

Tie up several of those bundles. Call those bundles hundreds. By suitable questions the pupils can be led to see that since the ones must always be on the right and the tens next to the ones on the left, there can be only one place for the hundreds, that is, to the left of the tens.

With numbers above 999, have them imagine they see ten bundles with one hundred each tied into a bundle making a one-thousand bundle. Deal in the same way with ten thousand and so on through the higher orders. In this way the pupil should be led to see that when ten or more than ten of any one order is to be considered they are tied into bundles of ten of that order making one bundle of a higher order with a new name.

PATRIOTISM OF FRENCH WOMEN

A whole volume would not be enough to tell simple facts of every day occurrence in the French woman's response to the call of her country. At the very first call for mobilization French women answered simultaneously with their men folk, and not once have they failed to "carry on" since that fateful August day. Women of all ranks and of every occupation responded. From the very air of La Belle France they had absorbed as truth that every woman must give ungrudgingly of her dearest and of herself for defence of home and country. First of all they, like the Spartan women of old, handed to each soldier his shield with the message: "Come home with it or on it." Then they turned to the pen or the plough, whichever task they could do best of all those laid down by the departing soldiers. Because she is always her husband's companion and comrade, the French woman is always thoroughly acquainted with the business side of living.

It was not difficult therefore (except for foreboding and anxiety and real terror) to assume entire control of shops, cafes and even of farms, running them to the benefit of the whole community. Fields, vinyerads and orchards were tended, and crops were garnered by the women with scarcely a hint from the Government. French women became managers of big businesses, and there is a long record of women who are acting as mayors, head teachers, post mistresses, and servants in posts by no means devoid of danger. They have performed their work with an efficiency that is not qualified by any charitable allowances because of emergency.

French women have taken over the work of train conductors and drivers, ticket collectors. Over 650 women are employed as tramway conductors in Paris alone in January, 1915, and 1,300 more in the Metro-tube. Over 6,700 were employed by railways, and thousands in the various banks. Munition workers are recruited almost entirely from the ranks of women. Lace-makers, dressmakers, porcelain workers from Limousin, embroiderers from the Vosges, tulle cutters, those whose



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hands and eyes had been trained to the daintiest, finest work turned out shells which on a random visit to a workshop employing 845 women produced but one bad shell among 80,000. Like their British sisters, the French women volunteered unhesitatingly for the most dangerous work. Effective canteen work was from the start the idea of French women for their sisters, and has been most efficiently managed.

By sheer merit women have won first place on agricultural committees. There is on record the case of a girl of fourteen, motherless, and with three younger children under her care. After her father marched away to war this brave girl neglected none of her accustomed duties but managed her father's large farm so well that the Prefet thanked her publicly. In another district two young girls, orphans, were left alone when their three brothers were called up. They took over the care of a sixty acre farm, with twenty-five cows and five horses.

All over France it was the same story. Where the Hun penetrated and sowed devastation on every hand, all able-bodied women under fifty, and boys and girls of fourteen and over, were deported to Germany as slaves. It was the old women who set to work patiently to reclaim the land, with the help of the little children. They planted vegetables among the ruins of their burnt