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## It Was Gen. Bowser

But He Held the Title Only For an Hour.

By M. QUAD.  
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Mrs. Bowser was looking out of a front window when Mr. Bowser came home the other evening. He stopped at the gate, faced the street and gave a man opposite the military salute. Then he about faced, opened the gate and marched up the street with the tread of a warrior. As he entered the hall and saw Mrs. Bowser he saluted her as he had the pedestrian. There was the scent of gunpowder in the air.

One almost expected to see a Zeppelin come sailing down the hall. Was that the cook rattling dishes around, or was it the rattle of the machine guns? Was Mr. Bowser six inches taller than when he left the house in the morning? Was there the light of glory in his eyes—a do and dare expression of the mouth? "Why this tomfoolery?" asked Mrs. Bowser. "We will wait until we have eaten our rations," he replied with great dignity. "Rations?" "That's how we of the army speak of our food." Mr. Bowser had broken out again, and Mrs. Bowser could see a family row not an hour away. During the



"ON, BRAVE BOYS, ON!" dinner he sat with his shoulders squared and a stern look on his face, and he was not asked a single question. It was after the meal was over and they had returned to the sitting room that he said: "Mrs. Bowser, we are about to have a discussion, and if you have no objection you can use my title in speaking to me." "Is it 'your majesty' that I am to call you?" "Woman, if you knew how serious this matter is you would not speak of it so flippantly. My title is general—General Bowser."

"What did it cost you, or did you find it on the street?" The general turned red in the face and swallowed hard at his Adam's apple. He seemed about to burst forth when he changed his mind and quietly said:

"Mrs. Bowser, you may have read or heard that there is a war in Europe?" "I have read all about it."

"You haven't heard me say much about it, have you?" "No, general. You are always looking for advertisements of liver pads."

Mr. Bowser looked around like a man who would wreak destruction, but he didn't. He shook off the desire and said:

"I was looking at the situation from a soldier's standpoint, you see, and you could not help me in that."

"But you were never a soldier," announced Mrs. Bowser. "We will let that pass, and I will say to you that from a soldier's standpoint there have been grievous mistakes in conducting this war."

"And you can point them out?" "Each and every one. Listen. "The Germans have made twenty-four mistakes. "The Austrians have made twenty-seven. "The Servians have made seventeen. "The Russians have made twelve. "The British have made seven. "The French have made eight. "The Bulgarians have made five."

"And you would not have made any at all had you been running the show?" "I do not wish to be charged with egotism, Mrs. Bowser, but I can see the mistakes that others have made."

"It's a wonder that you have kept out of the war."

"I knew you did not understand it, but I was waiting. I shall wait no longer. Excuse me for a moment, please."

Among the rubbish in the garret was an old sabbler which a soldier of the Spanish-American war had presented Mr. Bowser as a substitute for a lawn mower. It had never drawn blood, and it had never cut grass. General Bowser now went up and got it out

A Grimby trawler was blown up by a mine and most of her crew were killed.

of the frame, and, standing before Mrs. Bowser, he swung the weapon around his head and cried out: "On, brave boys, on!" "Do you want to scare the cat and the cook into fits?" exclaimed Mrs. Bowser. The general cut and thrust. He right faced and he left faced. He attacked the enemy in front and flank. He chopped off heads and arms and legs. He won Waterloo over again. When he had lost his breath and laid the bloody but glorious weapon aside Mrs. Bowser observed: "If you have got through making an idiot of yourself perhaps you will explain."

"Mrs. Bowser, I have watched this war as a hawk watches a chicken from the very first move." "Yes?" "I was watching out for false moves that might be made."

"I see." "I have given you the number of mistakes made up to the present time."

"At the office today I was pointing them out to Green when a stranger entered and listened to me. He was a general in citizen's clothes, and as I named the various mistakes he nodded his head. When I was through he extended his hand and introduced himself as General Scott. Then he said: 'Mr. Bowser, each and all your criticisms are correct. You must have been at West Point.'"

"Yes, you and I were up there one day for the steamboat ride," smiled Mrs. Bowser. The general glared at her with cold

revenge in his eyes and then went on: "He wanted to know if a lieutenant would tempt me to take a hand in the game. No."

"A captaincy? No." "Would I be a major? No." "A colonel? No." "A general? I hesitated."

"But only for a moment?" queried Mrs. Bowser. "Only for a moment, my dear."

"And then?" "And then I was General Bowser," he answered as he went strutting around the room, with saber threatening the cat and the furniture. Mrs. Bowser let him strut for a minute and then asked:

"How soon do you take your departure for the front?" "I shall start tomorrow if my commission comes tonight."

"As soon as that? I must tell you that the coat is almost out and that there is a gas bill to pay."

"Great heavens, woman!" exclaimed the general. "Can you think of coal and gas bills when mistakes are being made by the dozen and brave men are dying by the thousand?"

"And we are about out of coffee and sugar," she added. "And don't forget to leave some change to pay the boy for shoveling snow."

"Shoveling snow! And the wounded are screaming in their agony!" "And leave me some postage stamps, so that I can write you now and then."

General Bowser turned pale. Then he turned red, and then the purple came. Then he shivered.

At the moment he was about to collapse and die a glorious death on the field of battle the doorbell rang. "My commission!" he gasped.

Mrs. Bowser answered the bell and took in an official envelope and handed it to him. General Bowser opened it with trembling fingers and then fainted dead away.

It was a receipt for making lamb's wool grow on a bald head. The general was a general no longer.

**Complications.** A porch swing in the lobby of a furniture store bore the sign, "Made in America."

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"What is the matter?" asked the store manager. "A tramp is asleep in the swing," said the salesman, "and the sign is in his lap."—Judge.

**All He Wanted to Know.** "Do you remember that \$3 you lent me a few weeks ago?" "Yes, perfectly. Have you come to repay it?" "No. I just dropped in to see if you had forgotten it."—Detroit Free Press.

**Daring Death.** Young Wits (pouting)—You told me you would die for me. Husband—Well, have patience. Am I not eating your pies and biscuits?—Boston Herald.

**One or the Other.** "What is she mad at him for?" "I don't know." "Maybe he kissed her?" "Maybe, or maybe he didn't."—Hous-ton Post.

**The Younger Generation.** He had learned to play at tennis. He had won full many a match. On the ball around he was famous—He could pitch and bat and catch. He could box and throw the hammer. And at wrestling he was good; He was thoroughly athletic—But his father chopped the wood.

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