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Mr. J. B. H. in town this
Mr. C. M. THE MAN AT THE FRONT.

Paymaster's Battalion is out there in the trenches
Mr. and Mrs. H. with a lot of other boys,
guests of far away from home and loved ones,
Miss Mary at apart from common joys;
end at her the trench is often muddy,
Miss K. but there's scarcely room to turn,
from visit he hasn't many comforts,
Mrs. R. While we have them here to burn.

E. Asker head the shells are screaming,
Gnr. O. near at hand the bullets fly,
Island B. if it's no place for a coward,
One who is afraid to die,
Mr. H. for months he has endured it,
mond st. And with never a complaint,
in town for the heroes of the trenches
Gnr. V. a man of self-restraint.

Messrs. battle
McBeat. of his comrades
trip to the man to do or die
Mrs. when the fighting's fiercest,
some that when he is alone,
daught. our boy has need of courage
and of plenty good back-bone.

Midnight watches
Mon. alone lonely barracks,
where guard through hours of dark-
ness likely be afraid,
weeping, peering, list'ning,
woman close at hand,
of desolation
christened "COLD WEAVER"
Land."

but he's proved that he's no coward,
and he's sticking to his post,
and you'll never hear him grumble,
And you'll never hear him boast;
at perhaps you'll hear him calling,
if you still hold back in doubt.

UNDER THE MISTLETOE

By M. P. Heatherington.

It was an ideal Yuletide. The sweet
notes of church chimes throbbing out
melodiously, "Peace on earth, good
will to men," announced it; laughter,
smiles, gay greetings among the
street crowds emphasized it. Two
men going in the same direction,
strangers one to the other, yet oddly
mutually involved in a fateful cir-
cumstance of the hour, unconsciously less-
ened their gait to catch the final notes
from the distant belfry.

He in advance, swarthy, evil-eyed,
bearing a neatly covered box under
his arm, uttered an ugly, sinister
chuckle.

"This!" he hissed malevolently rather
than uttered, and he tapped the box
and strode on, grim with some pro-
found purpose.

The man ten paces behind him,
young handsome, neat, but none too
fashionably clad, carried a thin, square
package suggesting a canvas, for his
was an artist's face, and he was an
artist—Chase Merwyn.

Had he spoken his heart's thought
he would have whispered softly:
"Before this hour strikes again I
shall have said good-by to all I love."
He of the sinister semblance strode

Hear him saying "Boys, you're needed!"
Come along, and help us out!"
Harriet Lena Haggdon.

ENVIOUS.
"Do you ever wish you were a girl?"
asked the victor.
"Only at Christmas time," answered
the boy.
"Why do you wish it then?"
"Because of the stockings they
wear."

on and turned into a fashionable resi-
dence "thoroughfare." Unconsciously
like a shadow, the other kept almost
even pace with him. Under an arc
lamp Chase Merwyn paused to look
over the package he carried. His ob-
jective point was a mansion, a daz-
zling place of light and luxury, and
before it the sinister-looking man had
halted a poorly-dressed fellow strug-
gling along without an overcoat, and
blue and pinched with the cold.

The twins was conversing and the
man with the box handed it to the
other, pointed to the doorway of the
mansion and passed on. His messen-
ger proceeded up the steps, which Mer-
wyn mounted also. It was in time to
see a servant open the door and to
hear the other say:

"A present for Mr. Worthington; to
be opened tomorrow."

"Oh, of course that," smiled the
servant, taking the box. "I will place
it with the other gifts. Ah, Mr. Mer-
wyn," and the servant stepped aside
to admit him.

"For Miss Worthington," said Mer-
wyn, handing his gift to the other.
His gift was a picture he had painted,
and with it was a letter.

Slowly Merwyn descended the steps.
He paused for a few moments on the
pavement to take a last look at the
house that held so much for him. A
sinking figure approached him from
the shadows.

"Mister," he stammered, "I'm poor
and I need the gold coin a man gave
me for delivering a box to that house
tonight, but—"

"Ah, I remember!" observed Mer-
wyn, recalling man and circumstance.
"A gold coin is so rare for a trifling
service," resumed the other, "that I
was suspicious. Then again I didn't
like the face of the man who gave it
to me; I followed him. He met some
others like himself. I heard him laugh
over an explosion about midnight."

"Great heavens!" ejaculated Mer-
wyn, comprehending, and was up the
steps in a flash. "Quick! Quick!—
open!" he cried to the servant, just
settling the chain on the inside.

"The music room!" uttered Merwyn
excitedly and hurried thither, turned
on the light switch and made a dash
for the table. He remembered the
shape and size of the box. His eyes
met out one corresponding to it.

Merwyn gave it a fling through the
window, there was a flash, and outside

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