

C. W. Barron

Author of "THE AUDACIOUS WAR"

In 1914 Mr. Barron went to Europe soon after the breaking out of the war to find its causes and probable duration. His book, "The Audacious War," was the first to clearly set forth the Hohenzoltern ambitions and the world beace that must ultimately result from their defeat

When the Allies' fuel oil base in Mexico seemed andangored. Mr. Barron-went to Tampico to investigate the oil a tration. He found a larger probam and devoted himself to a study of the question of what would redeem Mexico. The result is dis book. "The Mexican Problem."

combed with it. We have been making laws for the protection of property and have forgotten that a man is more important than a dollar. It is inevitable that society should be tainted in the same way. I hope to live to see the day when we shall not measure a man's worth by the size of his bank account. Then we may be able to set up salons such as have made society in the old world interesting in the past. People will get together for an exchange of ideas instead

America." Miss Ames remarked with

some feeling. "Our political life is honey-

becomes familiar with many of the just grievances under which his fellows toil. Also he racets Sohmer, the workmen's leader, and the latter's flaming daughter, Greta. In the midst of a great strike in the rubber factory, young Landon works out his own salvation; he finds the woman he loves and needs and who needs and loves him. She is not the wealthy em-ployer, who, nevertheless, is seen as a real woman unspolled by her riches, and endowed with a saving common sense that permits her to realize that her erstwhile sweetheart had a vision of double signi-ficance when he opened the "inner door" whether for good or had, between his newest book and those which gave him his

"The Triumph." in which Will N. Harben inkes his yearly how to the reading world heren The author is writing on hearsay. e generally treats of a people and a sec-ion and a period which he personally move and understands. The picture of the Civil War South painted in "The Triumph" of unusually careful and accurate, but it seems, nevertheless, to lack much of the ducerity of the earlier works of Mr. Harben, among which "Abner Daniel" and "Pole Baker" are best remembered. Other-wise "The Triumph" la typically Harben and his admirers will and little difference.

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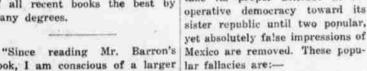
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does credit i their intelligence and holds out hope for the future." "I am hoping that the war will show

us the wickedness of worshiping the golden calf," Doctor McFabre remarked. "Yes, that and many other things," I "I am hoting that it will break suid. down many false standards and correct many wrong theo. les. This novel, into which the war obtrudes itself at the close, is written, I think, in the hope that it can do something to open the eyes of thoughtless people. For example, the elopement of which I spoke a little while ago involved a married woman and a former lover. The heroine, who is a party to its frustration, reminds the woman

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fter once getting acquainted with "Drew" and the rest of Mr. Harben's delightful haracterizations, the reader can hardly leip taking an interest in the piodding. Technical Books for Soldiers Lieuterant 75 R McKellar, of the Canadian machine gun service, has prepared a handbook on "Machine Gun Practice and Tacties" (Macmilian Company, New York), which is an excellent example of what auch THE TRIUMPH. By Will N. Harben, New York: Harper & Bros. \$1.40. a handbook should be. It covers every con-ceivable point in the briefest possible man-ner as an officer would give his orders. For example, in the chapter on the duties of the various members of a gun company this is all he has to say of the duties of one of

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ture of life in the trenches is vidid and duriling. One feels that it is authentic. Those who have read Empey should read Nobbs. Each supplements the other.

ON THE RIGHT OF THE BRITISH LINE. By Captain Gibert Nobbs, late L. R. B. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.25.

Two Charming Old Ladies

"The Little Gods Laugh," by Louise Maunsell Field, is a society story that dif-fers from the novels of Mr. Robert W. Chambers only in that the conversation is less frothy and lease extended. Outside of two very charming old iadies, the actors in the drama are generally unpleasant, the characterisations overdrawn and hectic. Indeed, the entire movel adopts the tone taken by so many recent hooks of a seem-ingly too radical and tee hysterical portisit of "high society," which is having its periodical season of attack and critician.

icawings and diagrams.

War Marriage as a Woman Sees It Since the war began many an English soldier has returned from the front to marry his bride and then return to the trenches. No such bride has told us what her feelings were during the brief honey-

flat

noon allowed, or how her heart was wrung at the separation, which might be forever, Hetty Hemenway, a Boston young woman and literary protege of Margaret Deland. has written a little story—her first one-in which she has attempted to draw a pic-ture of the bride and her emotions. She has done it with a skill worthy of an experienced novelist. It starts in the railroad station, where the girl awaits her lover's return, and it ends four days later when she bids him good-by with a brave smite. The author takes us to the welcome home, to the wedding; to the seaside where the ual of Bayonet Training," giving the regula-tions in force in the allied armies, ought to be studied in connection with the book young couple revel alone in the delight of each other's society; to the home again where the last evening is spent with the husband talking with his father while on bayonet fighting. Much useful informaon is contained in the book on "Field En-reichments," a manual of trench warfare, t is liberally illustrated with photographs, he longs to be with his wife, and while the wife finds it so difficult to wait for her husband that she goes out of the house and

looks at him through the window of the ilbrary. Miss Hemenway has a dramatic imagination and literary skill enough to produce in the reader the feelings which Over the Top With an Officer

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