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her son, Frank Middlekauff, at Caracas, Venezuela. Mr. Middlekauff describes the recent terrible earthquake in Venezuela as follows: "It is startling to see the earth rolling like the sea. People cannot stand

up. The first shock came at 4:45 o'clock on Oct. 20. I was awakened. I got up and was thrown back into bed. I got up again and was knocked to the floor. I finally succeeded in reaching the street. There everything was confusion, and buildings were falling on all

"For five nights I slept in the plaza Everybody has been sleeping in the parks since the first shock. Everybody is sick and very nervous. It is de pressing to see people praying, expectng every moment to be killed. There have been from four to six shocks every day for five days.

"For three days the tremors were so regular that a person could set a watch by them. They came at 2, 5 and 11 a. n. and 4, 7:30 and 10:30 p. m. One shock would stop a watch, and the succeeding shock would start it again.

"People are really going mad. Nearly all the towns along the coast are total wrecks. There are over 400 dead in one small town along the coast. The authorities cannot even estimate at this time how many are killed and injured The earth opened where the land was low, and that is the reason the coast

towns were most affected. "The earthquake created terrible havoc in Caracas, though the city is very highly elevated. The city is in ruins. About 80 buildings out of every 100 are wrecked. The large capitol is split in four pieces. All the large churches have been demolished. What have not fallen down will have to be torn down. Every place is closed up. Business of all kirds has been suspended. There were not many killed in Caracas, but many were injured.

"The trains cannot run to Caracas over the mountains, therefore the mail has to be taken to the coast by mules."

Overcrowded London.

At the present moment, writes S Walter Besant in The Century, those parts of East London inhabited by the workingmen of all kinds, from the re spectable artisan in steady employment down to the casual hand and the children of the street, are suffering from the dearth of houses. There are no enough houses for the people; there are not enough single rooms for the families which would gladly occupy them if they could. The rents of the lowest tenements are going up higher and higher. The working people compete with one another for rooms. The landlord has only to put up his house or his rooms in his house to the highest bidder. A room that used to be let for 4 pupils may begin at any time most shillings a week can now command 6, sonvenient to themselves. while the fine, or the sum paid on taking the key, which was formerly a few shillings, now runs up to a pound of

even £2. the very poorest. Among them now a number of pupils successfully in this are families where the head is in good work. They are houseless because there are no houses for them. The vast increase of population has a good deal to do with this. For instance, the outlying suburb of Fast Ham, 20 years ago a mere hamlet, with a few houses and an old church in the fields, now numbers 90,000 people, all of the working class, while its neighbor, West Ham, which 20 years ago consisted of two or three scattered hamlets, is now a great town of 270,000 people, all of

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Pte. Miller, 3,203, lay in the end cot. The big school room had been turned into a hospital, and the blackboards stretched around the walls like a band of premature mourning. of premature mourning.
Once he had been a very big man. once he had been a very big man, but now his hairy arms that lay list-lessly outside the cover were almost the same size from wrist to shoulder, and every bone in his skull showed plainly through the skin. His hair had been clipped and so had his beard, but a thick stubble hid his gaunt jaws.

jaws.

The doctor said that he was probably going to recover, but he did not look it. Enteric fever had made such a wreck of him that death seemed to be written in his deep sunken eyes and sound in the weak, hollow tones

of his voice.

He was used to hospital life, having been down to Wynberg twice in the first six months of the war, with Mauser holes in him, Then he got the fever at Natal Sprit, and this was all that was left to look at — the mere framework of the strongest men in the regiment.

It was very quiet in the bare little room. Occasionally a man muttered but as a rule they all lay there with but as a rule they all lay there with their eyelids closed, or else looking blandly up at the ceiling in a slow breathing, half-waking sleep. An army nursing sister came into the room quietly. Some of the men followed her with their eyes. She went to the little table men to the little table men to the

to the little table near the window and put a little bunch of flowers in a glass. She wasn't very pretty; she was tall and angular and had prom-inent front teeth that were continu-

inent front teeth that were continually showing, but her very presence seemed to brighten the room. The little cap, with its long white streamers, appeared to soften the strongly marked face.

After she had arranged the flowers she turned to the end cot and straightened the pillow with a knowing pull here and a soft pat there. She was very proud of him, was Sister Potter, for twice they had put the little screen around his bed, behind which men are expected to die more which men are expected to die more privately, as it were, and make their exit as gracefully as they can alone

and uninterrupted.

But Sister Potter had determined to pull him through, if possible. Not that she was not determined to pull every one through who came into her hands, but this man especially, for the orderlies said that the end cot would soon be vacant. And there were plenty enough waiting out in the tents of No. 5 field hospital to fill it a score of times. The volunteer surgeon who had

charge of the ward declared that Sister Potter had saved Pte. Miller by sheer force of will. Every one knew she had a will of her own, and her word was law. But whatever it was, the screen had been withdrawn and the cloud of death had passed by the end cot to settle suddenly and unex-

pectedly on a light case near the doorway. The sister had not said anything to her patient as she arranged his pillow. She had simply smiled at him, more with her eyes than her lips, which were open continually. She felt his brow with her long, cold fingers.

No. 3,203 looked up at her. He did not smile in return, but started to say something, and after one or two efforts came out with it weakly:

then a friendly nod, and with a word that included all the others and an answer to their salute, he took his staff and his presence from the room. As for Pte. Miller, he looked up at "Is ta little mon comin' ta see me?"

he asked.

The nurse did not reply at first. It The nurse did not reply at first. It was the same thing he had said over and over again in his delirium. When was the little man coming; why wouldn't they let him in? He was just outside there asking for Pte. Miller. Over and over again, in all sorts of ways, it had been repeated; as a question, a complete or accused. question, a complaint or a request. Now here he was without a degree of feyer, and yet with the same words

on his lip.
"Oh, he's coming soon, but I suppose "Oh, he's coming soon, but I suppose he is very busy now," said the nurse quietly, and as she spoke it was evident wherein lay her power and charm. It was her voice, so low and sweet and comforting. Many a poor fellow had listened to it and never known why he felt better. Many had found the seers, questioning her for found the secret, questioning her for the mere sake of the sound of her re-ply. Pte. Miller only nodded his head

slowly two or three times, as if he agreed and was consoled.

In the evening, as is customary with when the nurse came to give him his little bowl of arrowroot he was a flighty and would not touch it. "He Waud na coom," he muttered. He's hard pressed wi' ta big fight that's comin' on. I want ta dee—he

waud na coom."
"No, he couldn't come to-day," said Sister Potter, "but perhaps to-mor-Then she went out and told the vol-

unteer surgeon; and that night he dined with a member of the head-quarters staff. The convalescents, in their light blue

the convaiescents, in their fight office hospital suits with the broad, white trimmings, stood up and saluted. A little knot of red-caped nurses in the corridor were in a flutter of whispering. The orderlies standing at the entrance of the wards froze into an attitude of attention. Sister Potter bent over Pte. Miller's pillow,
"He'll be in in a few minutes," she "Who?"
"The little man. You know you

wanted to see him."

"God guide us, I'm not fit to be seen! Caud na I get a shave first, eh? A'am

said unkempt."

He put his weak fingers to his rough, hairy chin, "I'm disreeputable. But you're na meanin' it," he added weakly. "He waud na take the trouble to see the like o' me." In reply the nurse gave a little soothing caress to his wasted, bony hand.

hand.
Down the corridors came four or five khaki-clad figures. At the head walked the volunteer surgeon and beside him, with a strong, quick step, walked a short, well-knit figure, clad in an immaculately neat uniform, held in by a broad belt and cross straps. Above it rose a kindly, strong face, with a gentle almost merry expression in gentle, almost merry expression in the eyes. A firm mouth, with strong downward lines, yet sympathetic as a woman's, a brow furrowed by care and work, and a voice that, like the nurse's, made one's heart warm to him, completed the man.

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The occupant of the end cot caught sight of him just as he entered. He struggled to rise, but Sister Potter's hand nestrained him. He saluted none the less with a swift movemen at first, and then a drop to the counterpane, as if the effort had been too much for him. His face flushed and his breath heaved. For an instant the nurse looked at him nervously. other men in the room, who were all convalescents, rose to a sitting pos

The field marshal took them all in with a sweeping, kindly recognition and walked to the end cot quickly He sat down on the edge and took the big, red, hairy paw in his.
"Well, Miller," he said, "I've come
to see you. They tell me you're doing
famously, and soon will be out there
sitting in the sun."

The man could not reply. His eye shifted from the field matshal's face to the hand that was holding his own

Two or three times his lips moved, btu he could not speak. But the little man was talking again.

"And now I going to tell you what we're going to do with you," he went on. "As soon as you're strong enough we're going to send you to England, to home, and then, when you come back you're going to get your stripes,

for your captain has spoken very well of you. You were wounded at Belmont, I understand, and at Koodesberg, weren't you?"

But Pte. 3,203 could not even move his head in reply. He just looked and looked; so the field marshal gave him a slight farewell hand grasp, then a friendly nod, and with a word

As for Pte. Miller, he looked up at he sister, smiled a wan smile, and fainted dead away. But when he came to himself, the first words he said were these: "D'ye ken the little mon; he took my hand. A'am to get well soon. He took my hand."

And with that he lay there, leoking at the almost useless member, as if it were a valuable curiousity.

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