



Victory Loan.

The attention of the women of the Civil Service is directed to the impending War Loan. Government bonds are as sure an investment as one can procure, and they have an advantage over some other investments in that they are negotiable.

Many women in the Service have been subscribers to the previous loans and others have purchased the popular war savings certificates. In both cases the thrift—not the patriotism—of the purchaser is to be praised, for it doesn't require any patriotism to induce one to invest her small savings at 5% or 5½%.

While we are still curious as to the terms of the Victory Loan, rest assured that it will again reward our patriotism with a higher interest than the banks pay. The other loans were arranged for easy payments, as this also will be, so we may all be patriotic and thrifty at the same time. A hundred dollar bond would make such a nice Christmas gift for mother—and she will not try to sell it!

The Masquerade.

Pleasant anticipations were happily realized by the many masquers who attended the dance under the auspices of the Women's Branch in the Racquet Court on the evening before Hallowe'en. From eight o'clock till nearly twelve, Frivolity held high carnival, and every one of the four hun-

dred girls present felt the better of an evening's frolic.

The costumes were exceptionally original in character and design, and the ingenuity displayed in the materials utilized left one amazed that such captivating results could be obtained. The character parts were cleverly played throughout the evening.

The prizes—pretty cups and saucers—went to Miss Jessie McJanet, who was the prettiest as “Dolly Varden”; to Miss Jukes, as the most original, in a Welsh peasant costume, and to Miss Edith A. Grant, as Peck's Bad Boy—the funniest thing of all. The prize winners were given a hard run and certainly the judges had a difficult time of it.

The success of the evening's entertainment was due to the efficient committee in charge of all the arrangements. It was convened by Miss Charlie Booth, and she had, to help her, Miss Elsie Dent, Miss Milly Lafleur, Miss Nellie Casey, Miss Louise Usher and Miss Edith A. Grant.

One of our number who was unable to be present has contributed the following:

The music and dance were entralling,

And the costumes were splendid and queer,

And the light and the laughter so brilliant,
And the pageant was without peer.

But to trip the light fantastic

Was away beyond my might,

For my feet were so very tender

That a crutch was more in my sight.

So here's to the Branch and its prancing,

May they always a measure tread,

And next time they all go a-dancing

May I be there,—and not in my bed.

(Author still at large.)

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