

Our Women and Children

Conducted by
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THE END OF A PERFECT ROW

This is the Wilberforce University girls' "Song of the Soldier's Sweater." When you come to the end of a perfect row,

And you sit alone with your wool,
And your bosom heaves with a rhythmic slow,

For the joy that you've followed the rule,

Do you think what the end of a perfect row

Can mean to a tired heart,

When you've dropped each stitch since you've learned to purl

And you lost three more at the start?

Well, this is the end of a perfect row,
And the end of a sweater, too.

Though it's for a man that is big and strong,

It will be pretty tight, 'tis true,
But toiling has rendered this perfect row

A nice piece of the knitter's art,
And 'twill stand at the end, still strong and firm,

When the whole thing comes apart.

5,000 NURSES AND DOCTORS WANTED

Washington.—A call for 5,000 nurses between now and June 1 for service in military hospitals at home and abroad has been made upon the Red Cross by Surgeon General Gorgas or the army. Nearly 7,000 nurses already have been supplied by the Red Cross, but the need for more grows imperative daily. Of the eighty or ninety thousand registered Gorgas estimates that approximately 30,000 will be needed for service in army hospitals during this year.

Miss Jane A. Delano, Red Cross director of nursing, recently issued an appeal to the country's nurses to volunteer. She pointed out that such nurses would be eligible to participate in the army and navy insurance at nominal rates. As yet the Red Cross has failed to accept Colored nurses, although the race throughout the country has contributed liberally to it. Whether or not the Red Cross will now accept Colored nurses, in view of the urgent demand for them, and thereby reverse its policy respecting Colored nurses, remains to be seen.

DOING HIS KNIT

Detroit, Mich.—John Turner, 372 Cass avenue, has been awarded the honor of being a champion knitter. At odd times he has knit twelve pairs of socks since November 25.

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Our city may look forward to an appearance here in song recital of Theodore Drury, formerly of New York, but now of Boston. Mr. Drury has produced, with all Colored talent, such operas as "Aida," "Faust," "Carmen," "Cavaleria" and "Pagliacci."

This will be his first trip west since he returned from Europe. The recitals will be unconventional, as scenes from operas will be sung in costume.

LIEUTENANT MARSHALL DIES IN FRANCE

New York, March 22.—Information has reached this country of the death of Lieutenant Napoleon Marshall, one of the Colored officers of the Fifteenth Infantry, in France. Lieutenant Marshall was one of the first Colored men to receive a commission in the regiment. More than twenty-five soldiers of the Fifteenth infantry, who have been wounded in France, have been brought to America and placed in hospitals for wounded soldiers.

NAMES AND LOCATION OF NATIONAL ARMY CANTONMENTS

- Camp Custer—Battle Creek, Mich.
- Camp Devens—Ayer, Mass.
- Camp Dix—Wrightstown, N. J.
- Camp Dodge—Des Moines, Ia.
- Camp Funston—Fort Riley, Kan.
- Camp Grant—Rockford, Ill.
- Camp Gordon—Atlanta, Ga.
- Camp Jackson—Columbia, S. C.
- Camp Lee—Petersburg, Va.
- Camp Lewis—American Lake, Wash.
- Camp Meade—Annapolis Junction, Md. (Admiral, Md.)
- Camp Pike—Little Rock, Ark.
- Camp Sherman—Chillicothe, O.
- Camp Travis—Fort Sam Houston, Tex.
- Camp Taylor—Louisville, Ky.
- Camp Upton—Yaphank, Long Island, N. Y.

NAMES AND LOCATION OF NATIONAL GUARD CAMPS

- Camp Beauregard—Alexandria, La.
- Camp Bowie—Fort Worth, Tex.
- Camp Cody—Denning, N. M.
- Camp Doniphan—Fort Sill, Okla.
- Camp Fremont—Palo Alto, Cal.
- Camp Greene—Charlotte, N. C.
- Camp Hancock—Augusta, Ga.
- Camp Kearny—Linda Vista, Cal.
- Camp Logan—Houston, Tex.
- Camp McArthur—Waco, Tex.
- Camp McClellan—Anniston, Ala.
- Camp Sevier—Greenville, S. C.
- Camp Shelby—Hattiesburg, Miss.
- Camp Sheridan—Montgomery, Ala.
- Camp Wadsworth—Spartansburg, S. C.
- Camp Wheeler—Macon, Ga.

THE FIVE FOOD GROUPS

1. Vegetables or fruits.
 2. Milk, or cheese, or eggs, or fish, or meat, or beans.
 3. Cereal: Corn, rice, oats, rye, or wheat.
 4. Sirup or sugar.
 5. Fat: Such as drippings, oleo-margarine, oil, butter.
- Choose something from each of these five groups every day.

WOMAN ANSWERS TO DUTY'S CALL

Taking Active Part in Various Lines of War Work.

HER SUCCESS IS REMARKABLE

She Has Invaded the Shop, Elevator, Street Car, Taxicab Field and Dozens of Other Places Formerly Listed as "Man's Domain"—Experts Say Women Are More Painstaking and More Conscientious Than Men.

American women have responded to the call of emergency war work with such vigor and success as to leave no room for criticism or contempt.

Women have invaded the shop, elevator, street car, taxicab field, and dozens of other places formerly listed as "man's domain." With very little exception, success has crowned their efforts. Especially is this true in the munitions plants of this and foreign countries. There their success has been remarkable. In a day of five and one-half hours woman has turned out two-thirds as much work as man has been able to turn out in a day of eleven hours.

Experts say that women are more painstaking; that they give more attention to detail and that they are more conscientious than their male co-workers.

Met With Drawbacks.

But in taking up man's work they have not escaped their drawbacks, their criticisms, their embarrassments. The world was prone to stand to one side and, with pessimistic attitude, watch their success or failure.

In Europe, where the women first proved their mettle, they entered their various trades and channels of labor under less embarrassing circumstances than the women of America.

There the man power—the male workers on whom the government was of necessity forced to depend—was so quickly exhausted that there was but the one solution, namely, the women must do the work.

Their success is now most interesting history. The foreign papers and even the cables have carried countless stories of the glowing successes attending the work of women.

They have entered the fields, tilling the soil and reaping bountiful harvest of labor which racked their brains and bodies. Torn and bleeding hands handled the unwieldy farming implements, but women stuck to their tasks and the countries prospered despite the absence of man power.

In this country, as was to be expected, the women moved more slowly toward their inevitable tasks. They busied themselves with the easier tasks of knitting, the making of bandages and other hospital supplies and the collection of money for war funds.

Active in All Lines.

The American woman took her first determined step when she interested herself in the first issue of Liberty loan bonds. In groups and individually they argued with those able to invest in war bonds, and the country knows how splendidly they succeeded.

Then followed the Red Cross society campaign for a fund of \$100,000,000. Women again saw their duty and performed it. They were instrumental in obtaining subscriptions totalling far into the tens of thousands. They continued their good work in the second Liberty loan issue and were not idle in the interlms.

Many prepared themselves for actual service in the European war hospitals. Many remained at home to take the places of those who went "over there." Others knit sweaters and caps for the boys in the trenches, while others persistently continued their quests for more war funds.

BARS OVERALL MAN

Girl Declares She Does Not Know How Her Card Got Into Them.

One of the young men employed by the Lehigh Valley railroad in Towanda, Pa., purchased a new pair of overalls and found pinned inside the name of a young woman who was supposed to have made them. He accordingly sent a letter to her. Last night he received a letter reading as follows: "I am a working girl, but I am making a good living and do not care to be married and support a husband, as would probably be the case with a fellow who gets mashed on a girl he never saw. Permit me further to say that I do not know how my card got in that pair of overalls, and that when I do marry it will be someone who can afford something better than a 17-cent pair of breeches."

BREADSTUFFS FOR GERMANY

Syndicate Formed to Transport Goods From Russia.

The Berlin correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung reports the organization of a syndicate for the purpose of bringing breadstuffs from Russia to Germany. It says the government will have a half interest in the undertaking and the other half will be in the hands of large wholesale dealers.

The grain will be delivered to the war grain department, which assumes all risks of transport and delivery. Similar syndicates are to be organized in Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

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