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The scene is the high school gymnasium where the last basketball game of the season is to be played. Ma Peasley, with her flock of three, enters.

MA: Step on it, childern, I allus like to have you all ahead of me so's I kin keep a eye on you. Law me, such a crowd! We won't git into the game 'til it's half gone.--Oh, there's Mis' Simmons--Oh, Mis' Simmons, git our tickets, too, while yer gittin'--Here, take this money an' git me a ticket, an' one for Minnie Pearl, an' one fer Florency. I ain't gonna git one fer Victor Bill. Him an' Florency kin set on the same seat. (Takes tickets) My, I'm much obliged to you, Mis' Simmons--My land o' Goshen! Only thirty-five cents change! Well--easy come, easy go--I overcharged some show folks fer their washin' this week. Now let's all go in an' git good seats where we kin hear. The exercises won't start fer a while but I jist enjoy settin' an' watchin' the people come in. I allus did love to study human nature. Well, Minnie Pearl, what is it?

MINNIE PEARL: Ma, I don't hafta set with you, do I? Can't I go up in the balcony an' set with the girls, Ma?

MA: Minnie Pearl Peasley! You're a-gonna set right with yer Ma! I know you an' yer tricks. You're jist a-itchin' ta git with a bunch of them silly girls so's you kin set an' cast sheep's eyes at the boys from Mapleville. Remember, young lady, that yer brother Erny is captain of our basketball team, an' it's up to you, if you've got any patratism in that empty little skull o' yourn to show it by ignorin' the boys on the other team. (Pleasantly) Now, here's some nice front seats where we'll be able ta take in the whole works an' hear everything. Let's jist fergit our differences an' jist make a night of it.

FLORENCY: Ma, Victor Bill ith takin' hith half of the theat in the middle, Ma, he'th a reg'lar road hog, Ma--

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