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appreciated by the men.

Wishing you all good fortune
during the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. West, Lieut.

for O. C.

France, Feb. 9th, 1918.

C. E. T. D.,

St. John's, P.Q.

O.C., Officers and Men:—

It is with much pleasure that I
am writing to thank you for the
Christmas remembrance of twenty-
five cigarettes sent to the boys in
the field. It is a great treat to get
smokes from Canada as they seem
to be of a better quality than what
one gets out here.

Everything is going along well
out here but we will all be pleased
to see Canada once more.

Thanking you once more I will
now close, sincerely,

Capt. H. R. Robinson,

8th Field Co. C.E.

France.

FROM THE 'WILD AND WOOLY'

Western Woman Sends a "Reck-
mend" to a Local Board.

Some of the pleas for exemption
given to local boards in different
localities are masterpieces of per-
suasive eloquence although fre-
quently of little avail in producing
the desired effect. There is, how-
ever, in the following plea from a
western state, which is authentic,
rough hewn and somewhat per-
suasive argument of a different
sort from a wife, not to exempt,
but to draft her husband, and to
make no mistake about it:

Dear United States Army:

Mi husban ast me to rite yu a
reckimen that he sports his
family. Cant reade, so dont tell
him. Just take him. He haint no
gud to me. He haint dun nuthin
but drink lemmin essence and play
the fiddle since i maryed him eight
yeres ago and i got sevin of his
kids to fead. Mabie you can git
him to carrie a gun. Hes gude on
squerls and eatin. Take him an
weleum. I head his grub and bed
for his kids. dont tell him this
just take him.

Mary Jane Jones.

READ IT! READ IT!! READ IT!!!

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or

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IT CAN BE DONE

Somebody said it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he
would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd
tried.

So he buckled right in, with a trace
of a grin

On his face. If he worried he
hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the
thing

That couldn't be done, and he
did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll
never do that—

At least, no one ever has done
it."

But he took off his coat and he
took off his hat,

And the first thing we knew he'd
begun it,

With the lift of his chin and a bit
of a grin,

Without any doubting or quid-
dit,

He started to sing as he tackled
the thing

That couldn't be done, and he
did it.

There are thousands to tell you it
can't be done,

There are thousands to prophesy
failure;

There are thousands to enumerate,
one by one

The dangers that wait to assail
you;

But just buckle in with a bit of a
grin,

Then take off your coat and go
to it;

Just start in to sing as you tackle
the thing

That "cannot be done," and
you'll do it!

—Author Unknown.

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