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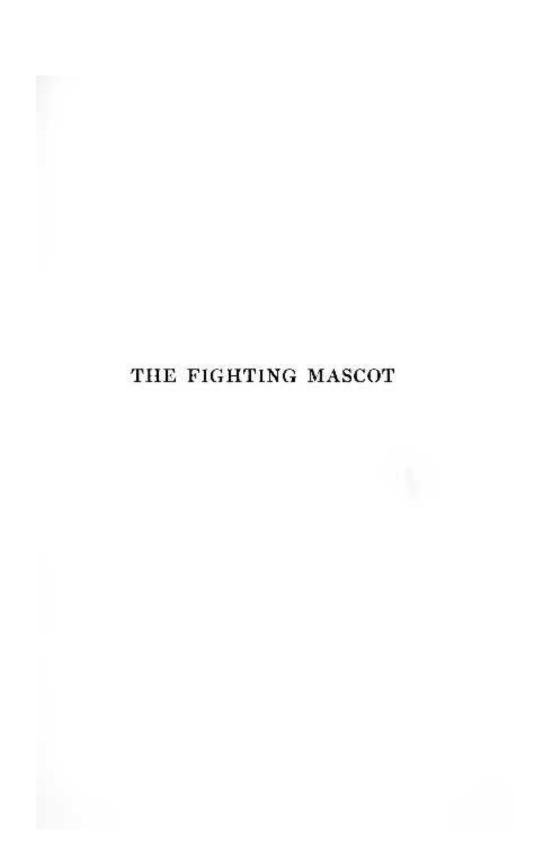
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I had got him! I had got him!

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#### FOREWORD

Bit by bit I've told this story of my adventures to recruiting meetings and Red Cross rallies and to lads I've met here and there on land and sea—told whatever scrap of it came into my head and let the rest

go for another time.

I never could piece it all together the way it ought to be, and I was never a good hand at the writing. So I've found a writing man who knows a thing or two about how to straighten it all out and how to put the first part at the beginning and the last part at the end and the fighting and the talking and the rest in where they belong, while he drops what don't matter much into his scrap basket.

He's dropped more into that basket than I wanted him to, some fine songs I wrote for him from my own head having gone there; but the story's all here, with the hard words spelled right, and everything clear and sensible, which is more than ever I could have

done myself.

THOMAS JOSEPH KEHOE, Rfm.

P.S.—The writing man's name is E. L. Bacon, if anybody should wish to know.

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