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## EUROPEAN ARMIES STARVING THE SCHOOLS.



WHAT EUROPEAN POWERS SPEND FOR MILITARISM AND FOR EDUCATION.

When the Turkish soldiers in Asia Minor sack and burn the schools people are horrified at their sad lack of civilization, but a French writer comes forward to remind us just at this time that the so-called civilized nations are robbing the schools to support their soldiers, which comes to about the same thing. If a man spent five times as much for guns as for his children's schooling he would be considered a lunatic or a desperado, yet it appears that this is precisely what the powers of Europe are doing. The Paris review, Mon Dimanche, says:

"France spends about five times as much on her army

as she does on the intellectual training of her children. Germany gives to educational purposes one-third of the amount she devotes to military purposes. In Austria and Russia the proportion between school and caserne expenditure is as two to nine. Italy spends upon her army nine times as much as she devotes to public education. Belgium is exemplary in that her military and education budget stand as eight to four. The only exception to this rule of priority in military expenditure is Switzerland, which devotes twice as much to the education of her children as she lays out on the purchase of powder and shot and the pay of her defenders.

### THE STRUGGLE

Say not, the struggle naught availeth,  
The labor and the wounds are vain,  
The enemy faints not, nor falleth,  
And as things have been they remain.

If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;  
It may be, in you smoke concealed,  
Your comrades chase e'en now the fiend,  
And but for you possess the field.

For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,  
Seem here no painful inch to gain,  
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,  
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

And not by eastern windows only,  
When daylight comes, comes in the light;  
In front, the sun climbs, how slowly,  
But westward, look, the land is bright.  
—Arthur Hugh Clough.

### Humble Pie

"I overheard the offer my father made you. You think the device is worth more?"  
"Very much more."  
"I have some money lying idle, Mr. Andrus, money I would be glad to invest. It is my own, left me by my Grandfather Atwood. Will you wait, please—let me buy an interest in your device?"

The young man's face flushed. He stared at her.

"You are quite in earnest about this?" he murmured.

"Your question is not complimentary," said the girl. "I am in earnest, however, and assure you that the investigation conducted by my lawyer will be a painstaking one. Does that meet with your approval?"

"Thoroughly," he quickly answered. "But is it possible that you really mean all this?"

"At 10 o'clock to-morrow morning you will be at the law office of John Dalafield, in the Cranston building. Mr. Dalafield is my adviser and holds my legacy in trust for me. I will notify him of your coming. Is that understood?"

She watched him narrowly.

"Yes," he answered, "unless I wake up and find this is all a dream."

"I trust," she gravely said, "that you will not forget our verbal understanding. If your device can be shown up to the full satisfaction of my adviser you are to sell me a half interest in the Andrus transmitter for \$20,000 cash. Is this your understanding?"

He was quite overwhelmed by her directness.

"That is my understanding," he answered. "Shall I put it on paper?"

She shook her pretty head.

"This is a test transaction," she said. "You have faith in your device and I have faith in you."

It was a year later and Everett Carter sat before the blazing hearth log. But the rheumatic leg was no longer resting on the cushioned stool.

A soft footfall drew his attention. "Come in, Florence," he called.

The girl came and sat by his side on the low stool.

"Hullo, daddy," she said. She rested her brown head against his arm.

"Well, dearie?"

His hand lovingly stroked the brown hair.

"Feeling pretty good, daddy?"

"Yes, dearie?"

"No twinges?"

"Not for a long time." They watched the crackling blaze. "You didn't eat much dinner, daddy."

"Didn't it?"

"I'm quite sure you didn't." He laughed.

"Perhaps the humble pie I ate today spoiled my appetite."

"Humble pie, daddy?"

"I guess that's what they call it."

"Tell me about it."

He laughed again.

"It doesn't put your daddy in a very flattering light. But I'll tell you about it. I had an appointment this afternoon with a certain party at your old friend Dalafield's. I was a little early

in getting there—I wanted to ask Dalafield some questions."

"Yes, daddy."

"Well, the certain party—"

"The man you were to meet?"

"Yes. He's a young man. His name is Andrus."

"That's it, Robert Andrus. He wasn't there when I arrived, and that gave Dalafield an opportunity to tell me about him. If Dalafield is right, he's a remarkable worthy young fellow—straight, honest and fine as silk. What's the matter, dearie?"

"The fire makes my face burn, daddy. I'll move a little back."

"Perhaps you don't care for the story?"

"Oh, yes, daddy, go on."

"Well, the funny part of it is that I once turned this same young fellow down cold. It happened one day when I was home here with the misery in my leg. And there I was in Dalafield's office, keeping an appointment with the very same youngster."

"Go on, daddy."

"The boy had perfected a valuable device, a transmitter of a remarkably ingenious type. He brought it to me. He thought the Carter Motor Company could use it. I knew it was a good thing the instant I looked at it. But you know, daddy isn't exactly himself when the rheumatism nips him."

"I know, daddy."

"Well, I gave him to understand that we didn't want his device. But I offered to buy it from him and destroy it. He wouldn't sell. Somehow

satisfied with this promise. And that, dearie, is what I call eating humble pie—and lots of it."

"There was a little silence."

"Daddy," said the girl, "I want your advice."

"But I know nothing about hats or gowns."

She softly laughed.

"It's a money matter this time, daddy. I bought a half interest in a manufacturing plant a year ago and I've been offered 400 per cent profit on my investment if I sell out."

The old man stared down at her.

"That sounds good. What's the plant called?"

"The girl hesitated."

"It's the Andrus Transmitter Company, daddy."

"What?"

"Yes, daddy, I'm the partner who must be consulted."

"You!"

"Yes, daddy. What do you advise me to do?"

"Let me get my breath, you rascal!"

"All right, daddy. Take your time." She looked toward the door. "Robert!" she called. And Robert Andrus entered the room. "Here is my partner, daddy."

The old man stared at the newcomer.

"Well, well," he muttered.

"And, daddy, Robert's price has gone up. I—I found it out this afternoon. He wants me, too!"

The old man stared from Robert to the girl. Her arm stole around his neck.

"Say it's all right, daddy."

He sank back with a sigh of resignation.

"More humble pie," he murmured. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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About our darned old chronic rheumatism.

But let us pay the doctor by the week. As we pay for our furniture and fixtures.

And maybe we the druggist need not seek So often, for those queer prescription mixtures.

—Indianapolis News.



"TELL ME ABOUT IT."

I felt sure he would come back and accept my offer. I was positive he couldn't get the capital he needed to start a plant and manufacture the thing—and that's where I was wrong. Somebody let him have the money."

"Who was it, daddy?"

"I don't know. But the plant was built and proved a good thing from the very start. The boy found a market for his invention almost immediately, and the little factory has been working right up to its limit. It got me scared some time ago. And I was still more scared when I heard that the National Engine Company wanted the factory's entire output. The Carter-Motor Company couldn't stand by and let that happen. And so I was there in your old friend's office, prepared to arrange a deal with this gifted youngster. Well, he came in presently—a fine looking lad, manly and scrupulously polite. He really seemed glad to see me—which might be wondered at. Well, I made up my mind in less than no time that there was nothing to be gained by beating about the bush, and so I came right out and offered him \$200,000 for his plant and his patents, and, in addition to this, the position of manager of our works with a \$10,000 salary."

The girl suddenly laughed.

"Why, that was fine, daddy. And what did the gifted young man do?"

"The gifted young man never turned a hair. If he was surprised at my offer he carefully concealed the fact. He thanked me, but added that he would be guided entirely by his partner, who owns a half interest in the factory and patents. He promised to let me know his partner's decision very soon, and I had to be

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