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TWO SOLDIERS.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—In a recruiting office in the "Queen City" Lieut. Fred Lane, U. S. A., receives two letters—one informing him of his appointment to the rank of captain, the other a brief note from Mabel Vincent.

CHAPTER VI.



"Miss Mabel says please excuse pencil."

In the three days that followed the transfer of funds and property at the recruiting rendezvous...

Poor Lane, on the contrary, was nearly worrying his heart out. He had gone to the Vincents' the very evening on which he had seen the father of the family...

"I am very, very sorry," stammered the captain. "Please say that Mr. Lane called they had known him so well for two months as Mr. Lane that he could not yet refer to himself by his new title."

"Do get well by Saturday at latest. I cannot go without seeing you, F. L." said the florist, as he came forward with the box in his hand.

And when he got back to the house the light was still burning in the window in the second story, and the doctor had just left, said the sympathetic Abigail, and had said it was nothing serious or alarming.

and was measurably comforted by the news that Miss Mabel was much better, though still confined to her room. Would he not come in? Mrs. Vincent was out, but she thought—did that most intelligent young woman, Miss Ann—

"How good you are to me!" she wrote. "The flowers were—and are still—exquisite. I shall be down stairs a little while to-morrow afternoon, if the doctor is good to me as you are. Then I can thank you, can I not?"

"I meant to have telephoned and begged you to bear me out, old man," said he, "but this thing was sprung on me after I got home. Count Mattie simply ordered me to go to the front in my war coat, and I had to do it. You are to go to dinner with her by the way; and I wish you were en grande tenue instead of in civilian spike tail. Here's Amos."

"You did not hear my name, I know," she had said to him. "I am Miss Marshall, a very distant connection of Mrs. Withers, the teacher of her younger children, and the merest kind of an accident at this table. Miss Finkler was compelled to send me home at the last moment, and so I was detailed—'isn't that your soldier expression?'—to fill the gap."

"I had a cousin in the artillery some years ago, and visited his wife when they were stationed at the old barracks across the river. There's no one there now, I believe. Count Mattie is talking about some Indian campaigns."

"Noel is very entertaining," was the reply; and the dark gray eyes looked unflinchingly into the challenge of the dark brown.

"There! I did not mean to tax your loyalty to a regimental command, captain; you see you need not answer. Capt. Noel is a very interesting man, especially because of his intense individuality and his entire conviction that he carries his listeners with him."



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