

butcher, and I wonder what Dave will say when he finds out that I have spent their money. But I don't care, I have the piano. Agnes, now you see how I do. When I just make up my mind to have anything, I don't let anything stand in the way. If you'd do the same you would have lots more. Don't you think that piano was a bargain? If it hadn't been for you, though, she'd never have let it go for less than six hundred. Oh, it takes a couple of Jewish girls to get a bargain. I think I've made quite an investment—don't you? One can always borrow money on a piano."

That evening Agnes showed her husband a tiny clipping.
"What's that got to do with me?" asked Sam, after reading it.

"Oh, nothing much. Sam, is Tiffany's a good place to buy vanity-cases?"

"Meshuggah! What a foolish question. Why?"

"I'm going to buy one to-morrow and I have ten dollars besides to put in the bank."

"What!"
"No! I didn't find it in the street and nobody gave it to me, I made it," and perching herself once more in her favourite seat on the arm of the Morris chair, Agnes related the whole story.

"Talk about ruck; why I had a regular streak of it. First, the 'ad' and Minnie's Uncle Isaac's will and Minnie's telling me that the money was in the First National and then the beautiful luck of Mrs. Hewitt, a perfect stranger to me, being so willing to help all she could. It isn't everybody that will stop in the middle of packing to come to lunch and help to fool Minnie. Of course, she wanted to sell the piano, but even so . . . After I saw her that first time I went down and got some blank checks of the First National Bank. I handed them to Mrs. Hewitt to-day after luncheon; I thought Minnie would like to make a great bluff about writing a check if she got a chance and I wanted to close the deal as soon as I could. Minnie doesn't dream but what she bought that piano of her own accord, and wouldn't she be wild if she knew that the extra fifty dollars goes to buy my new vanity-case!

"I'll teach her to tell me that her husband can't deny her anything and mine's so stingy that I have to take crowbars to him."

Reply to Sir Edmund Walker

THE Toronto Daily Star published, a few days ago, the following interesting letter, which was sent from Florence, Italy, by Leo Neitzke, a retired captain of the Imperial German Navy:

Under the heading, "Prepare for War to Insure Peace, says Financier," appeared in your issue of July 23 a report of an interview of a Star correspondent with Sir Edmund Walker, in which the latter is quoted as having said: "My daughter lives in Germany and I have studied the attitude of the German military and naval officer. He drinks one toast to the day, that is to say, to the day when Germany shall be free to fly at the throat of Great Britain."

Permit me to bring to your notice that this story of the toast to the day was invented and published about two years ago by a much-read and ill-famed English paper. It was immediately repudiated in the German press and stigmatized as a deliberate and mean lie.

As I am married to a Toronto lady I take interest in Canadian affairs, and am sorry that the attitude of German officers towards the British nation should have been so misrepresented to the Canadian public. By my own experience of 26 years' active service in the Imperial German Navy, I know that the German officer has nothing to do with politics, but takes great pains to do his duty in an honest and honourable way, and that he keeps up good comradeship with the officers of foreign nations wherever he meets them. I, like all the older officers of the German Navy, was brought up with a feeling of gratitude towards the British Navy, which had served as a model to our own. We considered the British officers as our brothers and had a high opinion of British people's feeling for fair play in private and political dealings. It is unfortunate that, on account of commercial rivalry the British press and even high officials and responsible personages have begun to agitate most unfairly against Germany, and especially against her fleet destined to protect her far-spread commerce.



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