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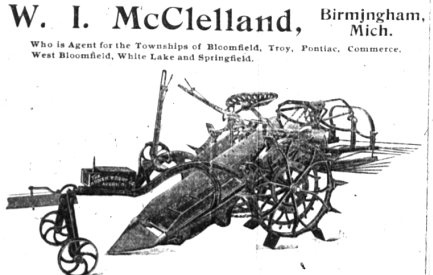

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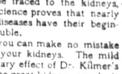

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GOING NORTH.	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH
Frgt Pass. Mxd Nos. 5 No. 3 No. 1		Mxd Pass Frgt No. 2 No. 4 No. 6
A.M. P.M. A.M. D. G. H. & P.M. A.M. A.M. 4:05 6:55 M. 9:25 11:50		
	Mich Cent.	
7:53 5:15 8:15	PONTIAC	8:05 10:40 4:40
10:15 6:00 8:55	Oxford	7:27 7:10 10:05 4:15
10:50	Lake Orion	7:00 6:45 9:40 3:50
7:00 9:25 12:35	Caseville	6:45 6:15
p.m. p.m. p.m. Ar.		Lv. p.m. a.m. a.m.

Schedule of Trains between

PONTIAC AND OXFORD

In Effect July 23, 1900.

GOING NORTH					
Stations.	Nos. 5	Nos. 1	Nos. 9	Nos. 11	Nos. 3
Pontiac	5:10	8:15	9:40	1:40	5:15
Lakes	5:45	8:28	9:53	1:53	5:28
Colo	5:55	8:35	9:58	1:55	5:30
Oxford	6:10	8:50	10:10	2:10	6:00
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
GOING SOUTH					
Stations.	Nos. 8	Nos. 4	Nos. 10	Nos. 12	Nos. 2
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Oxford	6:40	10:15	11:55	4:25	7:45
Colo	6:50	10:25	12:05	4:35	7:55
Lakes	6:55	10:32	12:12	4:42	8:00
Pontiac	7:10	10:47	12:30	5:00	8:05
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

By HAROLD DEAN

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Fannie had dreamed of going on the stage as long as she could remember—since the first time she was taken to the theater and sat prim and proper between her parents. The lights, the music, the wonderful panorama back of the footlights, the applause, the contagious enthusiasm—all appealed to her fervent imagination and left an indelible mark. She had sought every opportunity to go and had reveled in dreams of one day emerging from these mysterious wings and bowing before an applauding multitude.

At first she kept her ambition secret, but as she grew into young womanhood it slipped out little by little. Her mother frowned, her father laughed, and her brother teased her. But it made no difference, excepting to strengthen her desire.

And now she actually was going to invade that wondrous realm yclept the green room. Oh, bliss! Oh, joy! Of course Pa and mamma and brother Ned would be furiously angry if they knew it; but they need not know until he had made her start and then they would be so proud of her that it would be all right. And then there was Tom. She trembled a little as she thought of the effect on Tom. He had given her such emphatic advice to "cut it out" at the mere mention of a stage career and had pointed out the dangers and hardships of the life so strongly that she scarcely dared to think of what he might say or do if he knew. And Tom loved her so dearly—and she really was very fond of Tom. But one cannot sacrifice a career to girlish sentiment. If he really loved her he would be proud to see her a great actress and she could marry him anyway and he could travel with her—might even be her manager. Yes, on the whole, that would be the very thing.

She was very nervous about it all, though. She rather shuddered at the memory of that nightmare of standing in line in the dirty alley together with a score or more of bedraggled young women who had appeared in answer to an advertisement in the newspaper for "extras." The atmosphere of stale beer and cigarettes still clung to her and had cost her great extravagances in the matter of perfumes and much persistence in the matter of baths. But she had been taken, greatly to the disgust of the shouting, sneering crowd.

"There's a fresh one, better try her," the stage manager had said to his assistant. "She'll be fine in that ballroom scene. Have ye got any good clothes?"

To be sure she had, and so the battle was closed. It was for a week's run and she had been stunned at first to learn still means to get away from home. Only seven consecutive nights until so late an hour! But after all on comparing all things, she had arranged it with her dearest friend, who lived in a distant suburb to spend the entire week with her. She had to be killed about the middle of Effie was to be "trucked." It was a trifle cold, she admitted, but what wouldn't she risk to get on the stage. Then she had taken an apartment in an obscure house under an assumed name and was prepared for her début. Of course it was all wicked and would be deemed proper by the censors of good society, but there was nothing really wrong about it. Still she trembled a little at the thought of what Tom might say or do if he heard of it. But the theater was not one of the lower prominence, but rather a cheap stock affair, and there was little chance of Tom's going there. And when she got a regular engagement she would fight it out with him. Then she would tell him he must take her with her art or leave her to pursue it alone.

She was a trifle disappointed at the first impression of "behind the scenes." It was all so confused and dirty and unfinished. It seemed more like an old lumber room than a fairyland. The dressing room to which she was assigned, together with two other "extras," was so little that only one could move at a time where it required the extending of an arm or elbow. The others stood against the wall. It was so squalid and dirty that Fannie instinctively drew up her skirts. One of the girls smoked cigarettes and both used slang and even profanity freely. Their conversation and stories, which were principally about the other sex, nearly horrified her. But she reflected that this was only the beginning. Soon she would be a real actress and have a room to herself.

Everything went off nicely on the opening night and Fannie was given a word of commendation by the stage manager for the way she carried herself in the ball scene. She was not a bit frightened and was worried only lest somebody in the audience might recognize her. But that would be impossible with her make-up. It ran along very nicely until the third night, when as she glanced out at the audience the first face she saw was that of Tom. Yes, Tom, right there in the fourth row in the parquet. In her surprise and consternation she dropped her fan and nearly upset the scene. She stood staring at the familiar face as in a trance until a harsh voice from the wings recalled her.

"Pick up that fan, you ——— lobster. Pick it up quick and come out of that trance or I'll wring your infernal neck. There ain't no ghosts out there."

It was the stage manager, and she recovered herself instantly, picked up the fan gracefully, and went on with her business. When the scene was over she went to the dressing room all atremble. Had he seen her and what would he do and say? Well, anyway, there was no backing out now. Still she really loved Tom and she knew she would be heartbroken if he left her. So perturbed was she that she scarcely noticed that the call boy brought a note for "Jen," the roommate who smoked cigarettes and was a "dead sure blonde."

"Here's a go," remarked that young woman. "Freddie Holmes is out there in the audience and wants to put up a nice little supper after the show. Has a friend with him and wants to know if I can't bring along one of the other girls. Well, won't I? Freddie is a rum shy and always does it right. Wine and all that sort of thing. Want to go, Mag?"

"Do I?" Sweet supper and wine la-

"Fannie!" "Tom!"

stead of ham sandwich and beer. Well, I guess."

"All right," responded "Jen;" "they'll be around on the stage after it is over. Freddie's a friend of the press agent."

Fannie had only one more scene on the last, and her disguise was more complete in that. She eyed Tom narrowly and decided that he had not recognized her. He was laughing and chatting with a companion—a sporty looking character, and looked not at all perturbed.

After the last scene she gave the other two girls the right of way in the dressing room, as they were in a hurry to keep their engagement. She heard the introductions on the outside and overheard the discussion between "Jen" and "Freddie" as to which restaurant they would go to. While it was still going on she completed her dressing, opened the door and walked out and directly into Tom.

"Fannie!"

"Tom!"

The exclamations were identical as to time and inflection. Which was the most surprised is a matter of conjecture to this day. Yes, there was Tom talking with that horrible "Mag," and evidently was the friend of "Freddie's" who was to take her to the little wine supper.

It was a case for mutual explanations and they withdrew to an obscure corner and had them. As a result Tom withdrew from the supper party and Fannie finally and forever gave up her histrionic ambition. Both swore to eternal secrecy regarding the entire affair and fully forgave each other.

Which was about the best way out of it, wasn't it?

The Enduring Pie.

The young women at the University of Indianapolis contended in a debate with the young men that "pie is not of greater service to mankind than ice cream." When these young women become experienced wives they will feel shame that they should have decried the value of pie. When there are big bills for spring hats and spring dresses to be paid, they will fill their husbands with pie, knowing that under its benign influence all the genial and generous impulses will be awakened. The fancy for ice cream is a mere passing characteristic of young womanhood; but the passion for pie which fills the breast of every normal man is an enduring source of happiness to the tactful wife.

A Russian Mystery.

Russian military circles are troubled by a mystery akin to that of the missing Austrian Archduke Johann. Tallas Orth. A well-known general, who played a prominent part in the "pacification" of the district of Kars, ceded to the Tsar after the Russo-Turkish war, has been missing for a year without any clue being obtained as to the cause of his disappearance. The missing officer is Maj.-Gen. Stepan Ivanovich Filinov. He was in Warsaw on April 11, 1901, and thence proceeded to Brest-Litovsky, whence he wrote his wife on the following day. Since then nothing has been seen or heard of him.

The American Invasion.

London, breezy enough in this April, is made still more so by the presence of a large army of American ladies. They come in battalions by every liner, and may be recognized by their steamer coats, their bright gowns, their modulated voices, their calm self-possession, their assemblages in groups at busy corners, and a certain crowded feeling they inspire. They come from a vast continent to a small island, with the consequence that when one American girl sweeps into an omnibus she only occupies it as an Englishwoman, that Englishwoman feels "squashed" at once. Londo[illegible]