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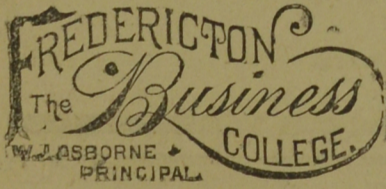
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ISABEL GORDON CURTIS

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"Thank you," said the girl. She crouched behind a half-drawn curtain in the shadow of the carriage, watching eagerly the gathering of homeless, hungry men. They began to creep toward the bakery from every direction, most of them with a shambling step that told of ill-shod feet or shamed reluctance to beg for food. The skies had been lowering for hours, and just before midnight the first storm of the winter came down. It began with keen, tiny needles of ice, but they stung and froze, for the wind drove them in merciless, piercing furies. The loitering men crowded together and turned their faces sullenly from each furious cloud of sleet. Hunger was bitter enough without the storm. Dorcas watched through misty eyes. She wondered at the still patience of the throng. Below her in a basement a warm red light burned, and through an open door the wind blew the fragrance of boiling coffee across the street. She saw a man thrust a slim white-faced boy into a shelter between the wall and himself.

"If I were starving I couldn't be patient and courteous," she thought. "The smell of food would madden me. I would batter a door down."

She started suddenly, then for a moment she scarcely breathed. Down Tenth street slouched a tall, stooping figure. The man wore a shabby overcoat which covered his body almost to the feet; its collar was turned high about his neck and an old slouch hat shadowed his face. Dorcas could see little between but a bristling beard. The keenest detective searching for Andrew Merry would not have glanced twice at the figure; Dorcas' eyes followed it with grave perplexity. She had been startled into recognition the night before when the man pulled the shabby hat down over his face. She caught a glimpse of Merry's long, white, slender fingers and noted an impatient, peculiarly graceful gesture which was characteristic of him. Dorcas had seen it frequently, sometimes when he was on the stage, sometimes while he had talked with her.

He paused before facing the glare of Broadway and pulled the hat brim carefully about his face; it might have been for shelter from the stinging blasts of sleet or for better concealment. Then he seemed to gather himself together with energy born of despair. He stepped quickly forward and took his place at the end of the bread line. A hundred men stood between him and the beneficence of food. Others were closing in behind him. Here and there one man turned to speak to another; the man Dorcas was watching stood immovable. He thrust his hands deep in his overcoat pockets, his eyes were fixed on the whitening sidewalk beside him. Dorcas turned to the opposite window and nodded with an eager gesture to the officer. His hand went up. He spoke to the cabman in a low voice.

"Drive round through University place to Tenth—then up toward Broadway. Pull up half-way down the block."

The man turned his horse and moved down the street.

CHAPTER IX.

A Man of Honor.

Dorcas breathed a sigh of relief when her cab drew up beside the bread line. She had thought during her brief drive around the block of the possibility that the man might leave his place; but there he stood, motionless, with head bent defiantly against the stinging eddies of sleet. She stepped from the carriage and passed swiftly along the sidewalk beside the line of a city's poor. She hesitated for a few seconds when she reached the corner, then she stretched out her hand and laid it on the wet sleeve of the man before her. He turned and stared at her for one dazed moment. He did not speak. Instinctive courtesy reminded him that this was no place for a woman in a midnight storm, and his desire to protect her caused the hunger to be forgotten. He stepped quietly from the sidewalk and without a word moved beside her down the street. The movement caused a score of men to turn with quick curiosity, but suddenly a cry ran down the line: "The door's open!" Everything else yielded to the march toward food.

Dorcas swiftly led the way to the carriage. When she opened the door and beckoned Merry to enter he hesitated, the blood flushing into his wan face.

"What do you want, Miss Dorcas?" he asked quietly.

"I want to talk with you," answered the girl. "Do get in, please—out of the storm."

Merry handed her in, then followed and shut the door. "I cannot go home with you," he announced stubbornly.

(To Be Continued.)

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## ESTIMATE OF GERMAN LOSSES TO DATE

London, Nov. 6.—Hilaire Belloc, writing to the London Daily Mail, estimates the German losses to date at 1,750,000 men.

"I know," he thinks, "that this figure looks startlingly large, but the various steps by which it is arrived at are not, I think, open to criticism. It would be easy, by a little manipulation of the figures to make out very much larger totals. I have at tempted, on the contrary, to fix the lowest conceivable minimum."

The figure 1,750,000 includes losses by sickness, fatigue and accidents. The strict German losses in the field—men hit or caught—he puts at more than 1,250,000.

"These losses," he writes, "have almost up to within the last two weeks or so, fallen in the main upon the trained troops of the enemy and with particular severity upon his body of officers. This loss of nearly 1,750,000 at very least, which has already fallen for the most part on the trained army, and equals the untrained mass behind it, has fallen most heavily on the first and best. It comes to more than a fifth of all the two possible categories combined, more than a fifth of those who can never make real soldiers, and of these more than a quarter of the first line.

"There," he concludes, "is the chief military feature of the struggle at the present moment. Of all the available material for anything approaching a true army, a quarter has already gone."

NEW MARKET

New Market, Nov. 1.—Rev. Father O'Keefe of French Village was calling on friends here recently.

Miss Mary McDowell and Mr. Robert McDowell of Allendale, were guests of Mr. Fred Murphy on Sunday.

Mr. Jack McDade of McAdam spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Nellie Feehey and her sister, Mrs. McDonald of Millinocket, Maine, are visiting friends here.

Our school is progressing favorably under the management of Miss Annie Miss Ethel Murphy spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. Charles Manderson who has been hunting deer here for the past week has given his claim over to Mr. Frank Holland of Harvey, and left for Minto on Monday.

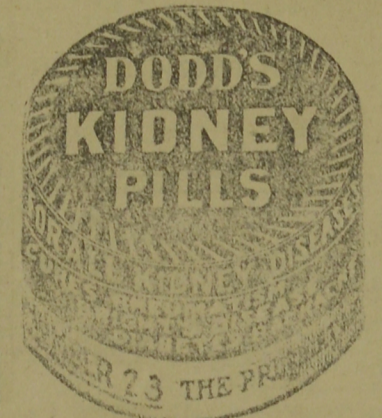
Mr. Patrick McDermott who has been in Millinocket, Me., for the past six months is here for the present.

Mrs. John Donnelly of Lake George spent Sunday with friends here recently.

Miss Ella Scott who has been visiting friends in Fredericton returned home last week.

The many friends of Mr. Hugh Foley will be pleased to know he is improving after having been confined to his home with rheumatism.

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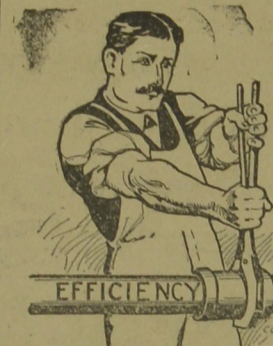
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