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LADY FALCONER.
Wife of Sir Robert Falconer, President of Toronto University.

"The spirit of the college girls is excellent. You would not believe how much the war has changed their lives. Some of them are now almost martinet in their self-denial. They spend the minimum on clothes, and have done away with all luxuries, more especially where food is concerned. No one can say that the Varsity girl is indifferent, selfish or unpatriotic in these days. She is really an example to all manner of girls."

It is for the Varsity girl that Lady Falconer speaks—the girl who has really pioneered on the farms of Ontario. Last summer she set the pace when, leaving college gown and mortar-board behind her, she got into khaki and went on the land. Instead of exercising her mind with the abstruse problems of the universe, she bent her back and piled her fingers gathering fruit. This year she will do even more, and as a farmette will undertake most of the duties of farm life, and, incidentally, will add materially to the country's food supply.

Toronto University, in common with the other colleges of the Dominion, has a remarkable war record. First of all, her men went, until college halls were deserted in very truth. The Freshette and sweet girl grads did not lag behind in doing their share of war work. With the long summer vacation ahead of them, they chose the most practical kind of work, and turned out to produce food. Although they made barely enough to cover living expenses and the days were long and tiring, yet they accomplished much, and the farmers realize by now that the athletic college girl is a very real help. It was pure patriotism that inspired those girls, and naturally they worked with heart and soul.

Their spirit is excellent," says Lady Falconer. "You would not believe how much the war has changed the lives of those girls. Some of them are now almost martinet in their self-denial. They spend the minimum on clothes, and have done away with all luxuries, more especially where food is concerned. The college entertainments of other days are no more. I notice the difference because I used to be asked to act as chaperone at all their little affairs. Oh, no one can say that the Varsity girl is indifferent, selfish, or unpatriotic in these days. She is really an example to all manner of girls."

"What do you suppose accounts for it?"

"Education! Their training, their capacity for self-discipline, the example set by the men students, pride in their Alma Mater! All these are contributory causes, I believe."

"Women want things to do these days, and the bigger the things asked of them the higher they will aim, and the more they will be capable of doing. Necessity for action sweeps away all minor considerations. Be sure the grumbler has not enough to do, or her time would be spent to better advantage. Those who sacrifice the most say the least. They accept what fate sends them with a cheerful front, and keep on working."

As an active war worker and a member of different organizations herself, Lady Falconer has great faith in the Women's Institutes, believing that they, more than any other body, reach the women on the farms—the women practically unapproached through other avenues.

"There is a certain cleavage between city and country," declared Lady Falconer.



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punction later when they saw others living up to it.

"Those who refuse to sacrifice are actually the losers, she observed. "It is a spineless argument that what my neighbor does I must do, even when I know her course to be a wrong one. If we ever needed to live by principle, it is now. If we ever needed to be fearless and progressive, it is now. We cannot do too much. None of us is doing enough. Just think of our comfort, our freedom from annoyance and dread! We live in peace, with plenty around us, and our cars are deaf to the reverberations of the guns of Europe, or the cries for food from starving women and children."

Sir Robert and Lady Falconer are keen gardeners, and at their summer home in Muskoka they have a wonderful war-time garden, where last year enough vegetables were grown to keep


them supplied right through the winter months. They raise chickens, too. Lady Falconer hopes and believes that before the season is out, the whole country will be running over with potatoes, carrots, beets and the other fine things that the earth yields to the assiduous gardener.

From the Rushville News: The bride and groom presented a regal spectacle, never equalled since the proud Cleopatra sailed down the perfumed, lotus-bearing Nile. To describe the bride's costume, the English language, and imagination falls faint and feeble before the Herculean task. She was gorgeously arrayed in a calico dress, and a pair of lace curtains floated like a dream about her colorable figure.

ENGLAND AT HER BEST.

(Chicago Evening Post.)

Trust the battalions of England the Indomitable! Of all the peoples of history, none more than the English have shown the strength that comes in the fight with back to the wall. The last ditch is where England fights best, and there she will fight best today if forced to it by the most tremendous military pressure the world has ever known. Thank God, our boys are fighting at her side, even if it be but a few of them! May they carry to her the assurance of our faith and glory in her. May they sweep aside the ancient prejudices that have made us grudge England her fair need of trust and honor.



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RODE TO DEATH LAUGHING.

Major Rasmussen Was Idolized By His Fearlessness.

With the American Army in France, May 9—(Associated Press)—Major Andrew Rasmussen of Portland, Ore., who was killed a few days ago when leading a reconnoitering party on the American front in Picardy, was the idol of his men because of his utter fearlessness.

The major passed unwounded through revolutions in Central America and more severe fighting with General Carranza's forces in Mexico, and finally through two years of service as a major with the Canadian army. He was detailed by the British last October to assist in training Americans in bayonet fighting, and later was sent to an American Army school as instructor. In January he was transferred to the American Army with a major's commission.

Major Rasmussen was immediately put in command of a battalion and went into action on the front northwest of Toul, where he suffered slightly in an attack.

On the night that his battalion was moved from its billets into the line on the Picardy front, Major Rasmussen joked with several correspondents while the German shells were bursting in the village a few kilometres in the rear. He told them they might have his uniform, helmet and other things in case he was killed. Then he rode laughing toward the trenches.

BIGHTY TWEEDS.

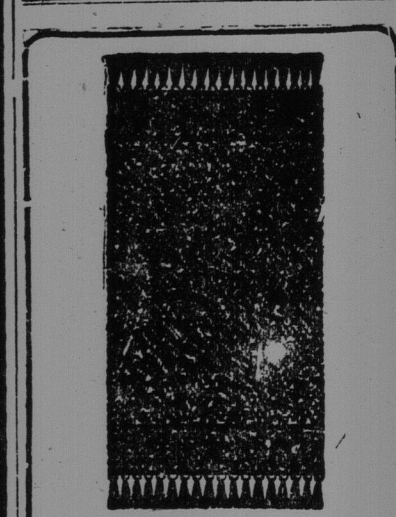
(From Women's Section, Department of Public Information.)

In the effort to solve the problem of providing adequate employment to returned soldiers and sailors in England, an organization has been formed which is self-supporting and entirely independent of aid from either state or charity. Loans are provided for the weaving of "Blighty Tweeds," and the work is done entirely by the returned heroes who are first instructed by the society. The finest yarns are used and ideal tweeds for men's and women's garments are turned out. Every piece of cloth bears the name of the man who wore it—a return to the good old days when each workman was an artist and proud of his handiwork.

OLD MEN MAKE GOOD.

(Toronto Star.)

Henry Ford, on being asked if he was employing women, replied: "No, I'm using old men—or men that used to be called old. And they are fine." If he does something to upset the absurd idea that industrial workers must be of military or flying corps age he will be doing both industry and mankind a service.



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Garden Trowels	10c to 70c.	Water-Weight Lawn Rollers	\$14.00, \$16.50, \$21.00
Cabbage Transplanting Trowels	45c.	Lawn Mowers	\$7.00 to \$15.00
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