

ALL
 'CAUSE HARRY IS OUT OF HIS MIND
 AND IT'S THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY
 CRIME OF THE CENTURY
 MAKING THE WORLD GO "WHEE"!
 HARRY'S IN TROUBLE
 AND STANNY'S IN HEAVEN

EVELYN
 AND EVELYN GETS PUBLICITY

ALL
 THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY,
 CRIME OF THE CENTURY
 NOT SUCH AN AWFUL THING -

EVELYN
 STANNY'S KILLED,
 BUT MY MOTHER'S THRILLED
 'CAUSE NOW I'M THE GIRL ON THE

ALL
 NOW SHE'S THE GIRL ON THE

EVELYN
 NOW I'M THE GIRL

ALL
 ON THE SWING

EVELYN
 WHEE!

(JUDGE, JURY and PRESS exit.)

(Outside the theatre. EVELYN enters. She is being hounded by an unrelenting REPORTER.)

REPORTER
 Daily Journal Miss Nesbit! Is it true you haven't visited your husband in the asylum since the trial?

EVELYN
 I don't know what you're talking about!

REPORTER
 And you have nightmares about your lover's shot-off face?

YOUNGER BROTHER
 (stepping forward)
 Leave the lady alone.

EVELYN
 START

EVELYN

Thank you. You! You're at the theatre every night. You've never missed a performance. You deserve a reward.

(She kisses him.)

Is that what you wanted?

YOUNGER BROTHER

I love you, Miss Nesbit.

EVELYN

Would you repeat that for the press?

YOUNGER BROTHER

No, I really love you.

EVELYN

You love the Girl on the Swing. Well, now you can say she kissed you. But she could never love a man as poor or as thin or as nice as you. I'll blow you a kiss from the stage tomorrow night, if I haven't forgotten all about you.

(She goes, followed by the REPORTER.
YOUNGER BROTHER sinks to his knees in
despair.)

YOUNGER BROTHER

I was going to change the world for you.

(We hear "CRIME OF THE CENTURY" being played as a Victrola recording now. The words seem to mock YOUNGER BROTHER. At the same time, MOTHER, LITTLE BOY and GRANDFATHER will enter. She is humming along with the song, making ready to work in the garden of her home.)

YOUNGER BROTHER, CHORINES

CRIME OF THE CENTURY,
CRIME OF THE CENTURY!
ALL FOR A YOUTHFUL FLING.

MOTHER

FORTUNE, FAME,
AND A RUINED NAME...

YOUNGER BROTHER

I never want to hear that song or her name again.

(HE rushes into the house.)

GRANDFATHER

I guess he met her.

END