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CHAPTER IX.—(Cont'd.)

"Then you have no sense of shame for what you have done?" "Shame?" laughed White man. "Shame in feeling that I have served the Fatherland?"

"What do you think about your action, then?" "I think what fools you all were and are," and Waterman laughed loudly. "I and others have laughed when you have played into our hands."

"Why, and here there was a touch of passion in his voice, 'your country is simply riddled with friends of Germany. Do you think that because a German became naturalized he ceases to be German?'"

"I think that you are a fool," said White man. "I suppose that'll be showing him around as though he was a prize turkey. Ay, but I am glad about this drinking order."

"Why?" "Because else all the lads in the town would be wanting to treat our Tom; they'd be proud to be seen with him, and they'd make him drink afore he knew where he was. Our Tom never could sup much beer w'out it goin' to his head."

"Our Tom has given up that sort of thing," replied Ezekiel. "I know, and that's enough," replied Ezekiel, thinking of Tom's last letter, which, by the way, he had never shown to his wife.

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THE TOWER OF BABEL. Description of This Most Interesting of Old-Time Structures.

The successful translation, within the last few years, of ancient Assyrian inscriptions (including writings on burnt-clay tablets) has made it possible to give a fair description of that most interesting of all the structures of antiquity, the Tower of Babel.

The Tower was a temple, only 130 feet high, but elevated upon an artificial terrace. It looked much higher than it was because the city of Babylon (of which it was a principal architectural ornament) was built in the midst of a great plain, so that there was nothing more lofty with which to compare it.

The first of the "skyscrapers" was built of sun-dried brick, with only an outer facing of burned brick. All of the buildings of Babylon, not excepting the royal palace, were constructed of this material.

The Tower had seven stories, the lowest one being 272 feet square. In all likelihood it was crowned by an observatory, for astronomical purposes. The priests of ancient Babylon had quite a matter of knowledge of astronomy; but from their point of view, the most important use of the science was for the prediction

of future events. They were astrologists, and such alleged information as they could obtain from the heavens was utilizable in their business.

The Tower was filled with golden statues and other treasures. It was a religious museum. So marvelous it was that the tongues of men were confused in trying to describe it.

The Babylon of those days was the most populous city in the world; it had 2,000,000 inhabitants. It covered an area twice that of London to-day—the Elphrates running through its middle—and was surrounded by a wall fifty-five miles in length.

SEASHELLS FOR WINDOWS. Used Instead of Glass in Humble Philippine Dwellings.

One curious thing noted in the Philippines is the use by natives of shells in lieu of windowglass.

There is a bivalve mollusk, native to the waters of that part of the world, which has a shell seven or eight inches in diameter, so thin as to be translucent. It is plentiful and costs nothing. Glass is expensive.

Accordingly, the poorer Filipinos use the shells for window panes in their humble dwellings. Windows made of them admit as much light as is needed, and if a pane is broken it can be replaced offhand without a penny's worth of expense.

Nature's food for the very young and the very old is milk.

Domestic Science at Home. Twenty-Second Lesson—Canning Fruits.

Wild fruits formed an important part of primitive man's diet. They were easily obtainable then, but civilization has destroyed many of these wild fruits, except in the forest and mountain regions, so that at present only fruits known to us are all cultivated with the exception of huckleberries.

Of late years modern methods have eliminated from the house much of the drudgery and work that were formerly considered most necessary for the successful canner. It is now possible to know the value of canning, preserving, pickling and jellymaking, have absorbed this work and made it into a massive business.

They handle the foods direct from the farms, so that the housewife has saved her time and most important air trip from her.

The constant advancing prices of food supplies have caused the prudent housewife to view the market with materiality, if she is to save time and trouble of canning her fruits and vegetables.

Economy and thrift are not merely a matter of money, but rather of the successful use of materials within our reach. Economy in the home means not only carefulness and watchfulness, but also planning and buying; also using labor-saving devices combined with skillful handling of foods; using up-to-date methods and reliable tools and the judgment to mail one's self quickly of opportunities.

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MUSIC AT HOME

Related By Harry Lauder. "When I was across in France seeing the boys," said Harry Lauder, "I often thanked the inventor of the talking machine for not having lived in yain. A record out yonder, where the mud is much deeper than even in the streets of dear old Glasgow on the worst winter day, a record brings back the sniff of the hills, the wee hingle neuk, and days o' auld lang syne. It's graun, I'm tellin' ye! What an invention! Voices o' loved ones always wif' you; sangs o' the homeland, the mountain and glen to inspire you, to fill your heart and strengthen your arm. Aye, the talking machine is a thinking machine, and the thoughts that it inspires are pleasant thoughts, thoughts o' home and the dea, ones left behind."

Such is Harry Lauder's description of music among the men at the front in an interview with the London Photo-Record shortly after his return from a recent visit to the western front. "I'll tell you a wee story," he proceeded in his own hawky, and amiable way, "an' it's no' a made-up yin, min' I'm telling ye! This is a story of how a gramophone bucked up the gallant soldiers o' a gallant Scottish regiment. The day's duties had been long and arduous, and for hours and hours the Jocks had been under a fierce bombardment—without a rest, and without a halt. Then day gave way to night. Shells were continually bursting; Lazy Lizzies, Whistling Willies ad' at the rest o' the devil's messengers. Now the rain came on. Sheets and sheets o' it; rain that looked as if it never would stop, and made one wonder where it all came from. Even the trenches were flooded. That night passed, and at dawn the Germans were scattered and new positions were taken. But still it rained."

Harry at this stage quickly chuckled, puffed away at his pipe, and went on. "Several hours later the boys were relieved, and tramped miles back to their rest camp—amped mud to the knees all the road, and with the water streaming down their necks and squelching in their boots. It was evening before they arrived at the place where warm, warm clothing, and a good dry bed awaited them, but, man, even before a helmet was doffed one o' the Jocks made for the company gramophone. He slipped on a record, wound up the

machine, and started it a going. And the discomforts of the past thirty hours were sent into oblivion with the machine calmly churred out, "When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day."

Her Gift. Her eyes, her mouth, her chin, strangely small. Her very hands, in such frail likeness made, That one caress it seems might crush them all. And so I gaze and wonder, afraid. So wee a gift—yet wealth of many lands. Could never buy it in the richest mart! So frail a gift—and yet those hands Take mighty hold upon two human hearts! —Burgess Johnson.

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