



HUSBAND GONE—SONS GONE— HOME AND RELATIVES GONE

A Fact Story Telling Just What the Red Cross
Did for Mme. Pellier.

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This is the picture I saw last January in France,—and you have mercifully changed it! Color enough there was—above, the eternal blue; in the background, fields of living green, which the German shells could not prevent from creeping back; in the middle foreground, a long village street so battered and burned that it was merely a canyon of cream-colored ruins. In front of one little broken house were four figures in black—an old woman, poking among the fallen stones in a vain search for something that could be used; a younger woman, seated on what had once been a doorstep, with her face hidden in her arms; and a little boy and girl, who stared, half frightened, half curious, at the desolation about them. The little boy held in his thin hand a Red Cross flag. All four were pale and gaunt; the faces and bodies of the children showed none of the round curves that make the beauty of a child.

This is their history: When the war broke out, Mme. Pellier, her mother and her four younger children were visiting her husband's mother in the north of France. Her husband and two elder sons were at home in Lorraine taking care of the summer crops. Then the war! The mother-in-law of Mme. Pellier was ill and could not be left. Her old mother was afraid to travel to Lorraine with the full care of the four children. Before they could all start together the Germans invaded. Bad news is allowed to come into northern France, and so as the months passed Mme. Pellier learned that her village home had been bombarded and that her husband and two sons had been killed. Except for the Belgian Relief Commission, which operates in northern France also, she and her little ones would have starved outright. At the best they were undernourished. Then the great push began, and hopes for France grew high. But as the French soldiers advanced they had to bombard the northern towns. Mme. Pellier begged the Germans to let her go away with her children—even into Germany. This was refused. She tried to seek safety in some cellar whenever there was a bombardment. Nevertheless a shell killed two of her children.

Found Her Home Gone.

Home gone; husband gone; brave soldier sons gone; little, tender boys torn into shreds! That woman's face would have shown you what she had suffered—her face against the battered ruins the Germans had made. At last she and her mother and her two remaining children were repatriated. They knew the infinite relief of cross-

ing into Switzerland and then into Haute-Savoie. From there they went to Lorraine. Mme. Pellier hoped that, even though her village had been bombarded, her home might have escaped. She found nothing except her bare fields.

You changed that picture, you Americans, who can never be bombarded, who can never lose through war five out of the seven dearest to you. It was not your husband and children who died; not your wife who was widowed; not your little ones who came back, bony and tubercular, to a home that had vanished. Not yours, but only the grace of accident saved you; not yours, but it might have been and so you changed the picture. You could not build up with your own hands that heap of stones into a home, nor till the fields, nor bring Mme. Pellier back to hope and the children back to health. But through the Red Cross you saved the remnants of that family that had suffered as you might have suffered.

Things the Red Cross Did.

You took the mother of Mme. Pellier to a Red Cross hospital to be treated for anaemia. You took the little girl, who was in the first stages of tuberculosis, to a Red Cross sanitarium. You found a place which could be made habitable for Mme. Pellier near her fields which she was anxious to till. You gave her clothes and furniture; you got her seeds; you lent her implements. You sent a visiting doctor to watch over her health and that of her little boy. You sent nurses, who achieved the mighty victory of making her and the child take baths. Later you persuaded her to let him go to a refuge not far away where he might attend school and where she could often visit him. Through the help of your Red Cross hope and courage and ambition have come back to that woman, and she is rebuilding her family life. The biggest thing one human being can do for another you, if you are a helper of the Red Cross, have done for that mother.

Red Cross! I saw its work everywhere in France—in fields and in blasted villages; in hospitals and schools and clinics; in refuges and vestiarles for widows and orphans and for the sick children of soldiers fighting to keep you safe from the enemy.

This symbol of help has a double meaning now for Americans, who have always taken for granted the blessing of safety. It stands for your willingness to pay the price of exemption, of pity, of sympathy. A bitter, black road this road of war, but across it, like a beacon of hope, you have flung the Red Cross.

HE GAVE HIS SHIRT OFF HIS BACK

How an Italian Officer Traveling on Train
Helped a New Born Baby.

One of the ways to say that a man is good hearted is to descend to expressive Americanese slang and say "he'd give you his shirt."

A young Italian officer did exactly that—gave the shirt off his back to a baby just born. It was during a flight of the Italian refugees just after the Italian army had been tricked by the Austrians.

Here's the story:

An Italian officer, who had been a volunteer worker at the station when the crush came through, walked into the American Red Cross office at Bologna, Italy, and told of a poor young woman who had given birth to a baby on the train in which he was riding a few nights previously. They had been riding for over 16 hours, and the

wretchedly poor and disheartened mother had been jammed in with the hundreds of other frightened Italians on the same train. Hungry, tired and miserable and in a frightfully weakened condition, she had scarcely sufficient clothes for herself, not to speak of properly caring for a newborn babe. The young officer stripped himself of his shirt, and there among this frightened, half starved, forlorn crowd the poor Italian infant was wrapped in its first body covering.

Mother and babe were afterwards nursed back to health, clothed and looked after by the American Red Cross. And this is only one small, isolated incident among thousands that come under the working of the Red Cross.

FULL MAN-SIZED HAM SANDWICH

What Ten Minutes for Refreshments Means in
Modern War.

Think of what refreshments mean "over there." Think of the Sammie or the Pella coming out of the trenches with a thirty-six hour leave of absence, getting aboard the train or motor on the L. O. C.—the Line of Communication between the front and the rear. Think of these tired fellows

stopping ten minutes for refreshments at a Red Cross Canteen.

Think of a big cup of hot coffee and a wealth of man-sized ham sandwiches served by the Red Cross—women with the joy of service in their eyes. Think of ten minutes for refreshments within sound of the guns—such refreshments served by such women. Did ever a weary lad have such refreshments? Did ever a cup of coffee and a sandwich taste so good?

It is service like this, the supplying of "food that's got a honey taste" at a time when a man's spirits are likely to be at lowest ebb, that moved a Commanding General of the American Forces to write on December 30: "The extent of the work of the Red Cross is only limited by the number of members it has and the amount of funds available for its use."

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Novelty Designs and Plain Colors in
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and Very Specially Priced at
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