

you this afternoon, at Port Washington."

David Lowe and Margett rode up town in a taxi with the slide in the top pulled back. For most of the time, until they were nearly to the hotel, they didn't speak. "You can go back to Crête à Moulin," he said suddenly. "With all that gold, you can make the place finer than before."

"No," Margett said. "I believe it should be left as it is. Crête à Moulin was only made for peace. When Ernst went away to war, the whole place changed. Now I'll wait, and go back there with you."

They had luncheon in their hotel room, high up over Central Park, with the city gray-brown and tremendous out beyond the windows. David Lowe packed his bags

sitting on the edge of the bed, throwing in his shoes and suits at random. "I don't know," he said, "whether or not I can make a good job of saying goodbye to you. But this is better than Port Washington."

She took him in her arms again and held his head against her breast. "Oh, darling, darling," she said. "Brick promised to tell you, and I should have. I'm going on the Clipper to Europe with you. We'll face this war together, and when it's over and you're through writing about it, we'll come home."

"Home to peace," he said.

"Yes," she said. "To peace. The people like us, the people who really know, will make them end war."

#### THE END

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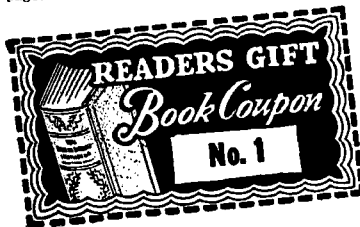
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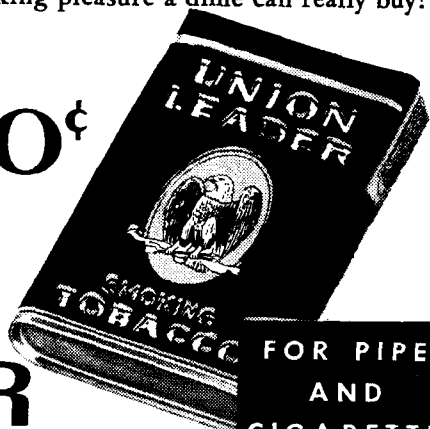
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