

HER HUMBLE LOVER

"I had been staying there for some time," he says, slowly and thoughtfully. "When an Englishman remains in one place on the continent—Italy especially—for any length of time, all sorts of rumors are current amongst the inhabitants as to the reasons for his visit."

he cared for it—could do anything with him." Signa smiles. "And yet you could not persuade him to go to the Grange, or to leave his lodgings at Mrs. Thompson's," she says, with pleasant malice.

bracelet and a brooch with a bull carved in cameo? From one person there comes no present, but something that Signa values more highly, perhaps than any of her trinkets. It is only a short note of good wishes, expressed with gentle mournfulness, and it is signed "Lilian Blyte." Signa, when she read that note, knew that the proud mother was aware of that scene in the tower, and understood it all; and there were tears in Signa's eyes as he put that small creased piece of paper in some hidden receptacle.



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Laura laughs delightedly. "Upstairs, of course," she replies. "You didn't expect to see her on view before the ceremony, did you?" "I didn't know," said the duke, humbly, "or I forgot. I hope she's well. Most charming young lady; sensible, too," he adds, as if that were quite a novel quality in young ladies.

"Quite well, and looking more charming than ever, as you'll admit when you see her," says Laura, passing on to the next arrival.

"I hope you'll find room," she says, with a gesture of despair that would be insolent from any one but herself. "Laura has asked just twice more than this twice mite of a place will hold, and if there is any crowding you must blame her"; and her grace graciously replies that there will be plenty of room, she is sure, and that of course every one is anxious to see the wedding about which everybody is talking.

And Signa? Upstairs in Lady Rookwell's own room she sits—or rather stands, surrounded by Lady Rookwell's and Laura Derwent's maids, arranging the costly wedding-dress and listening, half absent, to the hum and buzz of the crowd beneath.

(To be continued.) BRITAIN'S EFFORT HISTORY'S MARVEL

One of the most eloquent tributes paid by a neutral writer to the part Great Britain is playing in the war is contained in a recent issue of the Boston News Bureau, which is reproduced in the Wall Street Journal. The writer says that all the wonders of the world, ancient or modern, fade when compared with what Britain is doing today. A commercial nation of not 50,000,000 people suddenly summoned to arms where no arms existed has produced a bigger army than history ever before recorded, and a war machine in Europe that for wealth of shell, explosive and war power is the amazement of the Germans.

With a loud resonant peal the bells of Northwell ring out to the world the warning of another marriage morn. In and about the Villa there is much bustle and confusion; carriages arrive in twos and threes, setting down the favored guests who are invited to the wedding breakfast.

CHAPTER XXV. "Then," said Hector, with a man's sublime ignorance, "you and I will keep outside and be married amongst the tombstones, Signa!"

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out of business, and only in the manufacture of her great naval guns did England retain her old supremacy. But the foundations in metal workers and the old factories in this business had not wholly disappeared when the war storm burst, and it was upon these almost forgotten foundations that British spirit and British wealth reared anew her old metal industry and transformed them into munition plants. This is not, as the writer says, a fight between armies; it is a struggle between nations, and in England every man, woman and child is devoted to only one object, the winning of the war.

The writer calls attention to the fact that this is not merely a struggle between the finance, the metal and the soldiers of two rival groups. It is also a struggle for economic existence in order that the fighting forces may be increased, Germany was the first of the belligerents to realize that war power might be increased by cutting out luxuries; but England has grasped the fact and she is prepared to go as far as Germany or even farther in denying herself anything whose consumption might delay the end of the war. The British people are organizing in clothing, food, drink, the discarding of unnecessary comforts, increase of the energies and hours of labor and the mutual burdens of all forms of taxation. And the nation will be better for it after the war. As Lloyd George said, the nation has been in training. Whatever the war debt of the Empire is when the fight is over, it will be easily dealt with by people who have learned the lessons that the English people are learning and who will not forget the lessons; yet the writer quoted says that while the world is coming into a new civilization, the people in the United States appear to have little comprehension of the issues and the economic results that must inevitably flow therefrom.—Mail and Empire.

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There was no way by which they could calculate upon the soul of the nation. Speaking of that soul which has been waked by the war, the News Bureau says: "It is fighting mad to-day and getting madder every minute. The stigma and insults to credit and honor from Washington only increase the resolve of her people and their faith in the invincibility of the righteous cause. For this they are willing to pledge everything in sacrifice for justice upon the altar of their battle fires. To what martyr's souls runs back this heritage of noble spirit only the historians of the future may attempt to answer. It is this spirit which is the deadliest enemy that Germany has to reckon with to-day."

But with the spirit and with the wealth that has staggered the world something yet remains, if an explanation of Britain's tremendous output of war munitions is to be given. Twenty-five years ago the machinery of England stamped out the coinage of many nations and made the canons for many others. She was the ordinance maker of the world. Then Germany loomed as her rival, and by means of Government bounties, cheap labor and English free trade she finally put many an English industry

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