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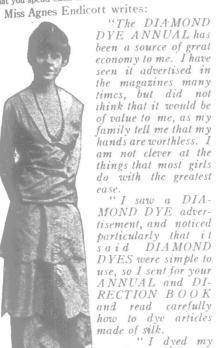
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THE FUTURE OF CONSTANTINOPLE. (The Manchester Guardian.)

That Britain has nothing to fear from entrusting Constantinople to Russia, and that Russian control of the Dardanelles is the best that can be hoped for in the interests of peace, is the stimulating theme af an article in the Nineteenth Century, by Mr. Ellis Barker. His arguments have the healthy effect of bringing out for re-examination some pigeon-holed beliefs. Constantinople emerges from his criticism as no longer a prize worth the rivalry of Europe. Despite Napoleon's epigram, she is the key, not of the world, but only of the Black Sea. She has not proved a source of strength to the nations possessing her. In Russia's hands, Mr. Barker thinks, she would present so vulnerable a point, and keep so many troops occupied at a long distance from their base, that she would be an influence for peace in Russian policy. Moreover, in his opinion, to leave her in the hands of a small nation might lead to covetous eyes being cast upon her, whereas Russian tenure would be as hard to disturb as it would be harmless. These arguments are coupled with a historical thesis -in which some interesting original research plays a part-to prove that Constantinople as a name has been used from time to time to mesmerize British statesmanship. But even so, they do not convince. The conditions of sea war have enormously changed since Napoleon-even since Bismarck,-but not enough to remove the menace of a heavily-fortified Constantinople in the hands of a great naval Power as a base for a flank attack on our Eastern trade route. We could hardly be unfettered in our dealings with a Russia which held the Dardanelles fortified and closed to the world outside. Again, the argument that the Straits are Russia's natural back door might be used with equal force of the entrance to the Baltic, yet no one would wish to question the territorial rights of Denmark and Sweden there. Moreover, if this war is to realize the ideals for which it is being waged, changes of territory must have regard to population, and on that view Constantinople, whose very mixed population contains a quite small Russian element, would surely be internationalized. Finally, if what we may call the sentimental view, with which Mr. Barker makes some play, is to have weight-namely, that the city which enshrines the most splendid memories of the early Church should be in the hands of one of the bulwarks of that Church-Greece would have at least as good a claim as Russia, on this and other grounds of history, to a share in the government of the city that was once the

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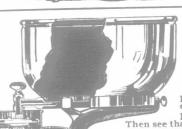
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