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I said that "women who loved dress,
Under the Nation's strain and stress,
Denied themselves all garments new,
And hats had limited to two.
E'en girls quite young had taught some French,
To aid our Tommy in his trench."

She said, "They've no Red Cross on breast,
Brassard on arm, medal on chest,
I think them naught, now I've confessed!
"They're not for me."

The following articles which I wrote when in France will give a more vivid picture of conditions there in war-time than anything I can write now from recollection.