

A LITTLE WOMAN.

Perhaps you never knew her. She was only known to those who loved her...

AN INCIDENT OF WAR.

BY AN ENGLISHMAN.

The war which I refer to was not one of those which we have lately had upon our hands...

Towards noon on the day after one of the fiercest battles of the war, a young soldier was brought in from the battle field...

Alas there was no hope; but I had not speech to tell him so; for something was rising into my throat and choking me...

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"My poor, poor boy," she said; "a curse upon the hand that has brought you to this!"

To the amazement of all, there appeared to be something in this exclamation of his mother that stimulated the dying youth to a final effort of speech and motion.

"I had been in several hard fought fights, before, but they were all children's pastime compared with that of yesterday. No sooner had we come in sight of the enemy...

The scene at that moment it would not be easy to describe. In an instant the weeping mother's tears were dry and her face became passionless as marble.

"Yes," he continued, soliloquizing, "my own arm had slain him. Dear, darling brother Fred! I laid my face upon his, and it was cold—that face which in our boyhood seemed but the mirror of my own; ever near me—at home, at school, at meat, and at play—which laughed when I was glad, and wept when I was sorrowful."

And so he passed away—to join his brother, let us hope, in a land where bloom the flowers that never fade, where strifes and wars are unknown...

Reverence for the childless mother's grief, as well as the many voiced call of duty, prevented my making at the moment the inquiries which thronged my mind both as to the history of this strangely sorrow smitten family...

An Abused Language.

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