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When I expressed this feeling to King Albert he replied, smiling, 'Oh, my palace,' and completed the phrase with an indifferent gesture which took in his humble surroundings. Modest indeed was the room I had entered, but in the absence of all vulgarity it nevertheless had the distinction of well-filled bookshelves which entirely covered one wall. At one end stood an open piano, with a book of music on the rest. In the middle was a big table, covered with maps and plans. The window was open, despite the cold, and looked out on to a little old-world priest's garden, secluded, leafless, and sad, as though weeping with the winter's rain.

#### KING ALBERT'S MODESTY.

After I had discharged the easy mission wherewith the President of the Republic had entrusted me, the King kept me a long time talking. But I hesitate to touch, however discreetly, on this interview. The reason is that the King never tires of saying to those round him "Do your best to see that I am not mentioned," and I know and understand the horror he professes for anything resembling an interview.

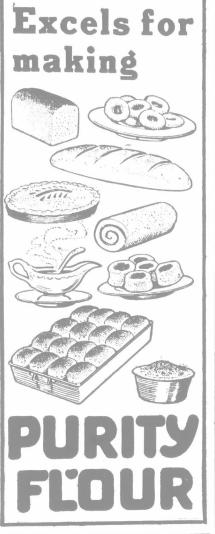
I at first decided to say nothing; but then, when one has a chance of being heard, how can one refrain from wishing to spread the glory of such a name as that of King Albert ? What struck me most about the King was his sincere and exquisite modesty. He is unconscious of having behaved admirably. He does not think he deserves the veneration of the French nation, and his popularity with us, so much as the least of his soldiers killed for our common defence.

A STRANGE DESTINY.

When I told him I had seen pictures of the King and Queen of the Belgians in the place of honor in the remotest country cottages in France, with little black, yellow, and red flags piously pinned around them, he hardly seemed to believe me. His smile and his silence seemed to reply, "What I have done is very natural; would any King worthy of the name have been able to do otherwise ?"

What a strange destiny for this Prince who at first did not seem destined for the throne, and who would perhaps have preferred to continue his somewhat secluded life of other days beside the Princess he loves. When the crown was placed on his youthful forehead he thought he had the right to hope for an era of profound peace in the midst of the most peaceful of peoples.

### THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.



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the destruction of a house by fire in a provincial town of France. As is usual, several families lived under one roof, and the eager face of the girl heroine was seeking to find if all had been saved, when she heard a mother with several children cry, "Where is baby? My God, she is in her cot!" She had to be forced back to keep her from entering the burning building. In the confusion a slim little girl rushed into the Louse, knowing where the baby was, caught it up and rushed through the smoke and heat and placed it in its mother's arms. During the present terrible war another little French girl has given proof of courage and devotion that has brought many a blessing on her fair young head. The tale is told by a private of the British Royal Artillery, and we fancy that many an American little girl of Madeleine's age (the heroine's name) will not only read with interest this tale of her brave acts, but will think why, should occasion present itself, should I not also be a heroine?

front row of a terrified crowd watching

Madeleine is, of course, not the everyday girl of nine years of age, for her courage is as conspicuous as her kindness of heart. Just fancy a child of nine carrying hot coffee to the poor, half-starved and frozen soldiers in the trenches; but the terrible howling of shot and shell through which she has to pass to get to the trenches she heeds not. Many a man would not risk his life as Madeleine has done daily on her mission of mercy.

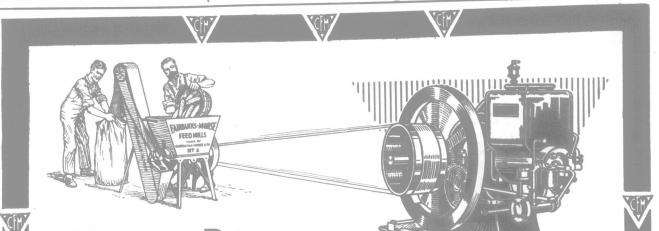
Since the English press has given publicity to little Madeleine's actions, presents of all kinds have been showered on her, but it was the last thought, doubtless, of this sweet little child that she was doing anything extraordinary, nor, we are sure, did she look for any reward, but would have been fully repaid by a kindly smile and a word of thanks. -Our Dumb Animals.



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# The Brighter Side of War.

By Edw. Fox Sainsbury.

Amidst all the welter of blood, of savagery and crime, one meets, thank Heaven, deeds of self - devotion, intense humanity, and the true spirit of the highest form of Christianity-the love of others and the effacement of self.

France has ever been a land of heroic deeds, men and women have given up wealth, position, even life, to help their neighbors or their country. Jeanne d'Arc is merely a type of the ideal womanhood of France, as George Washington is a type of the noblest of American manhood. Let no one think that the days of heroes and heroines are gone. The noble deeds of the Red Cross nurses testify to the undying charity and devotion to the following of Christ's teaching ever present when the call for help is heard.

If France has produced and still produces and ever will produce heroes and heroines amongst its manhood and womanhood, the children of France have been numerious in all ages for their courage and heroestn. A few months since a little girl of ten was standing in the

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