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her eyes, suddenly afraid it would be too beautiful. She heard the orchestra tuning up, then heard them playing. But it was all confused, like a dream. In her impatience it was agony to sit still. She began to squirm restively as the lights were dimming, and Mother whispered: "Ssh! Curtain going up!"

Curtain going up. Three words. Suddenly they took on wondrous significance. In that moment they created in Katharine Cornell a feeling of awe, of momentous experiences impending.

As the entrance of Maude Adams became more and more imminent, Kit's excitement mounted to such a pitch that she left the box and hid herself in the heavy velvet drape which enclosed it. Gradually, as she heard Maude Adams speak, she was able to look at the stage, and finally to return to her seat in the box.

For the next three hours she existed in a world of enchantment. For days afterward the singular spell lingered. Wendy. The Never-never boys. The answering cry of "Yes!" from the audience when, as Tinker Bell is dying, Peter, with outstretched arms, rushes down to the footlights asking in a ringing voice: "Do you believe in fairies?"

Kit was ten and she was rapidly outgrowing all belief in fairies, yet from that day it seemed that a fairy wand had indeed been waved over her. Suddenly she was grown up. Suddenly she knew exactly what she wanted to do, what she wanted to be. She had arrived at this decision without any conscious thought. Quite abruptly everything was settled, everything was fixed.

She was going to be an actress!