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WHAT THE WOMEN ARE DOING

A wonderful panorama can be built up "in the mind's eye" by anyone gifted with the least bit of imagination. The setting is the world and the front of the stage is those small portions of the world known as Great Britain and "Flanders Fields." The marshalling of men from all quarters of the globe all bound for the field of honor would make a sight to thrill the most impassive but far beyond this picture is the other—the troops of women hastening to the same spot and serving wherever the need is greatest. From office and shop, from farm and city, from domestic service and from high schools and colleges; from homes of leisure and from the little attic work shop of the small dressmaker and milliner; from the far off corners of civilization, from New Zealand and Australia, South Africa and Canada comes this endless of women all eager to serve and (what is better than all else) all capable of serving.

At the very beginning it was no uncommon sight in English munition factories to see such a collection as this, side by side an earl's daughter and the maid who had tied this titled lady's shoes in the days of peace, a shop-keeper's widow, a Birton graduate, a cook and a girl from a South African farm. Some of these who before the war found life rather tiresome have achieved distinction in the advanced processes of munition making. Lady Scott, wife of the Antarctic explorer took up this sort of work at the first call; Lady Gertrude Crawford, who is at present head of Women's Flying Corps, began her public service as supervisor of women's work in shipyards.

Women, who previous to the war were kitchen-maids, dress-makers, governesses or children's maids have accomplished wonderful things in the engineering and chemical trades, in electrical works, at shipbuilding tasks and draughting. More than once young girls have been unable to resist the call of their blood. Descended from soldiers and sailors and finding that for the first time in generations their family had no man to send to the

colors these girls have seized the first opportunity to do martial service.

Some of the things that women are doing today, besides making munitions, are almost past belief. In tool and gauge making who previously thought "a miss is as good as a mile" have mastered the advanced processes and are finishing to measurements that literally correspond to the fraction of a hair's breadth. Quite different from this but equally amazing is the very common sight of women perched on cranes moving among the rafters of the factory roof, riding back and forth quite unafraid and guiding the movement of great molten ignots far below. Engineering seems to be women's work and one competent to judge both sides of the question says that with a year or more of additional training he would not hesitate to build an ocean-going ship entirely by women's work. The Ministry of Munitions is taking action continuously to reduce hours of over-time, abolish Sunday labor and to protect the workers and much of this is made necessary, doubtless, by the fact that the zeal of the women workers allowed neither holidays nor Sunday rest periods.

RASPBERRIES IN NOVEMBER

We have received a spray of lovely raspberries, picked by Mrs. Frellick from her garden a few days ago, in Sidney. This is an excellent testimony to the mild climate of Sidney.

Among the numerous flags with which the streets of Sidney were bedecked on Thursday last, when the report was circulated concerning the signing of the armistice, was a Boer flag tacked on to a Union Jack, which was hung from Mr. Critchley's Store. Underneath was an inscription, "Room for the German Flag Here." The Boer ensign was brought from Bloemfontein by Mr. Herbert Brethour, when he served with the Canadian contingent there.

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Reconstruction of Home Folks

THE GREAT QUESTION

A great question—the greatest of the war—depends for its solution upon the folks at home. They, more than soldiers and military authorities, have to do with the successful working out of that wonderful thing of which everyone talks and about which so very few seem to have even one definite idea—Reconstruction. Is it not true that everyone firmly believes that with the coming of peace there will also arrive that other great blessing reconstruction? Is it not also true that with this placid assurance there exists the other assurance that someone else is managing that problem? No one feels personally responsible, but each one feels sure that some one else is working hard on this stupendous puzzle.

There are many reasons why every individual interested in this war should take a personal interest in reconstruction, and never allow that interest to lag until he has found the fountain head of reconstruction activity—either found it or created it. To begin with, individual homes must be thoroughly and consciously reconstructed. Habits must be reformed or abolished according to whether they are required for the model home. The men returning from overseas are bringing back thoughts and feelings to which they were utter strangers before enlisting. Most of them have grown mentally and spiritually, by leaps and bounds. Have their women folks and their children kept pace? Will they understand what the men have gained? Will they appreciate its value? Will they agree or sneeringly criticize the attitude of the men towards life? Will they have such a broad outlook themselves that they can be both tolerant and patient with what seems a mistaken view and finally either persuade back to the best way or forsake their own narrow views?

There are many reforms which should be well on the way to being worked out before the men come back. They are reforms for which women are plainly responsible. No one has a better right than women to take full charge of every form of legislation affecting children. Baby welfare has a national requirement, instead of a local manifestation of sanity on the part of parents, is a form of reconstruction that leads straight to the doors of women at home today.

The establishment of a national Board of Health belongs to the good times coming in the Reconstruction Period, and the responsibility for its establishment rests naturally on the mothers of the land. The

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same is true of the entire educational system. Laws relating to food are women's work. These are what might be called house-cleaning work without which any reconstruction work would be hopeless and they should be wisely planned and started at once. In both France and England many of these reforms are already under way, made necessary and possible by the violent overturning of old methods found inadequate in war. Those countries have waged war and begun reconstruction simultaneously. Their women are cognizant of all these problems and working on them honestly. Is there not a too general feeling that the absolutely necessary reconstruction will drop from the sky or come as the result of earnest wishing? The answer to any such attitude is the question: "How did the things reconstruction is to replace come into being—by wishing or, worse yet, by indifference?" Were the women responsible for them? No. But today the women are substituting at home as well as filing their own place. Have they begun substituting in vital places?

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