

IF AND PERHAPS.

If every one were wise and sweet, And every one were jolly; If every heart with gladness beat, And none were melancholy;

THE SINGER AT THE WINDOW.

(Concluded from last week.)

Peggy's girl friends were back then and co-operatively dinners and dish-washing in the flat were over. But she still went in every evening and played while Allan sang. He had been given a week's vacation in August; but of course he had spent it there with his mother. He was only twenty-three, and for five years he had been working at a book-keeper's desk all day and spending his evenings in a city flat. He had not known how tired he was until at the first lesson that autumn Leferters had looked at him sharply and said:

"Perhaps!" She lifted her head and looked at him defiantly. "I thought so. Well, he mustn't be. Later—oh, I'm not saying that he can't ever think of anything but his work. But if he's to get anywhere he can't—he can't do it with one arm around a girl."

His first recital came in November. "We'll catch 'em early," Leferters had said, "before the critics get musical indigestion from over-feeding."

house; and as he stood back in the shadows, listening, a look that was half smiling, half bitter, stole into his face. It was true. These people around him were being carried out of themselves, not by the mastery of those "tools of trade" whose perfect use he had taught to the young man up there, but by the subtle yet poignant feeling which found its thrill across the intangible cords of spirit stretching between people's souls.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. DAILY THOUGHT. Absence diminishes little passions and increases great ones, as the wind extinguishes the candle and fans the fire.—Le Rochefoucauld.

FARM NOTES. —Sheep supply two very essential war needs—meat and wool. During the winter they need special care. Their heavy coat will keep them warm provided it is dry, but if it becomes wet the animals will suffer from chills and sickness.