

**T**HE AUTHORS OF THIS BOOK OF RHYME  
WILL YIELD TO NONE IN ADMIRATION  
OF LADIES WHO GIVE ALL THEIR TIME  
TO WORK THAT'S USEFUL TO THE NATION;  
AND IF WE SHOW THEM IN A COMIC LIGHT  
IT'S ONLY OUR ATTEMPT AT BEING BRIGHT.  
IN TRUTH THESE PLEASANTRIES ARE MEANT  
TO PLEASE  
THE FAIR WAR-WORKER IN HER HOURS OF  
EASE.