

ting down near the spot where the
iron had been bared, he began to sho

It was not long before he uncovered the top of an oblong sheet iron box trunk about three feet long by two feet wide. Scooping the earth away from before the lock, he looked abo-

for a stone with which to break open; but, testing it, he found that was not locked. Lifting the cover, saw a sight that surprised him. Lowering the lid, he kicked the dirt over again and, making his way out of the hole, went back to his place among

What he had found in the box were the valuables usually contained in the home of a rich man. Such as were not too bulky to go into the limited space.

Keeping his secret, George the next day borrowed a needle and thread and remnants of cloth and began to make pockets in his garments, though they were rather baggy. When night came

He returned to the hole and, uncovering the box, removed much of the contents, which he placed in his pocket. He did not need a light; the sense touch was quite enough. He could only take the smaller articles, the ot-

One day Ellen Barry was washing the breakfast dishes when, looking out through the window beside her, she

... saw a man coming in at the gate. He was well dressed, one sleeve being pinned to his coat front. When he came nearer she recognized her lover. Running to the door, she threw her arms about his neck, while he embraced her.

"Oh, George!" she exclaimed ruefully, looking at the empty sleeve.

"I've got something for it," he said. "Come into the house and I'll tell you all about it."

When he had told her what has been

"When I opened the box I saw once that some one, doubtless in view of an army coming, had put the family valuables in it and, taking it to the base of the tree from which I was

picking off Germans, had buried there, intending to recover it after the war. There was gold plate and local jewels. On my second visit I took the jewels, leaving the gold plate. The owner had buried his treasure five feet under ground, not dreaming that

"The jewels I have brought back with me, only having turned into cash those I needed for expenses. I doubt they are more than a fraction in value of what remains in the box. When t

war ends I shall return to France and see if I can find the owner, though I doubt it, and make a return of my property. I shall expect a reward large enough to enable you and me to marry and set up housekeeping with.

out risk. I have had the jewels valued and they have been pronounced a fortune in themselves. Whatever we need while the war lasts will come from the sale of such articles as will produce the required amount."

Ellen approved of her lover's way of looking at it. They were married and set up a small store. Their little home and their business are all they require to make them content, for it is not great possessions that bring happiness—indeed, quite frequently su-

sudden visits of fortune destroy happiness. Besides, to the couple falls the measure of comfort that they are appropriating from the treasure accidentally found only what the owners should have given them for their services. For George argues that he

George is looking forward to the day when the war will be ended and he will go to France to make a settlement.

He and Ellen often wonder whether the box will be there. Likely this depends upon whether another shell will expose it. When either side attempts to demolish its enemy's trenches it huris so many explosives that show

Recently a correspondent sent to London newspaper an account of finding, after a battle which took place on the English-German lines, of some

tered articles of great value. They were picked up by British soldiers and appropriated by them. Some of them were purchased from the men by officers. This looks as if another shell had burst near the treasure box and blown

the contents over the battlefield. In spite of George Elliott's honesty, it is doubtful if he will ever be able to make a return of his find.

Hydroaeroplanes.
The idea of the hydroaeroplane was

suggested in patent specifications Hugo Matullath of New York in 1891, but it had its practical origin in Glenn Curtiss, who added floats to the airplane with which he was experimenting over Lake Keuka in 1908. The

were placed under each wing, so that in case of accident the machine would not sink. Langley and others had "made their experimental flights of bodies of water for like reasons. Probably the first to make the float an integral part of his machine was

Fabre, who on March 28, 1910, made the first flight with a practical hydro-aeroplane at Martignes on the Seine. Curtiss soon abandoned floats and built boat bodies, and for this accomplishment he received the Aero Club

Butter From a Tree.
One shea tree beside each man's b
porch would cut a big slice of bu
off the monthly food bill. In Af

vegetable butter is made from the nuts of this tree, and it is said to be richer in taste than any butter made from cow's milk—alleged or actually scraped from a churn and squeezed into wooden mold which leaves a yellow wash on top of the cake. The A

High Calling.
Little Walter's uncle was attached to the commissary department. Natu-

ly Little Walter wanted to know what that meant. His father explained that it was the commissary's duty to supply the soldiers with food and drink like the Mka. The very next day a messenger came to call and asked Walter how

Uncle Paul was.
"He's fine," said the young man.
"He's a waiter now."—New York Herald
Woodwork.
"Is it your intention to offer
enemy an olive branch?"

"I'm not sure," replied Senator
ghum. "We'll try out the olive br
proposition. But we'll fix the thing
it can be turned into an ax handle
Washington Star.

