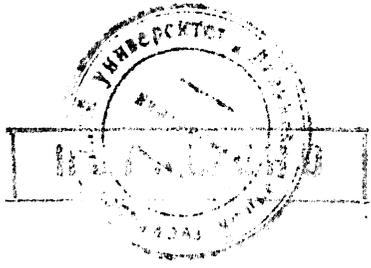


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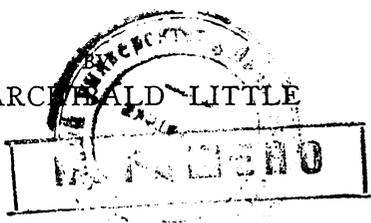


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MRS. ARCHIBALD LITTLE



"Man and his littleness perish erased like an error and cancelled
Man and his greatness survive, lost in the greatness of God."

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like the look of her. He was bitterly disappointed in something. I could not help seeing that, just as I turned to him full of congratulations, for I was greatly taken with his bride's appearance myself. If I were to fall in love that is the kind of girl I should fall in love with, I think. But as I looked round at Lindsay, he, who had been so nervous, had suddenly become calm as a frozen pool, expressionless as the Sphinx, and 'Can I help you with your luggage?' was the sentence with which he greeted the woman, who is to be his wife to-morrow. It seems odd if you think of it," and he gave a little, short laugh, "makes one think of the boy who asked 'Why should a woman be so fond of her husband? He is no relation. Just a man she has picked up somewhere.'"

They all laughed, screamed with laughter, and 'Was the boy genuine? Did Forbes know him?' Then one of them said gravely, "But Lindsay hasn't picked up this girl just anywhere. He knew her before. He has known her for years in England. He told me so himself."

"I know. That's the oddest part of the story."

"Why so? I don't see anything odd about it. Odder to marry a girl you don't know, I should say."

"God bless my soul, don't you see—don't you understand? The girl is young, quite