est — the "kids" disagreed. They wanted to see the will first, the lawyer wouldn't show it to 'em, they came down on both sides — kill her off! keep her going! Not pretty.

C. (Réally beside beyself.) Ston in a sides — kill her off! keep her going! Not pretty.

C. (Réally beside berself.) Stop it! Stop it!

A. (To a naughty child.) Grow ... up.

B. (Smiles.) She will; she does.

Well; wes; of course. And so do you. (Rage.) I will not become ... that! (Points to "A".)

("Come off it".) Oh, really-("Oh, really!") Come off it.

I won't

(Smiles.) What do you plan to do about it?

(Amused.) Yes; that's interesting.

(To A; pointing to B.) Nor will I become this.

ence. A and B relax, comment from time to time, react with each other, (A hoot.) Hah! (C comes down front and speaks to the audi-

six; I'm a good girl; my mother was strict but fair - she still I guess. I don't think I've been in love, but I've been loved night we go out with our beaux, and I do have my eye out best for us. We have a nice little apartment, Sis and I, and at is, she loves me; she loves me and Sis, and she wants the very A shakes her head, chuckles. Continued.) Nobody could. I'm twentyfor ... for what --- "the man of my dreams"? And so does Sis, (Points to "A".) ... thing there? I'll never be like that (B hoots; — by a couple of them, but they weren't the right ones. I won't I know I won't - that's what I mean. That ...

(Rue; to herself.) They never are.

(Purring.) Hmmmm.

again, and that's fun too, though Sis doesn't think so as much sun up sometimes. Things get a little ... involved now and fun with the others - dancing, staying out late, seeing the quins: the fanciest shop in town! I have my eye out, and we do have our jobs. We're manneas I do. They get involved, but they never get very ... serious. Mother taught us what the right one would be. We have

I don't want that known!

(To B; pleasantly chiding.) Oh, stop; it was fun

so; B imitates; A, too, but sitting. Continued; to A and B.) We do! group, to another section. We twirl, we ... sashay. and they ask us questions, and then we pass on to another we stop, and they touch our dresses - the silk, the fabric we walk elegantly around the store, (Imitates.) among the ladies shopping, sometimes with their men, sometimes not, and We go into work and we put on these lovely frocks, and (She does

Oh, I know.

Yes, we know; do we know.

we ... well, I suppose we flirt a little with the men who are doing it - the husbands, or whatever. ten to them. (A and B laugh a little. Continued.) We wear our there are people looking at us, studying us, and we smile, and beautiful evening gowns, and we parade about, and we know (To the audience again.) Don't look at them; don't ... lis-

(To A; mock astonishment.) Flirt?! You?

Mel? Flirtl?

(Sashays; twirls.) Wheeeee!

(Claps with one hand; her knee, probably.) Braval Braval

Stop it! Stay out of my life! (Still sashaying.) Wheeeeeel

Oh! My dear!

more ... design. I remember a little calculation. (To C.) I remember it differently, little one. I remember

Oh, yes; a little calculation; a little design.

talking about? (To audience.) Don't listen to them. Design? What are they

(Cheeful.) Never mind.

(To audience.) They don't know mel

(Looking at A; mocking.) Noooooooooo

Remember me!

can't hear. Continued; louder.) I said, go on! ears, shuts her eyes. Continued.) Oh, all right, dear; go on. (C (Also mocking.) Nooooooooooo (C claps her hands over her

(Loud.) She says go on!, honestly.

I am a ... good ... girl.

(To A.) Well, yes; I suppose so

And not dumb.

- to come.) boy. (C does not necessarily hear - or, at least, notice - the asides gin, but I'm a good girl. The boy who took me was a good that there's somebody there. But, I'm a good girl. I'm not a virbetween the aisles and they know there's somebody coming in; I stand tall, breasts out, chin up, hands ... just so. I walk striking; I know how to do it. Sis slouches and caves her front I'm a good girl. I know how to attract men. I'm talk I'm
- Oh, yes he was
- Yes? Was he?
- You remember.
- (Laughs.) Well, it was a while ago
- Oh yes, I remember him. He was ... But you do remember.
- ... sweet and handsome; no, not handsome: beautiful.
- He was beautiful!
- (To A and herself.) Yes. (To B.) He was; yes.
- He has coal-black hair and violet eyes and such a smile!

- said; I really like him. Have you told Mother? No, and don't I didn't tell Mother, but I liked him a lot. I like him, Sis, I there was only sinew and muscle. We dated a lot; I liked him; megaphone on the crew. When I held him when we danced, muscle; he fenced, he told me, and he was the one with the you; I like him a lot, but I don't know. Has he? ... you know. me, and he tensed it and I felt it move against me. my eyes as we danced, slowly, and I felt the pressure up against while we danced. We were the same height and he looked into that he was hard, that muscle and sinew, pressed against me close, all ... pressed, and ... we were pressed, and I could feel No, I said; no, he hasn't. But then he did. We were dancing - slowly - late, the end of the evening, and we danced so His body was ... well, it was thin, but hard; all sinew and
- (Dreamy.) Whatever is that, I said.

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- Hmmmmmmm.
- Whatever is that, I said. I knew, but whatever is that, I

with you, he said. You have an interesting way of showing it, and ... well, I knew it was time; I knew I was ready, and I I said. Appropriate, he said, and I felt the muscle move again, said, and he smiled, and his eyes shone, and it's me in love him, that I wanted it. knew I wanted him - whatever that mount - that I wanted

(Looking back; agreeing.) Yes; oh, yes

Hmmmmmmij

away like it was nothing. Remember, don't give it away, Mother said; on't give it

- get known as a loose girl. Then who will you marry? (Remembering.) They won't respect you for it and you'll
- (To B.) Is that what she said? I can't remember.
- (Laughs.) Yes you can.
- dance floor, do you? said, you don't want me to embarrass myself right here on the so slowly, as we danced, and he breathed on my neck and he and he smiled at me and he moved his hips as we danced, same height -\and he was so beautiful, and his eyes shone, me, exactly ag loose girl. Then who will you marry? But/he was pressed against They won't respect you for it and you'll get known as a vainst where he wanted to be — we were the
- (Remembering.) No, no; of course not.
- stupid, so ... expected. Yes you are, he said; you're that kind of girl? I mean, as soon as I said it I blushed: it was so ... said, and I heard myself saying (Incredulous.) I'm not that kind I said, no, no; of course not. Let's go to my place, he
- And I was, and my Cod it was wonderful.
- It hurt! (Afferthought; to B.) (Pidn't it?
- (Admonishing.) Oh ... well, a little.
- be very happy. there've/been a few others, and I imagine I'll marry, and I'll but he was wonderful, and I know I'm only twenty-six now and lot. (Shy.) I/know it's trite to say your first time is your best, You're that kind of girl, and I guess I was. We did it a
- (Grudging:) Well ...
- /We'll talk about happy sometime