

# AMERICAN "NERVE"

## TALK OF THE TOWN

The earl said, too, he much regretted it. Some of his candid friends say what he must perceive is that the report is not true. For he is one of the Londoners who are not so fond of a merry unless there is money in it. That is why, although 45 years old, he is still a bachelor. He has no home across the water. He has a house in the title—baron Edenham, barony as well as an Irish earldom—on the death of his elder brother in the South African war in 1902. The original earldom was conferred on his grandfather for the bar sinister. The first earl was the eldest son of the beautiful Mrs. Jordan and King William IV. Therefore, the present earl can claim to be a descendant of his majesty, but he has inherited no great titles along with it. He holds a minor position at the court as one of the king's gentlemen in waiting. And he English baroncy along with it—seats in the house of lords. Perhaps the publicity that has been given to him through the report of his engagement to Miss Gladys Palmer may have been a good thing for him. It may have saved him being taken over and tumbled into the stocks of him.

EX-BOSS CROKER.

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