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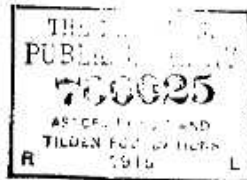


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A word as to *The Silent House*. I was sitting with my friend, J. I., before her hospitable fire. As the rain beat against the windows, she told me in a few words a day-dream she often had, of a soul seeking its lover through the storm. I urged her to write it into a story. But she never did, and when I referred to the subject afterward she would say: "No — you must make a poem of it sometime." About three years after her own gleaming soul had taken its way through the unknown, thoughts and lines began to take form in my mind, and *The Silent House* came to me.

A. L.

B. J. Jan. 8/15.

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