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*"For her house inclineth unto death, and  
her paths unto the dead."—Prov. ii. 18.*

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To  
MY HUSBAND AND MY SON





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## INTRODUCTORY

WOMAN'S CARNIVAL

"To the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet."  
—Prov. xxvii. 7.

THE sudden collapse of the war left us in a daze. After the years of inhuman strain it was hard to ease off tension to the almost forgotten conditions of peace. I recall that ever to be remembered day, November 11th, 1918—Victory Day. In the early hours before noon I was in London, and my young son was with me. Everywhere was an atmosphere of anxiety, an unusual stillness. Men in little groups of two and three stood here and there, soldiers in larger numbers loitered or walked slowly along the pavements; girls and women waited at the doors of business houses and shops, where inside nobody seemed attending to the few customers. Everyone was waiting;