

## HEAVEN AND THE WAR.

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GOD was worried. The Kaiser assumed that He did as he wanted; the Germans—or at least the German women—prayed to God for victory, and so did the French priests and the Russians and the Belgians and some of the English and Austrians and King Nicholas of Montenegro. Obviously God could not please all; and some of those who used to be His chosen people were fighting on one side and some on the other.

So at last God asked Satan's advice. "Don't take any notice of prayers or newspapers for a month at least," said Satan. "Go away and have a thorough rest. I will look after the souls till you come back."

And God took Satan's advice. And so people connected with the war (and particularly the enemy) lied and got drunk and committed the most disgusting atrocities and Hun-like things—just as they did when God was at home.

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