

MASKED VICTORY

By MONA DORR.

Fred Osborne laughed as he lit a cigar. "But my dear Stewart, I don't want to marry simple little Della. She is a nice girl, but hardly my choice." "Give that girl the advantages of those city dolls, and she would outshine them all," answered Stewart. "If I were younger I'd not be encouraging you." A young girl passing through the corridor stifled the cry which rose to her lips as she heard the remarks of the two men. She hurriedly entered her room, and, throwing herself on the bed, broke into sobs. Miss Boynton (her hostess) had invited her, and other guests, to spend the week end at her beautiful country residence. As she lay there, a plan suddenly formed in her mind; and hastily rising and bathing her eyes, she crossed the hall and knocked at the door. "Come in," called a melodious voice. "Do sit down, I want to chat with you." Then as she noticed the girl's red lips. "Why, Della, what's the trouble?" As Della confided her plan, the girl smiled and nodded from time to time. "Just you wait!" cried Beatrice Lang. "We'll made them take notice," and she gave Della a big hug. Then they settled down to discuss the great secret. The girls were very busy the next few days, planning for the masquerade ball, which the hostess was giving to close her entertainment. At seven o'clock that evening Della entered Beatrice's room, and seated herself in a chair (placed for her) in front of the dressing table. Beatrice first pulled the lace cap from her friend's head, revealing a mass of beautiful golden curls. This she piled up on the girl's head; and catching up a lovely pink gown, she passed it to her and told her to hurry into it. Della took from a box a pair of pink satin slippers, and silk stockings, and putting them on, stood up for her friend's inspection. "My dear!" exclaimed Beatrice. "No one would ever know you," and she turned the girl to the mirror. "I'll do," she laughed, as a rosy flush spread over her face. "Do!" Beatrice snapped. "If everyone doesn't pronounce you the belle of the ball I'll miss my guess." She then picked up a mask and placing it over the girl's face, gave her a push saying: "Now, run along." Meanwhile Della had reached the ballroom and was immediately claimed for the first dance, which was then about to commence. As she whirled about, her eyes fell on a familiar figure. "Who is that stunning-looking girl with Jack Morrill?" asked Fred Osborne of a youth standing near. "Don't know," was the answer. "She is a beauty. But one can't recognize any of the girls in these confounded things they're wearing." "Aren't you masking?" Beatrice was asked as she appeared. "No," she answered. "I must be away in a short while." Della was in her second dance, when a young man entered the room. He was rather effeminate, perhaps, but decidedly good-looking. Wandering about he at length came up to Fred Osborne. "By Jove! What a beautiful girl!" he ejaculated. "Can you tell me who she is?" "I couldn't," said Fred. In some way the stranger so maneuvered that Fred obtained only the last two dances. By this time his anger had reached the boiling point; but to all questions regarding the young man, Della answered by a light laugh. At 11 o'clock came the call to unmask; as Della drew hers from her face, Fred looked at her in astonishment. "Why! It's little Della," he cried. "Yes, little Della," she returned. "But do look who is claiming your attention." Fred turned and confronted the stranger, who had so puzzled him. Then, as his eyes rested on the face for a moment a hearty laugh broke from his lips. "Well, Miss Lang," he cried, "that was one great joke on me." Someone then spoke to Beatrice, and Fred drew Della out to the beautiful gardens. There, in the lovely moonlight, he asked her to be his wife. "But," the girl followed his question by another, "do you forget a certain conversation you held a short while ago?" Fred thought for a moment, then said: "You can't mean the day Stewart and I were talking?" "That is just what I mean," said Della. "My dear," cried he, "will you forgive that thoughtless remark? For I tell you truly, I did not intend Stewart to have the impression you have formed." "Darling," he continued, "won't you say 'yes,' and let me win forgiveness for the speech?" He drew her gently to him, and as he looked into her eyes found his answer, even before her lips formed "yes." If friends of Della Osborne speak truly—according to Fred's idea—there never was a more beautiful girl than his beloved wife.

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We entered the past crop year with a wheat supply which gave us only 20,000,000 bushels available for export. When the crop year ended, we had sent 141,000,000 bushels of wheat to Europe. The American people had saved out of their normal consumption 121,000,000 bushels.

A survey of export figures shows that the conservation of flour brought about by the wheatless meals, wheatless days, substitution in our kitchens and bakeries, enabled us to send to our armies and the allies 33,000,000 barrels of white flour—wheat figured as flour. Had we exported only our visible surplus, we would have been able to ship less than 4,500,000 barrels.

Before the 1st of December our surplus had gone overseas, and an additional 38,000,000 bushels had been taken from the stock reserved for home consumption and added to the surplus already shipped to the allies. It seemed hardly possible that we could bring our total exports above 100,000,000 bushels by July 1. But in January the late Lord Rhonda, then British Food Controller, cabled that unless we could send an additional 75,000,000 bushels he could not take responsibility for assuring his people that they would be fed. The American people responded by sending 85,000,000 bushels of wheat, saved from their home consumption, between the first of the year and the advent of the new crop.

By October 10, 1918, we had already shipped 65,960,305 bushels since July 1. Absolutely the only limitation upon our wheat exports since the latest harvest has been the scarcity of ocean tonnage. If exports continue at the present rate, by July 1 of next year we will have sent more than 237,500,000 bushels to Europe.

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+ AND +
+ A GERMAN FEAR CONFIRMED +
+ A statement made by a prominent German official soon after this country was declared in a state of war with Germany + shows that even in the enemy + country clear thinking students + did not undervalue the strength + of the American republic. Only + in his confidence that we could + not land in Europe sufficient + troops to affect the final decision + was this German mistaken. + "I do not fear the American + soldiers," he told a high official + of our government, "because + they cannot arrive in time. What + I fear is the intelligence and devotion of one hundred million + original minds and people trained + to a faith in individual initiative. The day that these people, new so materialistic in outward appearance, are stirred + spiritually, that day is the day + of Germany's doom." \*\*\*\*\*

Save food Who shares in the struggle Will share in the triumph

LET'S FINISH OUR JOB WILL BE PLEA OF U. S. IN APRIL

OFFICIALS BELIEVE COUNTRY WILL RISE TO ITS DUTIES IN FIFTH LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE.

The world at large admits that the United States "started something" when we went into war. The treasury department officials at Washington believe that the United States will be ready and willing to "finish it" when the last three weeks in April roll around.

The last three weeks in April are the weeks tentatively set for the Fifth Liberty Loan campaign. And one of the appeals to be made to the public in the sale of the bonds will be the appeal to finish the job. A committee headed by Guy Emerson, director of the Liberty Loan Committee of the New York district, was appointed at a recent meeting of treasury department representatives from the twelve federal reserve districts and delegated to go over the ideas and views expressed at the conference with an idea of sifting out of them a basis for a sales campaign in Spring.

Two features stood out pre-eminently as obvious and convincing arguments for the purchase of bonds of the Fifth loan. One was the need for finishing the job we have on our hands. The heavy expenses incident to demobilization, return of the boys and whatever reconstruction or world-policing duties may fall to us from the peace table must be met. The proceeds from the Fourth Loan are unavailable for these purposes as they were spent almost as soon as they were raised.

The other feature upon which particular stress is to be laid, in the opinion of the men outlining the plans, is the investment feature. In previous loan campaigns the prospective buyer has been told repeatedly that bonds were a good investment, the best investment, in fact, but in the Fifth Loan this phase of the issue is to be more clearly emphasized. As an investment the bonds will be particularly attractive from the standpoint of safety because the transition from a war to a peace basis in the nation cannot have any other effect on them than to increase their value.

Greatest Nation Of Wasters Is Reformed By War

THE silver lining of the war cloud was apparent to one man down in New York City long before the signing of the armistice made it visible to all men. And this man saw it from a little different angle.



He was S. W. Straus, New York financier and president of the American Society for Thrift.

"The war has taught us as a people more about thrift than any other one thing which could befall us or has befallen us," Straus said in a recent interview. "We have practically doubled, since the war started, the number of families in the United States who have something put by for a rainy day."

"We had been a most wasteful nation up to the beginning of the war. Before war the number of persons who were drifting on without apparent thought or provision for the future was alarming. Now there must be upwards of twenty millions of our people who own Liberty Bonds. They have either had to save to buy them or have to save now because of contracting to buy them."

Straus defines thrift as submission to discipline, self-imposed. He does not limit its practice to matters of money but urges thrift in time and in health.

"In the present period of reconstruction," he went on, "and in the future every man, no matter how menial may be his employment, must practice thrift, and every employer must see, first, that conditions are such that his employees can practice thrift and, second, that they do practice it."

Giving up all pleasures and recreations for the sake of saving money is not thrift, according to the Straus view. He says:

"Pleasures which we really enjoy bring us definite returns in increased health and contentment. It is the expenditure of all we have for pleasure—perhaps for pleasure which is not such to us but which is considered the thing by our neighbors—that spells waste and extravagance. We shall never become a nation of tightwads, as the expression goes."

Straus does not believe that the teachings of thrift should be dropped by the government as soon as the Liberty Loan campaign is over next April. He advocates keeping at the lessons the war has taught us, and after making a plea for the teaching of thrift in all schools, he concludes: "Thrift is the very foundation of all individual efficiency and individual efficiency is the foundation of all success."

IMMUNITY AGAINST DISEASE.

By the use of vaccine we can produce immunity against many diseases.

The most familiar of the vaccines is the one which is used to protect us against smallpox. This disease was once the most terrible of all the maladies which affected mankind. More than a century ago an English physician, Edward Jenner, introduced vaccination against smallpox. It has practically wiped out the disease, for it now exists only where vaccination has been neglected.

One of the most recent and dramatic demonstrations of the value of vaccination was at Havana, Cuba. During the eight years before the American army occupied the city there were 3,132 deaths from smallpox. Then the army surgeons enforced vaccination among the inhabitants, and during the next eight years there were but seven deaths from the disease.

The protective effect of vaccination, however, wears off after a time, and every child should be vaccinated when one year old and again at the age of seven.

Another wonderful and successful vaccine discovered in recent years is that used to protect people against typhoid fever. The use of the vaccine has practically eliminated typhoid fever from the United States army, and it has proved of immeasurable value in protecting the troops of European armies during the great war.

For use in the growing campaign against diphtheria there is an exceedingly effective serum, diphtheria antitoxin. This will not only serve to protect people who have been exposed to the danger of catching diphtheria, but it also is a practically certain cure for this disease after it has already set in, providing it is used promptly.

Erectness.

Sit, stand and walk erect. This keeps our circulation in order and also expands our lungs to the fullest. Be straight like the Indian who believed in being erect, and in reaching his highest stature that he might the better listen to the voice of the Great Spirit.—Camp Fire Magazine Wokepo.

The Fault is Yours.

Never complain that your confidence has been betrayed. The fault is yours for pouring unsafe talk into a leaky mind. You do not blame a leaky pail for leaking. Blame yourself for not knowing it leaked.—Life.

The woman who wears a décolleté gown evidently has no fear of the backbiter.

KENTUCKY ILLITERACY COMMISSION IS VINDICATED

The Kentucky Illiteracy Commission, of which Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart is chairman, has been completely vindicated of charge of extravagance, circulated sometime ago.

In his report, just published, Hon. Nat B. Sewell, State Inspector and Examiner, not only gives Mrs. Stewart, the chairman, and the other members of the commission a "clean bill of health," but commends them for their economy in expenditures, unselfish devotion and loyalty of purpose which have already borne such good results and which promise to completely eradicate illiteracy in Kentucky by 1920.

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