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M. Clemenceau, the great French  
statesman, says in the Daily Mail:  
"We are still resisting doggedly and  
have many troops in reserve for the  
big battle that will follow this one.  
The Germans cannot invest Paris. Its  
size is too vast. And its defence will  
be assisted by the armies now fight-  
ing on the Oise, 70 miles away. The  
fortifications of Paris are by no  
means the feeble defences they were  
in 1870."

"From our wireless station on the  
summit of the Eiffel Tower we can  
control the movements in co-opera-  
tion of our armies in the provinces  
of France. The situation is in no way  
desperate, although the Germans have  
invaded France. And, however des-  
perate it were, you may tell people in  
England with the certainty of truth

that France will fight on and on until  
this attempt to establish tyranny in  
Europe has been completely over-  
thrown."

## No Shut-Up Forces

"The enemy are nowhere near Par-  
is," says the Times, "and if the Ger-  
man troops are to obey the injunction  
imputed to the Kaiser, and take Paris  
or die, they must face further enor-  
mous losses before they have any  
prospect of coming within sight of  
their goal."  
"Should they ultimately make good  
their advance and come into touch  
with the defences of the capital, their  
difficulties will then be only beginning.  
Moreover, we may be certain that an  
attack upon Paris will never for a mo-  
ment be permitted to decide the fate  
of France. The French have an im-  
mense and mobile army in the field.  
Great Britain can send an endless  
stream of reinforcements to their aid  
in any suitable direction. The lure of  
Paris should this time lead to the un-  
doing of the foe, for never again will  
France stake her future upon armies  
shut up behind fortifications."

"The new line of works," says the  
Times military correspondent, "makes  
Paris almost a fortified province. It  
embraces in the defended area Eng-  
hien, Argenteuil, Versailles, and the  
forests of Saint Germain and Bondy.  
The perimeter is over 80 miles. Start-  
ing from the north, there are in suc-  
cession Formelles, Montlignon, Do-  
mancy, Montmorency, Ecouen, and  
Stains forming the northern group.  
To the east there are Forts Vaujours  
and Chelles. Between the Marne and  
the Seine come Forts Villiers, Cham-  
pigny, Sucy, and Gennevilliers. Saint Ge-  
orges. To the south is Fort Palaiseau,  
while the hills from Palaiseau to Cha-  
tillon are crowned by the various bat-  
teries which are shown on the map.  
On the west stand Forts Villers-  
Haut-Buc, St. Cyr and Marly, with  
the numerous batteries which are also  
shown."

## Five Hundred Thousand Men Wanted

"If Paris is invested, the line held  
by the enemy will be not less than 100  
miles in length, and if this line is held  
in the same relative strength as in  
1870 no fewer than 500,000 men will  
be required to occupy it. Such num-  
bers will so materially weaken the  
German armies that it is possible  
that on this occasion the Germans  
will select one section of the defence  
the capture of which will enable them  
to bombard the capital, and bring up  
against the forts selected for attack  
the heavy howitzers which played  
such havoc with Liege and Namur."  
We must assume that by this time  
supplementary defences have been  
constructed in the intervals between  
the works, that all buildings which  
interfere with the fire of the works  
have been demolished, that obstacles  
have been accumulated, and that in-  
undations have been prepared."

## SNOWS STOPS WORK

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A despatch  
to the Central News from Lucerne,  
Switzerland states that military op-  
erations in upper Alsace have been  
brought to a pause in consequence of  
falls of snow in the mountains and  
floods in the valleys.

# THIRTY BOATS WERE SEIZED AT ANTWERP

Mate of Seapool Tells of Few  
Experiences in Belgian Har-  
bor at First of War.

Thirty German ships in Antwerp  
harbor when war broke out were sur-  
prised to be seized by the Belgians  
according to John Blake, mate of the  
grain tramp Seapool, now in port.  
Their owners had not calculated the  
Belgians would go to war with Ger-  
many and so had not taken the trou-  
ble to leave for a German harbor be-  
fore the war began. The German flag  
was therefore pulled down and the  
Belgian ensign hoisted on their masts.  
Like the ordinary German citizens the  
sailors, except a small number, were  
told to leave Antwerp in a short time.  
The ships were placed under guard  
and the wireless disconnected. It was  
found messages were still being sent  
out and the wireless was totally de-  
stroyed. Still the Belgians believed  
messages were being sent out, and  
solved the riddle when a number of  
carrier pigeons were found on one of  
the ships.

Mr. Blake says that while the Sea-  
pool was in Antwerp a Norwegian  
ship was accidentally blown up by a  
Belgian mine at the entrance to the  
harbor. A number of the crew lost  
their lives.  
Only about half the Seapool's car-  
go was unloaded when war was de-  
clared. Officers then came to the  
docks and took the longshoremen to  
war so that the Seapool never com-  
pleted unloading. She left Antwerp  
on August 15 for London, after being  
able only to obtain enough food to  
take her that far. All the way to Lon-  
don she never lost sight of British  
men-of-war and torpedo boats.

The tramp Hermer, which has also  
reached Montreal, was fired at three  
times by a French man-of-war, which  
wanted information as to who the  
Hermer was. She was on her way  
from Sicily to Gibraltar at the time.

## BASBRALL

International League.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Providence	84	68	.554
Rochester	80	62	.562
Buffalo	87	61	.587
Toronto	73	69	.514
Baltimore	72	75	.489
Newark	70	78	.475
Montreal	60	87	.408
Jersey City	47	104	.311

National League.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	84	66	.560
New York	77	64	.548
St. Louis	75	69	.521
Philadelphia	70	74	.486
Brooklyn	69	74	.483
Pittsburg	62	79	.440
Cincinnati	57	88	.393

Saturday Games.			
Boston	5	Cincinnati	0-3
New York	5	St. Louis	1-0
Brooklyn	3	Pittsburg	0-2
Philadelphia	3	Chicago	2-1

Saturday Games.			
New York	at	Detroit	0-0
Philadelphia	at	Chicago	0-0
Boston	at	St. Louis	0-0
Washington	at	Cleveland	0-0

Federal League.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Indianapolis	80	63	.560
Chicago	81	64	.559
Boston	65	65	.500
Brooklyn	72	68	.514
St. Louis	67	74	.478
Cleveland	62	81	.434
Pittsburg	57	81	.413

Saturday Games.			
St. Louis	5	Baltimore	2-0
Kansas City	4	Buffalo	0-0
Pittsburg	4	Indianapolis	0-0
Chicago	4	Brooklyn	0-0

Chicago at Brooklyn.  
Kansas City at Buffalo.  
St. Louis at Philadelphia.

# THE STORY OF Waitstill Baxter

By KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN.

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"Do you mean to tell me you've gone  
an' married that reckless, wuthless,  
horse trottin', card playin' sneak of a  
Wilson boy, that's courted every girl in  
town? A married son of a man that  
has quarreled with me and insulted  
me in public? By the Lord Harry, I'll  
crack this whip over your shoulders  
once before I'm done with you! If I'd  
used it years ago you might have been  
an honest woman today instead of a—"  
Fuzzell Baxter had wholly lost con-  
trol of himself, and the temper, that



"Put down that whip, father, or I'll take it from you."

had never been governed or held in  
check, lashed itself into a fury that  
made him for the moment unaccount-  
able for his words or actions.

Waitstill took a step forward in  
front of Patty. "Put down that whip,  
father, or I'll take it from you and  
break it across my knee!" Her eyes  
blazed and she held her head high.  
"You've made me do the work of a  
man, and thank God, I've got the  
muscle of one. Don't lift a finger to  
Patty, or I'll defend her, I promise  
you! The dinner hour is in the side  
entry and two blasts will bring Uncle  
Bart up the hill, but I'd rather not  
call him unless you force me to."

The Deacon's grasp on the whip re-  
laxed, and he fell back a little in sheer  
astishment at the bravado of the  
girl, ordinarily so quiet and self con-  
tained. He was speechless for a sec-  
ond and then recovered breath enough  
to shout to the terrified Patty: "I won't  
use the whip till I hear whether you've  
got any excuse for your scandalous  
behavior. Hear me tell you one thing.  
This little pleasure trip of yours won't  
do you no good, for I'll break the mar-  
riage! I won't have a Wilson in my  
family if I have to empty a shotgun  
into him, but your lies and your low  
conduct are so beyond reason I can't  
believe my ears. What's your excuse,  
I say?"

"Stop a minute, Patty, before you  
answer, and let me say a few things  
that ought to have been said before  
you and then recovered breath enough  
to shout to the terrified Patty: "I won't  
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I say?"

"You hold your tongue, you, readin'  
the law to your elders an' betters,"  
said the old man, choking with wrath.  
"My business is with this wuthless  
sister of yours, not with you! You've  
got your coat and hood on, miss, so  
you jest clear out of the house, an' if  
you're too proud to go I'll help you  
along. I've no kind of an idea you're  
rightly married, for that young Wilson  
sneak wouldn't pay so high for you as  
all that. But if it amuses you to call  
him your husband go an' find him an'  
stay with him. This is an honest house  
an' no place for such a you!"

Patty had a good share of the Bax-  
ter temper, not under such control as  
Waitstill's, and the blood mounted into  
her face.  
"You shall not speak to me so!" she  
said intrepidly, while keeping a dis-  
creet eye on the whip. "I'm not a—  
a caterpillar to be stepped on. I'm a  
married woman, as right as a New  
Hampshire justice can make me, with  
a wedding ring and a certificate to  
show if need be. And you shall not  
call my husband names. Time will  
tell what he is going to be, and that's  
a son-in-law any true father would be  
proud to own!"

"Why are you set against this match,  
father?" argued Waitstill, striving to  
make him hear reason. "Patty has  
married into one of the best families  
in the village. Mark is gay and  
thoughtless, but never has he been seen  
the worse for liquor, and never has he  
done a thing for which a wife need

hang her head. It is something for a  
young fellow of four and twenty to be  
able to provide for a wife and keep  
her in comfort, and when all is said  
and done it is a true love match."

Patty seized this inopportune mo-  
ment to forget her father's presence  
and the tragic nature of the occasion  
and, in her usual impetuous fashion,  
flung her arms around Waitstill's neck  
and gave her the hug of a young bear.  
"My own dear sister," she said, "I  
don't mind anything so long as you  
stand up for us."

"Don't make her go tonight, father,"  
pleaded Waitstill. "Don't send your  
own child out into the cold. Remem-  
ber her husband is away from home."

"She can find another up at the Mills  
as good as he is or better. Off with  
you, I say, you trumpery little baggage,  
you!"

"Go, then, dear; it is better so. Un-  
cle Bart will keep you overnight. Run  
up and get your things," and Waitstill  
sank into a chair, resting the hope-  
lessness of the situation.

"She'll not take anything from my  
house. It's her husband's business to  
find her in clothes."

"They'll be better ones than ever you  
found me," was Patty's response.

No heroism for her; no fainting fits  
at being disowned; no hysterics at be-  
ing turned out of house and home; no  
prayers for mercy, but a quick retort  
for every gibes from her father, and her  
defiant attitude enraged the deacon the  
more.

"I won't speak again," he said, in a  
tone that could not be mistaken. "Into  
the street run go with the clothes you  
stand up in or I'll do what I said  
I'd do."

"Go, Patty! It's the only thing to be  
done. Don't tremble, for nobody shall  
touch a hair of your head. I can trust  
you to find shelter tonight, and Mark  
will take care of you tomorrow."

Patty buttoned her shabby coat and  
tied on her hood as she walked from  
the kitchen through the sitting room  
toward the side door, her heart heav-  
ing with shame and anger, and above  
all, with a child's sense of helples-  
ness at being parted from her sister.

"Don't tell the neighbors any more  
lies than you can help," called her fa-  
ther after her retreating form, "an' if  
any of 'em dare to come up here an'  
give me any of their impudence they'll  
be treated same as you. Come back  
here, Waitstill, and don't go to slob-  
berin' any goodbys over her. She  
all likely to get out of the village for  
some time if she's expectin' Mark Wil-  
son to take her away."

"I shall certainly go to the door with  
my sister," said Waitstill coolly, suit-  
ing the action to the word, and follow-  
ing Patty out on the porch. "Shall you  
tell Uncle Bart everything, dear, and  
ask him to let you sleep at his house?"

Both girls were trembling with ex-  
citement. Waitstill, pale as a ghost,  
Patty flushed and tearful, with de-  
fiant eyes and lips that quivered rebel-  
liously.

"I s'pose so," he answered dolefully.  
"though Aunt Abby hates me, on ac-  
count of Cephas, I'd rather go to Dr.  
Perry's, but I don't like to meet Phil.  
There doesn't seem to be any good  
place for me, but it's only for a night.  
And you'll not let father prevent your  
seeing Mark and me tomorrow, will  
you? Are you afraid to stay alone?  
I'll sit on the steps all night if you  
say the word."

"No, no, run along. Father has vented  
his rage upon you, and I shall not  
have any more trouble. God bless and  
keep you, darling. Run along!"  
"And you're not angry with me now,  
Wait? You still love me? And you'll  
forgive Mark and come to stay with  
us soon, soon, soon?"  
"We'll see, dear, when all this un-  
happy business is settled, and you are  
safe and happy in your own home. I  
shall have much to tell you when we  
meet tomorrow."

(To be Continued).

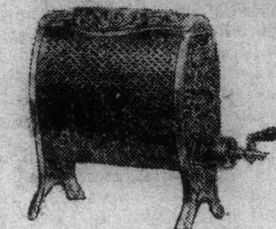
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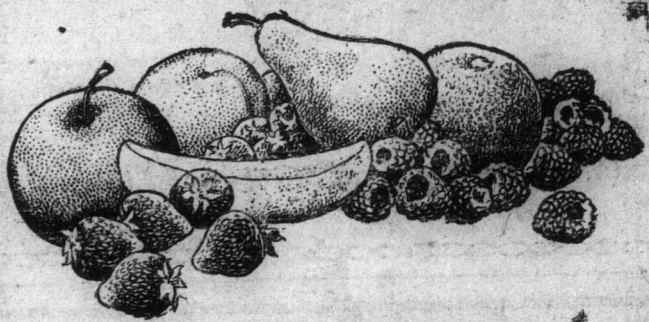
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