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**TWO GOOD BOOKS.**  
A Letter of Appreciation For Same.  
Recently through the kindness of two good-hearted souls, who realize pleasure is doubled by sharing with others, I have had the enjoyment that comes from reading a worth while book. My shekels for buying books for my own reading are few and far between. All mine have gone into school books and I wish heartily that I did not feel like there was graft somewhere in that business of changing school books—but this I do know, we were certainly confronted with a nice state of affairs in Laurens county, when having stated the books would be exchanged! But—don't let's get off on that sad and minor chord, but I tell you how really worth while "Adventures in Friendship", by Daniel Greyson is:  
An old farmer up in Maine that goes in and out his little farm working with his own hands and making friends with all he comes in contact with. So eager was I to begin reading the book which was handed me by a genial ex-doctor, but now a handler of the coin of the realm, that while my horse was being hitched up I scanned the first chapter and giggled outright—for it dealt with agents!  
Two men who were assiduously playing checkers in front of the livery stable stopped a moment and eyed me askance, as if, perchance, I might be subject for an asylum!  
You who read this and are fond of reading, now that the Christmas times are here, get "Adventures in Friendship", build up a cherry wood fire, "the world forgetting and by the world forgot" spend a pleasant hour up in snow-bound Maine with an honest old farmer, seeing beauty, comfort and daily enjoyment in good, old-fashioned, common-placed things of life.  
You will be the better for it and when you have finished pass it on to some one like me whose shekels are few for buying books. Not long since an Adventurer in Friendship came to me. All my life long I have tried to eat tomatoes and to honestly say I like them, but till this came my way I could not.  
When the good Baptist women met in their annual W. M. U., one of the sisters came to me, "Aunt Kate, do let me help you to these nice sliced tomatoes, I know you are fond of them". "N-o-o", I slowly answered (how I did wish I could gushingly say, "How delightful! I certainly do.") "I know it is fashionable, but I have never learned to like tomatoes, yet." She beamed at me through her specs as though she was seeing me for the first time. "Is that so? Neither have I and I am glad to find company." And we both giggled.  
But in the late fall there came to me from a schoolmate of L. F. C. days one half-dozen Ponderosa tomatoes and I verily believe (with the help of a little sugar) I am going to like tomatoes in my old age.  
Little woman up near Rabun (for she assures me she reads every line I write) let's you and me, in the early spring, get us a package of Ponderosa seed and see if we can't get into fashionable society via, tomatoes!  
The other book referred to is a book of poems, "A Heap o' Livin'", by Edgar A. Guest. A lady in the city of Laurens, noted for her culture, met me not long since and said, "Aunt Kate, I have a book of poems I'm sure you'd like to read," and she sent it to me. I was a little afraid it was in the Miltonic order, and ha dit been, I'm frank to confess, it would have been too deep for me. I was happily disappointed—just plain, simple poetry of everyday things, told in a jingly way appealing to me. I like poetry that rhymes with a swing and a lift to it and you surely have it in "A Heap o' Livin'".  
I'm going to quote a few lines from some of the poems I liked best and you can then say with me if the heart be the judge, "This is true poetry".  
**The Finer Thought.**  
How fine it is at night to say  
"I have not wronged a soul today"  
It is a finer, nobler thought,  
When day has done and night is brought,  
If man can stand in truth and say:  
"I have been useful here today"  
And on the smile I leave behind  
Is one who says, I have been kind.

Then in the poem called, "It takes a Heap o' Livin' in a House to Call it Home" is a sentiment that appeals to the hearts of all who read  
"Home ain't a place that gold can buy or get up in a minute,  
Afore it's home there's got to be a heap o' livin' in it—  
You've got to love each brick and stone from cellar up to dome;  
It takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it home.  
"The Happier Days" is one that takes hold of the heart of men whose heads have been whitened by the snow of years. It is equal in every respect to the "Barefoot Boy"—the piece

that was recited so long and faithfully at Rosedale beginning: "Blessings on thee, little man". The author touches the heart of all America in "The March of the War" and many a heart throbs in sympathy in "We little thought how much they meant—the bleeding hearts of France;  
The war was oh! so distant then,  
The grief so far away,  
We couldn't see the weeping eyes or hear the women pray;  
We couldn't sense the weight of woe that rested in that land,  
But now our boy is called to go, today we understand.  
Little woman down Hopewell way who thanked me for telling her of "Aunt Jane of Kentucky", if you like poems add "A Heap o' Livin'" to your list.  
And now as this is possibly the last letter I shall write this year for your readers, dear Advertiser, let me thank you and all who have been kind to me in the year 1917—for the loan of these two books, for the kind words of appreciation that often come to me. In the words of the author so often quoted above:  
"I'm wishing at this Christmas time that I could but repay  
A fortune of the gladness you have shown along the way;  
And could I have one wish this year,  
This only it would be—  
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me".

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**KIDNAPER OF BABY KEETS CONFESSES**  
Claude Piersol Makes Confession Implicating Number of Others in Plot. Series of Kidnapping Plots Had Been Planned.  
Springfield, Mass., Dec. 22—Claude C. Piersol, who was recently sentenced to serve thirty-five years in the Missouri prison for the abduction of baby Lloyd Keet, and now is charged with the infant's murder, has made a confession to Sheriff Ward Mackey, of Webster county, the sheriff announced tonight. The confession implicated several persons now under arrest and others who have been mentioned from time to time.  
The kidnapped child died of poisoning, according to Piersol's alleged confession, a drug having been administered by one "Riley" to put the child to sleep and keep it quiet. Riley is named by Piersol as the leader of the gang and the man who plotted the abduction, but he says a man now under arrest under the name of Riley and held for the Springfield authorities is not the right Riley.  
According to the signified confession, Piersol admits his part in the abduction, but says it was Riley who climbed into the window of the Keet home and took the baby. Riley handed the child to Dick Carter, according to Piersol, and the latter gave it to a woman, a member of the band. Piersol took an active part in the abduction, he admits, but declares he at no time touched the child. He was stationed at the Keet home, he says, with Cletus Adams, Maxie Adams, Dick Carter and others he named who are not now under arrest.  
The baby was taken to the deserted Crenshaw house on a country road outside of Springfield and there, the confession continues, Piersol took food for the child and guards the next day.  
Piersol denies knowledge of the death of the child until after his arrest. In the confession he says a member of the kidnapping band not under arrest called on him at the county jail and told him of the administration of the poison and the resultant death of the baby.  
"Riley is going to throw it in the well at the Crenshaw place," he said the visitor told him.  
Maxie Adams, 17 years old charged with the attempt to kidnap C. A. Clement and recently released from jail, was the first person to be arrested as the result of Piersol's confession. Twelve persons, including Maxie Adams and Taylor Adams, held at Marshfield and charged with the kidnapping are implicated in the abduction by the confession and warrants have been issued for several.  
The confession alleges other abduction plots were contemplated by the gang. It was planned to kidnap J. Holland Keet, father of the kidnapped child, at the time he paid the \$5,000 ransom, Piersol said, and Ed. L. Sanford, vice-president of the Holland Banking Company, was also marked as a victim.

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Dec. 10th, 1917. O. G. THOMPSON,  
Judge of Probate L. C.

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