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Isdeleine got up at four o'clock as she had done with her father; and now she waked her brother to help. Like her father, she measured out the flour in the kneading trough and worked the dough and lighted the oven. Her great trouble was to manage the loaves on the long shovel, back and forth in the heafed oven. But she did as her father had done and accustomed herself to the hard work; and her brother did all he could to help her. Their life had always been passed in patience and so they kept fatiently at work until the eventide when man ceases work.

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When the neighbors came for their bread, the regular 400 loaves—one kilo or 2 1-5 pounds each—were ready, goiden in crust and dry in crumb as bread should be. One day followed another, today like yesterday, and tike tomerrow, and month followed month and the children—the fourteen-year-old girl and ten-year-old boy—went to their work from the morning until the evening. Then some one spoke to the head of the commune and, on market day, he spoke to some one in the town until at tast the Prefect of the Department of Deux-Sevres, an which Exoudun is situated, heard of it. It did not seem to him so everyday a matter as it did to the neighbors who found it natural to have their daily bread given them as it had always been. So the Prefect spoke to some one higher up and last of all it came to the ears of the President of the Republic. Then hers began going from above down and roundabouts were summoned to the great room which serves as their town hall. There beside the maire of the commune sat the Prefect in person—and down among their neighbors were Madeleine and her brother, very clean and a little frightened, being taken away from their work for an hour.

The Prefect explained that M. Poincare, the Fresident of the French Republic, had charged him to hand two letters with his compliments and little souvenirs to Madeleine Daniau, and her brother. So the girl and boy were pushed forward to the platform where bables are presented for civil registration at their birth and where grown men and women stand to be marfied

souventrs to Madeleine Daniau, and her brother. So the girl and boy were pushed forward to the platform where bables are presented for civil registration at their birth and where grown men and women stand to be marfled by civil law. The Prefect pinned a Lorraine cross on Madeline's breast and handed the President's gift to the wondering ten-year-old boy.

President Poincare is from Lorraine where his home and the graves of his family have been ravaged in this war. To Madeleine his secretary wrote:

"It niser le President de la Republique bids me present you his very sincere compliments and send you from him this little jewel—this cross of Lorraine which will remind the valiant child of the Deux-Sevres that she is just as good a French-woman as her little sisters of the Meus" (Lorraine where men and women and children have been driven from their homes by the invader). To the little boy with the souvenir the President had his secretary write in a separate letter: "He is sure that so laborious and courageous a boy as you cannot help being later a valiant soldier and good helper of our country."

The country Mayor found words to say that these two children had given them all "an example of energy, understanding by their natural feeling that the life of the country had to go on." And so Madeleine, a girl of France, went back with her little brother to their kneading trough and oven, to make again the daily bread for which all men pray.

Women have long been making their way into all sorts of employment. But now that the men are gone, where once there were the new ere an hundred, and where there were a hundred there are a thousand. This is particularly the case in the factories of war supplies which are dotted all over France. The moment war is over, all this work will ocase. What shall these women do? Some will have their men back to work and support the family, but many will be widows lett alone to meet life as they may.

"One thing has amazed me more than all this activity in ammunition."