HER HUMBLE **LOVER**

"Yes, he was in love with her."
"I knew it!" exclaims Archie, kicking up his heels with triumphant sat-

'les, he was in love with her," continues Hector Warren, his eyes fixed on the ground. "His heart went out to her the first time he saw her, and remained with her. Oh, yes, he was very, very deeply in love with her.'
"And he told her so, and she sald

'Yes,' and they were married, and were happy ever afterward," says Archie, rather contemptuously "That's how all those sort of stories end. I don't think much of this, Mr. War

"Wait a minute." says Hector Warren, with a smile that has something sad and wistful in it. "He didn't tell

Didn't he? Why not?"

"He didn't tell her because he felt that he was not worthy of her. She was young and beautiful, and all the world lay before her, and he was-he was not worthy of her, and he had no right to ask her to share the lot of such as he was, when perhaps better men might, an, and would in time offer themselves, and their wealth and their titles, laying them at her feet, and imploring her to take

"I see," says Archie, with awakened terest. "And what did he do? I should have chanced it, and asked her

"Ah, yes, but he did not dare; he was afraid. He felt that if sae said 'No' his miserable, restless life would become unendurable; and he didn't forget for a moment that he wasn't worthy to touch the hem of her

Well, what did he do?" demands Archie, eagerly.

There was silence for a moment then the musical voice says, faintly:

"I don't know the end of the story Archie. Don't be disappointed. can make a finish for yourself--that is the best way. If I could remember the end, I would tell vou."

"Well," says Archie, confidently "if I had to make the end of it, I would make him tell her, and her to say, 'Yes, I love you just as you love me, though you are poor and wicked." And then they could live happily eve

Hector Warren is silent for a moment, then he turns his head to the motionless figure.

"What do you say?", he asks, with a strange thrill in his voice.

Signa raises her head, but does not

lift her eyes to his face.
"I?" she answers, with a tremulous

laugh. "Oh, I don't know, I have been half asleep."
"Quite right," he says, with a smile.

"It was a poor sort of story, not worth your keeping awake for. Ah! what is that? Not the sun, surely?" 'Yes, it is!" cries Archie, springing

to his feet and running out, 'and the storm has gone, Mr. Warren, Look, the sky is quite blue again! The rain has gone while you have been telling your story, Mr. Warren; but I don't think it was a very good story, you No, it wants the fintsh, Archie,"

"No, it wants the finish, Archie,"
he says, collecting the ker and
the can, "and the finish is always the
best part of a story, isn't it? Never
nind, perhaps some day I shall remember it, and be able to tell it to
you," and he carries the things down
to the boat, and, with Archie making
a great fuss in the way of assistance,
hanches her: then he goes back and
"Signa," she exclaims, "what does launches her; then he goes back and finds Signa awaiting him outside the

Her face is pale, her eyes downcast and there is a strange look on her face, but she lifts her eyes to him frankly enough, as he says: We shall have a splendid sail home. Are you quite warm?

"Quite," she answers.
"And—as happy?" he asks, with a

curious smile. "And—as happy," she says.
"Come, then," and he holds her arm

as she climbs over the boulders "Will a solemn face. you take the tiller again?" he says to her. "You will not have such hard work now; the wind is in our favor, and we shall be home, ah, in no time, as Archie would say. He looks at the bright sky and the

smiling waters and smothers a sigh. He makes her comfortable in the stern of the boat, pushes it into the water, and leaps in; the sails extend their white wings, and the poat skims over the waves like a thing endowed with life. Hector Warren sinks down at Signa's feet, holding the rope that controls the sails, and Archie re-sumes his old position, carled up like

a very knowing monkey.
"Yes, we shall soon be home," says
Hector Warren, with a tone of regret in his voice.

And we haven't caten all the prosions yet!" cries Archie. "We've got laif a biscuit and the plate still left!" Better keep it as a memento of cur adventures," says Hector Warren,

So I will," assents Archie. you shall keep it for me, Signa; I should be sure to cat it," and he wraps the fragment of biscult in the letter-it is one Hector Warren has aken from his pocket-and tosses it to Signa.

She catches it in her lap with a

Very well," she says. "You can have it when you want it," and she puts it in her pocket, letter and all. It would have spaced her much misery if she had then and there thrown it overboard; but she did not, and the biscuit, with its fatal wrapper, remained, a link in the chain which was to bind her young life. her young life.

Hector Warren crowded all his canvas-to use a nautical phrase, meaning that he took advantage of all the sails he had at his disposal—and the light boat darted homeward.

He was very silent, and the dark eyes were for the most part fixed on the sails under his charge; but once, as they were crossing the bar, he turned and put his hand on the tiller, and it inclosed Signa's white, soft fingers. He was colleged to press them, and under this strain of his strong, firm hand, her face grew crim-

son. He murmured an apology.
"I am afraid I hurt you," and she
answered, "No, not at all," in a conventional tone; but the hard pressure vas not pain, it was a subtle delight

There were no biscuits to eat, so Archie whistled through his teeth, after the manner of boys; and but for that whistling there was no sound on board the boat; Hector Warren kept his eyes on the sail and the shore, and Signa obeyed his murmured "Right" and "Left." But the feeling of happiness, of subtle delight, still lingered with her, and once again she longed that they might sail on thus forever She would ask no more of Fate than that she should thus sit within reach of his hand, within sound of his voice But "forever" is a long time, soon, all too soon, they come in sight of Whitfield's quaint dwelling-place, and Archie calls out:

"Here we are! I wonder what Whitfield will say when we tell him that we have drunk all his coffee, and eaten all his biscuits?"

Whitefield was close at hand to meet them, and there was a grave smile on the weather-beaten face as he hauled the boat ashore. "I am glad to see you back, sir, that

I am. I wondered where you'd be, and whether 'un"--meaning the boat -"would live out the gale."

"We went to St. Clare," said Hector Varren, "and found shelter there; Warren, but we have made sad havor of your stores, Whitefield."

"Never mind 'un," said the ship-uilder, heartily. "If I'd a-known tuilder, heartily. "If I'd a known that you'd ha' been so stuck up I'd a put more in the boat, but, you see, the boat had only just come back from fishing, and that accounts for the coffee and the biscuits."

"Which we enjoyed very much," says Hector Warren, in his pleasant manner, and he slips something into Whitefield's hand.

Then he lifts Archie from the boat, and extends his arm for Signa, but she steps on the gunwale and springs to the shore. In silence they climb the hill to the rectory, Archie run-ning on in front. He reaches it full five minutes before the other two. Signa walks slowly and thoughtfully, and returns with news.

"Papa is out," he shouts. "He has been sent for by some one, and mamma is in an awful state, and Sir Frederic Blyte is with her."
"Oh!" says Hector Warren, slowly;

and Signa smiles vaguely.

They follow Archie, who runs on before them, and enter the rectory drawing-room

Mrs. Podswell lies on the sofa,

"Signa," she exclaims, "what does this mean? Do you mean to be the death of me?"

"I am very sorry," says Signa. "Do not be alarmed, aunt; we are quite

"Quite safe, yes, so I see!" said Mrs. Podswell, with a moan. "But think what I have endured! Grimes, the gardener, came here with the dreadful news that you had gone sailing actually sailing! on a day like this, with that innocent child."
"That innocent child" eyes her with

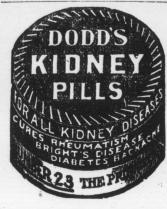
"And in this award storm!" continues Mrs. Podswell. "How could

you have been so inconsiderate—so-so criminally thoughtless?" Signa is about to reply, when she feels a touch upon her arm, and Hector Warren steps forward.

"The fault was mine, Mrs. Podswell, and the blame must rest with me. It was I who persuaded your riece and Archie to take a sail.

course, I did not foresee the storm." Aunt Podswell groans. "You ought to have foresee You had not right to run the risk. Signa should not have accompanied you. Things have come to a pretty pass, and the world has changed in deed, if a young woman can venture on such an excursion unaccompanied

except by a child like Archie! Hector Warren's face colors, "Let us be thankful that nothing



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worse than an indiscretion-for which I, and I alone, am answerable—has occurred," he says. "We intended b, and I alone, am answerauce—nas occurred," he says. "We intended taking a short sail on the river, tut yielding to my solicitation, Miss Grenville consented to crossing the bar. The storm sprung up, and we were forced to seek shelter on the island of St. Clare. No harm has been done; your niece and Archie have returned, thank Heaven, quite safely. For my part in the affair, I beg your parden most respectfully and

arnestly."

Aunt Powdswell sniffs.

"You'd better plead your case with
my husband," she says.
"I shall be very willing," says Hector Warren, "and I wish you goodday, once more expressing my regret that you should have suffered any anxiety;" and he bows low and leaves the

During the colloquy Sir Frederic Blyte has sat speechless and motion-less, his face crimson and white by turns, but as Hector Warren turns to depart, Sir Frederic jumps up and follows him, and before Hector War-

ren has gained the garden, the bar onet has overtaken him. "One moment," he exclaims, "One moment, if you please, Mr. Warren." Hector Warren stops and turns to ward him, and the two men confront each other.

The one, Sir Rrederic, is careful-

ly, neatly attired, with all the weight that wealth and position can give; the other, Hector Warren, is dressed in the rough-pea jacket that has been saturated half a dozen times in the course of the day, but still Hector Warren, is in appearance the best of

"I beg your pardon," he says, in the self-possessed voice, which could be as full of hauteur as an earl's; "you

wish to speak to me?"

"Yes, I do," says Sir Frederic, red as a turkey cock, and with a bellicose light in his eyes. "I demand an explanation, Mr.—Warren;" and there is a world of insult in the tone of hesitation before the name. hesitation before the name

hesitation before the name,
"An explanation of wnat?" demands
Hector Warren, leaning against the
gate and taking his cigar-case from
his pocket. Sir Frederic's face
flames a deep red at the coolness of
his opponent, and his big, unweldly
hands clinch passionately hands clinch passionately. "Don't think to deceive me by your effrontery, sir," he says, threatening

Hector Warren selects a cigar care fully before he answers.

"I have no wish to deceive you, Sir Frederic," he says, calmly.

"It will be of no avail if you do, sir," retorted Sir Frederic, with suppressed passion; and Hector Warren as he looks at the commonplace face transformed by injured dignity and jealous, recalls the description of its owner which he, Hector Warren, had given to Signa, "I demand an explana tion, sir," reiterates Sir Frederic.

"An explanation of what?" asks Hector Warren, taking out his fusee case, but eying his opponent steadily.
"Of —of your conduct, sir," says Sir
Frederic, "What do you mean by inducing this young lady to accompany you, and-and compelling her to spend

the day in your society?"
"You might as well ask, Sir Frederic "You might as well ask, Sir Frederic
what I mean by calling up such a
storm as even these coasts do not often provide," says Hector Warren,
lighting his cigar. "But, though your question is not put with superfluous courtesy, I will attempt to answer it. Suffice it, then, that Miss Grenville was persuaded by me to take a sail on the river; that, deceived by the apparent fineness of the weather, I gained her consent to cross the bar. All this you heard me explain to Mrs. Pods-well. That, crossing the bar, we me with a sudden hurricane, and were forced to fly for shelter to the island of St Clare; that there, she, and Archie, and I, remained till the abatement of the storm rendered it safe for us to return, and that here she is safe and sound, and here am I to answer your which the two men confront each other, presenting a strange contrast, the one red with passion, the other calm and self-possessed—"to ask a question of you in return."

"You may ask me what you please." retorts Sir Frederic, passionately. "I say you have acted like a poltroon and -an-an adventurer, as I suspect you

"Pardon me," breaks in the quiet, self-possessed voice. "I claimed the right to an answer to my question. Before I have put that question, you favore me with an opinion of my unworthy self. My question first, Sir Frederic and that question is—by what deric, and that question is—by what right or authority do you demand an explanation of me respecting Miss Grenville's conduct, or mine?

Sir Frederic, crimson and trembling, stares at the impassive face of the speaker, and stutters an incoherent

I-the absence of the rector, her "—the absence of the rector, her uncle, sir," he says passionately. "Precisely," says Hector Warren, easily. "To Miss Grenville's uncle and guardian 1 am, no doubt, answerable; but to Sir Frederic Blythe, neither my

duty nor my inclination compel me to listen. Good-day!" and, with a slight inclination of the head, he passes on. Sir Frederic stands staring as if he could not at all believe his ears, then he turns a death-ly white, and the evil temper of a pampered man; balked and over--that evil temper which Hector Warren has spoken of—shows itself.
With a fearful oath, Sir Frederic dashes his clenched fist against the

Rectory gate.
"By heaven!" he cries. "He shall pay for it-he shall pay for it!"

CHAPTER XI.

Sir Frederic the Great, as Lady Rookwell called him, was very angry and extremely miserable, because that he had made a fool of him-He, the great man of his county, while Lord Delamere was out of it, had been guilty of flying into a passion—losing his self-possession. This he could have borne if he could have flattered himself that he had got the best of it in his encounter with the man whom he felt sure was an adventurer, and perhaps worse, if there could be anything worse; but he was compelled to admit to himself that he

had got very much the worst of it. He had intended being very co and dignified, and to administer a s vere rebuke to the fellow who had dared to monopolize Signa Grenville for a whole day; he had made up his mind to keep his temper under centrol, and to remember that he was Sir Frederic, and Hector Warren was worse than nobody. But he had been the monopolize of the treathern in central central control of the no match for that gentleman's calin impassiveness; there was an indefin-able power about him that had exasperated Sir Frederic, and before which all his resolves had been vanquished. He had got the worst of it in every sense. He could not answer Hector sense. He could not answer Hector Warren's question as to his right to interfere between him and Signa. Then he had given way and made a fool of himself; for, of course, he knew that nowadays men don't indulge in heroics, and don't fly into passions if they are gentlemen. It is bad form, and to be guilty of bad form Sir Frederic felt was closest unbefit. Sir Frederic felt was almost unbefit-ting his exalted position. As he glanced morosoly at his hand, which gnanced morosoly at his hand, which smarted, for the Rectory gate was naturally hard, he felt boiling over with rage. Why couldn't he have kept cool like his opponent? And, as he recalled the easy, almost contemptuous bearing—the calm, quiet dignity of the voice of Hector Warren be felt. of the voice of Hector Warren, he felt that hatred which the inferior mind always feels when it comes in conflict with its superior.

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Wounded Huns Show Kultur

(By One Who Nurses Them, Writing in the London Daily Mail.)

In a remote corner of England, tant they look in the distance: almost like some stranded farm buildings. On loser inspection they appear more spacious, and are found to be surrounded with a high, unfamiliar fence of barb

ed wire.
Outside the fence is a constant guard. For this is a war hospital— not such as is familiar, too familiar, to all British mothers and sisters, but one to which wounded prisoners of war are brought and where they are nursed back into such health and well being as can remain to them.

They come in convoys of one or two hundred, brought hither by train

and ambulance from a seaport some miles away.
Sometimes they arrive in their Ger-

man uniforms, with the clay of the trenches thick upon them. More of-ten they come aweet and clean and in arn, and that here she is safe and nd, and here am I to answer your slon, and —a pause, during which the two men confront each the two men confront after the Huns, the whole staff was somewhat horrified. Later, when the stretchers arrived with their mutilated burdens, the most cen-sorious became the most pitiful, and the gentleness with which the gallant hearted members of the R.A.M.C. handled those stretchers, the untiring zeal with which they tended these wounded enemies, is to me one of the wonders of the war. I am afraid that the Germans, and the officers in particular, attribute our

kindness to fear of them.

Quickly the long wards of thirtyfour beds are filled, stretcher fol-lowing stretcher in quiet orderli-ness; and in an incredibly short time each Hun is fed and washed and his wounds dressed, until by midnight the place assumes the normal appearance of a hospital ward.

TWO PICTURES.

These men sleep in beds as soft as our own men have, between sheets as snowy as we can keep them, and are given the same food as the regulation military hospital diet. No matter how short-handed the staff may be, their wounds are dressed as often as they require. They can write home twice a week, and in all respects are well cared for. They are treated with the greatest tenderness and care.

Wounded, and in captivity, how does the soul of the Hun appear? The first impression is that of an almost servile gratefulness—the gratefulness of one who, expecting the lash, is received with the greatest kindness. It is a gratitude tinged with suspicion.
"This kindness is the ambush for—" (Who knows the horrors that the Hun

mind can conceive?)

The attitude tells one of two stories either they have been filled with stor ies of British cruelty to the wounded, or their own treatment of wounded, enemies is such that they themselves dread the like. Presently one gets to know them, in spite of the language difficulty (few "sisters" or orderlies have a great knowledge of German), for one quickly gets quite clever at carrying on a conversation in the language which is neither German no English, but a weird mixture of both, and no mater how one hates the German nation one cannot move and individual Germans without get-



ting to know

about them.

There is a boy of sixteen, a Prusslan, who on his arrival seeme frightened out of his life of th "English," and who later follower "sister" everywhere, his we'ves anticipating a hundred wate! services she might require, and was heard to remark: "English s good! English people kind, nlx Another Prussian, after the

grateful feeling wore off, forgot was a prisoner, forgot Englishwon were not Germans, and thought disriay his Prussian arrogance in English ward. The eyes of the gare ever watchful, but one was rified at this revelation of the b

Many of the men are per from little northern viliages, little or no idea of why they for their greatest anxiety being if could correspond with their people These, when questioned, repeate with blind faith the story of Enland's aggression, trying meanwhill. land's aggression, trying one could see, to reconcile the England of which they had heard with the England they were beginning the know. One of these wished to give "sister" his Iron Cross, and when she refused was so hurt that she ha to compromise by accepting the ribbon thereof! A souvenir! A HUN "JOKE."

One finds these peasants the mo courageous under the suffering which dressing often entails. The urban lower middle class is by far the most truculent, bearing pain badly, full of petty complaints, and with a good idea of his ewn importance. His manners are appalling, and on the whole he is the complete Hun.

One man, a Hanoverian, wounded nigh unto death, lies in a special ward enduring tortures beyond the conception of even the most pitiful.

The vibration, although it is deadened by means of blankets apread upon the floor, is agony to him, and the footsteps of his comrades in the corridor without bring forth heart-rending moans. This man is quiet and grateful, gazing with weeping eyes into what unknown? A tragedy of loneliness, homesickness and pain. On the whole, however, one is forcibly reminded that these Huns are bly reminded that these Huns are In a remote corner of England, nestling in the fold of downs that in pre-war days saw nothing more warlike than a flock of sheep and their shepherd, is to be found a group of tin huts. Very small and unimportant they look in the distance; almost the war, putting an obstacle in his path, and yell with delignt when he

fell over it!

They are often amusing when they least know it. Their attempts to gain information about our army and navy are particularly funny, for they invariably forget that a woman may have brains and may see the trend of all those questions. When they were forced to believe the news of the Cuffley Zeppelin their rage was almost comical. They got to-gether and talked it over, most excitedly, and then viciously shook their fists at one of our machines which just then was passing over-head. If wisnes could make aero-planes drop, that machine and its p!lot would have stood no chance. One returned with an ever-increasing gratitude to the thought of our own nen. Their galety (no German knows the meaning of that word), their courage, and their bigness of soul contrast so strongly with the ways of the thurs who ever with the ways of the three ways of the ways Huns, who are pitiless, stupid and small.

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DRIVEN TO DRINK.

(Baltimore American)
"I hear that Billetts was just driven
to drink."
"How was that? In a fit of temptation or pique?"
"Not in his automobile to a champagne

Most of us are perfectly willing to torgive our enemies, after we have got square with them.

reatest of all s hardly an exhat it is nitro ne thousands in the day. It is strange to ive in an atmosphere cent. of this element combinations is deal-

a an appalling scale. ractically no useful ex-yed in which the action not concerned. Without element the great ships of be sunk; innocent be killed, or property the field, for rifles, s, guns, and gren-ident upon it.

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of the world were carbolic acid, by the part of the n off upon distilgrees and 200 deeat part in sav-a thing that to-n't do without, and to-day know that it

is this great life saver, carbolic acid, mixed with nitrogen in a certain form that produces picric acid, an explo-sive used by the British, French and Russians in almost all shells, and that it is nitrogen that gives life, and carbolic acid (which saves it) that, when mixed has become the most ter rible destroyer of life ever dreamed of it is a compound of nitrogen known as laughing gas, which has relieved so many of agony when having their teeth removed.

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human body and the plant life.

It is the essentially romantic element. Devil or God, according to its associates, and this gas, without positive tests, is as necessary in one form for our support as in other forms it is ready to destroy us.

And the Fool Had It.

A chemistry professor at the University of Kansas tells this story of a seedy looking man who stole aimlessly into a chemist's office and closed the door softly behind him.

"Kin anybody hear what I say in here?" he asked, anxiously.
"Not a soul," the chemist

Whereupon the man produced package, carefully wrapped, and handed it to the chemist with the "What is this stuff, anyquery:

After examining the contents the hemist replied: "Why, that is iron chemist replied: pyrites, commonly known as fool's "What is it worth?" asked the seedy

fellow. "Oh, about \$4 a ton in carload lots."
"Just my luck," exclaimed the questoiner. "Blest if I ain't the biggest toiner.

fool in the world. I found a lot of that stuff on a widder's farm and I went an' married the widder."—Pittsburg Chronicle.

The Awakening.

Love touched my eyes and I saw; I had been blind till then: The soul of the world had lain hid Under the mask of men.

Love touched my heart, and I: knew,

Wondered, and understood All the legions of lovely things, The hosts of things that are good.

So I discovered them all Found them in finding you, When Yove touched my lips and I saw.

Wakened my heart and I know: