## A Friendship Token

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is the one you really love." "Helen, do not talk such utter non-sense! That was years ago when I was a child. Helen, Helen, I did not think you could do this. Dear, I love you so, I will give you the little gold piece. I do not want it. I want you." you.

Her blue eyes ran to his face for a moment. She heard the pain in his strong voice, and her fingers com-menced to untie the corner of her handkerchief. Her voice went on softly as if he had not passionately interrupted.

"Mr. Forrest, I have never told you that I had some one long ago whom I liked very much; and now that I am older. I have learned to love him. He loves me too. And I am afraid after

all you will have to take the little girl with whom you used to build sand-houses and play house, and eat candy and sand off her little dishes, and tie the strings of her sunbonnet." He gazed at her in wonder and bitter pain, but her eyes were looking out on the moonlit fields. "The man I love, and who loves me," she continued softly, "has the rest of this." She softly, "has the rest of this." She held her white hand palm upwards, near his face, and there lay the other half of his friendship token! There was no mistaking it with its jagged For a second it dazed him, and edge. then he remembered what she had said. He raised her hand quickly and

put his lips on the bit of gold, then he gathered her closely in his arms. "My little Ellie! My sweetheart!" And the harvest moon hid away behind a little fleecy cloud, for such scenes were old, old.

## Mr. Kipling's Dose for the Doctors

M R. RUDYARD KIPLING, who, in the prince will like wild, just about a year ago, was making brief and brilliant speeches to our Canadian Clubs, has

recently delivered—without notes—a characteristic address to the Middlesex Hospital students, whose prizes

he distributed. "It may not have escaped your pro-fessional observation," he said, "that there are only two classes of mankind the world-doctors and patients. in I have had a delicacy in confessing to the patient class ever since a doctor told me that all patients were phenomenal liars where their symptoms are concerned. But, speaking as a patient, I should say that the average patient looks upon the average doc-tor very much as a non-combatant looks on the troops fighting on his behalf, and thinks that the more trained men that are between him and the enemy the better.

"I have the pleasure of meeting a number of trained men who, in due time, will be drafted into that permanent army which is always in action, always under fire, fighting against Death. It is unfortunate for the doctor that Death-the senior practitioner—is bound to win in the long run. We patients must console ourselves with the idea that your business is to make the best terms you can with death on our behalf, to see that his attacks are delayed as long as they may be, or diverted, and to see that, when he insists upon driving the attack home, that he does so according to the rules of civilised warfare.

"Every sane human being agrees that this long-drawn fight for time that we call life is one of the most important things in the world. It fol-

important things in the world. It fol-lows, therefore, that you, who control and oversee this fighting, must be among the most important people. "The world decided long ago that doctors have no working hours that anybody is bound to respect. Nothing except your extreme bodily illness will excuse you, in the world's eyes, for refusing to help mankind at any hour of the day or night. In your hour of the day or night. In your bed, bath, or on your holiday—if any of the children of men have pain or hurt—you will be summoned; and what little vitality you have accumulated in leisure hours will be dragged out of you again. At all times—in flood, fire, famine, plague, battle, mur-der, and sudden death—it will be re-quired of you that you should report for duty at once, to go out on duty at once, and to stay on duty till your strength fails you or your conscience releases you-whichever may be the longer period. "And I do not think your obliga-

tions will grow less. Nobody has heard of a bill to promote an eighthour day for doctors. No change in public opinion will allow you not to attend a patient when you know the man never means to pay you, or protect you from the people who, al-though perfectly well able to pay, pre-fer to cadge round a free hospital for their glass eyes or cork legs. It seems to be required of you that you must save others; no one has laid down that you need to save yourselves.

"You belong to a privileged class, and some of your privileges are these: "You, and kings, are about the only people whose explanation a policeman

will accept if you exceed the legal limit in a motor-car.

"On presentation, your visiting card will pass you through turbulent and riotous crowds unmolested.

"If you fly a yellow flag over a dense centre of population it will turn

it into a desert. "If you fly a Red Cross flag over a desert it will turn it into a centre of population. Men will crawl to it on their hands and knees, as I know. "You may forbid a ship to enter a

port, and if you think the exigencies of an operation demand it, you can stop a 20,000-ton liner, with her mails, in mid-ocean. "At your orders, houses, streets,

whole quarters of a city will be pulled down or burned. "And you can call upon the armed

co-operation of the nearest troops to see that your prescriptions are efficiently carried out.

"At a time when few things are called by their right names, when it is against the spirit of the time to hint that an act may entail consequences, you are going to join a profession in which you will be paid to tell the truth, a profession which exacts from its followers the largest responsibility and the highest death-rate-for its practitioners-of any profession in the world.

"I will wish you in the future what all men desire: enough work to do, and strength enough to do that work.'

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