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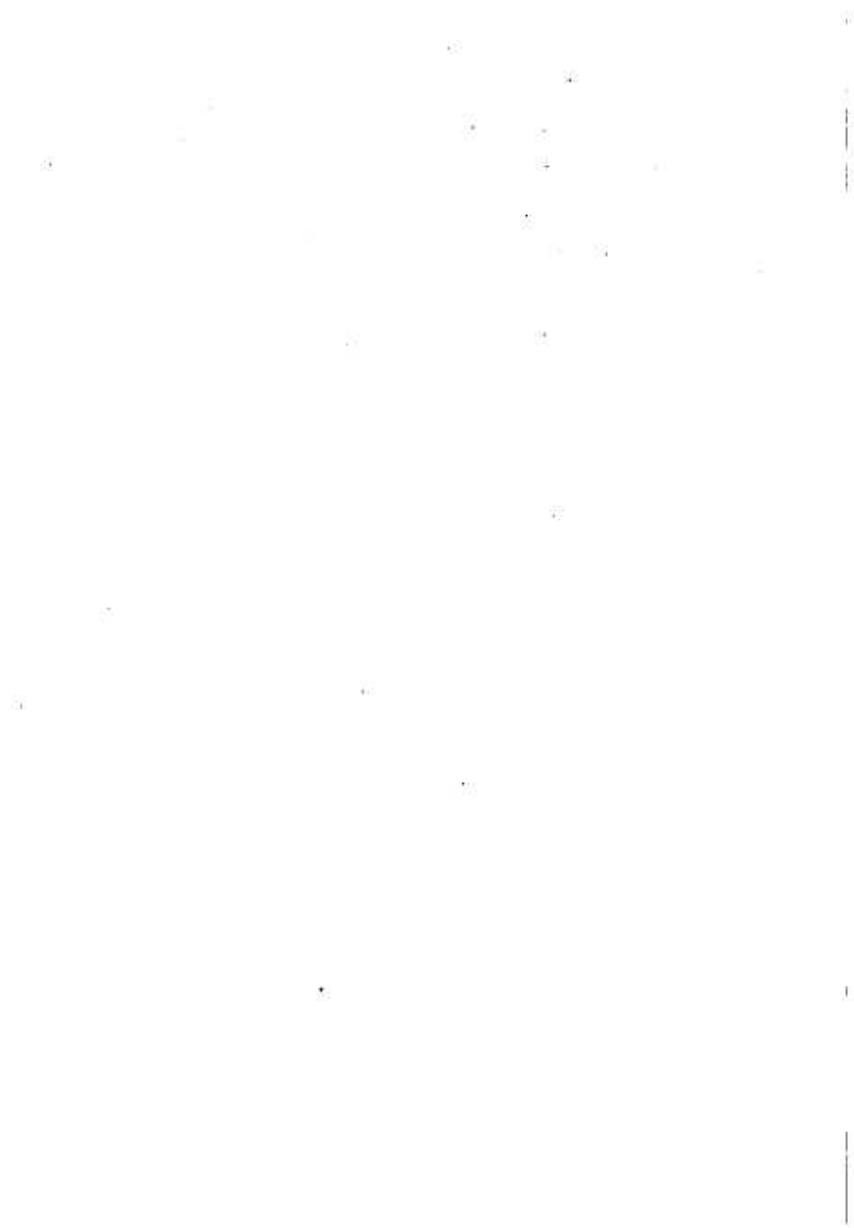
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A RINGBY LASS

THE events of my story took place in a year of the early forties. I am told that this is an objectionable period from the point of taste. And I know that for some years we have been hurrying out of our houses all signs of the time, and replacing its solid and unbeautiful furniture by anything of any period that is not early Victorian.

Yet I am free to confess that, though I shrink from the florid curves and ponderous ugliness of its chairs, and sofas, and tables, there are moments in certain houses of my friends when I am brought perilously near to regretting them. There are imitations of Chippendale and Sheraton, and magnificent reproductions in black oak, the beauty of which is more apparent than the strength. And after a few sad experiences of