

Bowser's Handkerchiefs

He Would Give Away a Million to the Soldiers

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On coming up to the sitting room after dinner Mr. Bowser went directly to the library and closed the door. He was in there for about an hour, and when he came out his looks showed that he had something very important on his mind. He carried to his hand a yard of cambric which he had bought at a store as he came home.

"Well, what is it?" queried Mrs. Bowser.

"My dear," replied Mr. Bowser, "you know that I am an American and a patriot to the backbone?"

"Yes."

"You know that one of my grandfathers fell at Bunker Hill and the other at Yorktown?"

"No, I did not know it," said Mrs. Bowser. "But I'll take your word for it. You had forgotten to speak about it."

Mr. Bowser got red in the face and bristled up a bit, but finally concluded to hold on to himself, and he therefore went on:

"There is nothing prouder about me, I yielded for liberty, freedom and the American eagle. I am for the president."



"Send Them to the Quartermaster at Washington."

dent; I am for the country; I am for war; I am for the soldiers and sailors."

"Yes, I know you are," was Mrs. Bowser's comment.

"I have bought Liberty bonds and other bonds, and I have subscribed to the Red Cross funds and other funds. I should have enlisted in the army or navy months ago, if I had not been too old. Mrs. Bowser, your husband stands forth as one of the great living patriots of America."

"But are you going to make a white flag of peace of that cambric?" she asked.

"Flag of peace?" he echoed, in tones of contempt. "Not by a darned sight! I am for flags of war instead. You think about two cents apiece will be nearer the war than you notice. Mr. Bowser, that the handkerchiefs will have to be cut from the cloth. Did you expect me to take a pair of shears and cut it myself?"

Mr. Bowser did not reply. He simply looked uneasy.

"The printing Mr. Bowser, the printing! Have you got any estimate on that?"

Mr. Bowser had no estimate.

"I should have thought of trucking, and how are you going to get them to the soldiers?"

"Why, I can send them to the quartermaster at Washington, and he will give them out with the uniforms."

"Don't be too sure of that, Mr. Bowser. The government has never provided the army with such fancy kerchiefs or cough drops or chewing gum, and probably never will. Hadn't you better try some other plan to show how brave soldiers that you are their friend?"

Bowser rose up. He had a terrible look on his face. He gasped and he gulped, and he held his arms. Finally the words came:

"Mrs. Bowser, I am no patriot. My grandfathers did not fall at Bunker Hill or Yorktown. I am not an American. I don't care a hang for the Star-Spangled Banner and the screaming eagle, and you ought to blame for it! Yes, you are to blame! In your cold-blooded way you have made me a traitor to my country. Good night, Mrs. Bowser, you may never see me again."

With that the ex-patriot went down the hall and clapped on his hat and banged the front door after him, and he did not reappear until three o'clock in the morning. Then he got softly into bed and began to snore as only a patriot can.

His wife, Mrs. Bowser, the handkerchief question, but was still for war on the right side. And Mrs. Bowser was very sorry that she had hurt his feelings.



"Every Soldier Will Pull Out His Handkerchiefs!"

could not guess in a month what I am going to do with this cambric. What does a soldier or a sailor in camp or at the front need most?"

"Why, why, he needs so many things that it is hard to say what he needs the most."

"Then I will show you," said Mr. Bowser, as he folded the cambric so as to make four squares of it, each one a handkerchief of good size.

"Yes, a soldier needs handkerchiefs, and you are going to buy some as presents?" queried Mrs. Bowser.

"That is just what I am going to do, and I want you to help me a little. Will these handkerchiefs be about the right size?"

"I want the soldiers and sailors to know that I am their friend. When these handkerchiefs are cut and attached I shall take them to the printer and have a lot of printing done. One side of the handkerchiefs will have the Stars and Stripes floating around. There will also be the words: 'From Samuel Bowser to a Soldier or a Sailor Under the Flag.' The other side will have the words: 'Keep your face to the foe.'"

"That will be nice," smiled Mrs. Bowser.

"On the other side of the handkerchiefs will be printed the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. The soldier will be all the braver and braver on reading these things over."

PARIS AGAIN GAY, CLOTHES CHANGE

New York.—Among the accumulated glooms in the war news there are lighter moments, and one of these is the undoubted improvement of what might be called the general atmosphere of Paris. Every arrival from that city, every fashion letter, even the more serious chronicles, speak of the intangible change which has come over the municipal consciousness. Apparently, nothing is changed; yet in the restaurants and hotels the menus are more appetizing; the diners are gayer; the theaters are fuller and the pieces played there are more interesting and better mounted. At the opera, at the conferences of fashionable lecturers, at the few concerts, at all the places where society gathers, the same story of better dressing, of increased interest in clothes and all that pertains to them, of the discreet reappearance of jewelry, is told by so many witnesses that we are forced by mere weight of numbers to believe them.

Paris, itself wonders. But make inquiries as to the reason, and after more or less deliberation you will receive the same old-fashioned answer, America is responsible.

The American troops are paid on a scale that would turn a French war minister white with horror. Besides, many of the brand-new officers now wearing Uncle Sam's uniform are men with bank accounts which would be rejected even in the streets of New York. Put any American with money in his pocket in Paris, and his impulse is to spend it and keep on spending it. Wearing brown coats and a flannel shirt isn't going to alter that instinct. It's too deep-seated.

The visiting American officer goes to the theater, of course, though up

fronted with a large crowd of work done in worsted in the front.

fortunately he is apt to be a little deaf in his French ear. But his eyes are kept enough; and by all accounts he gets his money's worth optimally if not orally. When the stage, at least, though the prohibition still extends to the audience. However, we are told that the Parisienne is feeling so much happier that she makes one thickness of tulle full evening dress every week.

The demi-toilette, however, is nothing new to France. There has always been a certain popularity for this type of gown in Paris, and worn with a hat, it was often seen at the theater or at restaurant or hotel dinners before the war.

Paris Again Gay.

Some of the recent first nights in Paris have been signaled by the wearing of exceedingly good clothes.

FLORAL AND FRUIT EFFECTS

Barries, Cherries and Strawberries, in Dull Finish, Most Frequently Noted in Trimmings.

In a season that is noteworthy for color, it is expected that floral and fruit effects will receive widespread recognition, says the French Economist. The fruits for the most part are in natural effect, but with a dull finish.

Barries, cherries and strawberries are most frequently noted.

In flowers, the bicolor flat effects in fur or in thinness of lining are, perhaps the novelties of the season. There are, however, a great many very handsome flowers in silk and wool which are almost invariably rich in color and flat in effect, so that they can be applied flatly on the surface of the hat.

With fruits and flowers, handbags, streamers and loops of ribbon are frequently employed. The narrow grosgrain are the leading favorite, but wide taffeta trims and velvet ribbons are fairly well represented. For all

HAIRDRESSING STYLES VARY

Prevailing Modes of the Moment Are Modern and Are Most Becoming of Many Years.

So much of a woman's prettiness depends upon the way she fixes her hair, that it seems a pity so few women really understand the most becoming style for their special type.

Of course, fashions in hair dressing vary a few years ago they were wearing it down into their eyes, then they cut it straight, and the next thing was a back style that was harsh and trying to most faces. At the moment the prevailing style is moderate, and the most becoming of all, and it is long of like your own hair, to run to many changes.

So you can do your hair whichever way you choose, and feel quite safe on the side of fashion.

A girl with a receding chin should never wear a low-padded knot, for it emphasizes the low chin line. With curly curls, a small crown with a crown made entirely of the narrowest width of grosgrain ribbon crocheted and placed on a straw brim.

Children's Bonnet.

In the dressier types of children's hats the tiny poke is enjoying its usual success.

In its newest forms the edges of the brim at the sides are folded back about an inch, while the portion that extends over the forehead has something of a visor appearance.

This latter style is rather more mature, by the way.

Silk for Summer.

Silk and satin suits will no doubt come into their own again next summer. The scarcity and high prices of wool material no doubt are the cause, but women are glad of the opportunity to wear such thoroughgoing material and feel fashionably dressed at the same time.

Attractive Sleeveless Jacket.

Sea gull gray is used to face the fronts and adjustable band throat collar on a purple sleeveless jacket, the cushions of which are decorated with a prettily tacking front and back together. The waistline, side openings remaining on the straight line skirt section, if it may be called that.

Crown of Crocheted Ribbon.

Many ribbons are used on hats for early spring. A small crown with a crown made entirely of the narrowest width of grosgrain ribbon crocheted and placed on a straw brim.

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