle under the says he had hold words were sharply peremptory:

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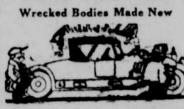
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