

the feminine whole of her mighty empire. Branches of the Guild have spread to Canada, a nice point in their organization being the fact that Miss Catherine Welland Merritt, of U. E. Loyalist stock, is emissary.

Miss Merritt has already sounded

A Christmas Booklet

THE interest of that enterprising publisher, William Briggs, was recently attracted by some charming verses from the pen of Katherine Hale, entitled "Gray Knitting." The verses appeared in a Toronto journal and were subsequently used in card form, being pinned to attrac-

Montreal, has visited Ottawa and is now in Toronto, where it is felt that all will support her undertaking, in other words, will magnify the distance between the meaning of present-day needles and the former, fateful weapons of Madame Defarge.

I can feel roses, roses all the way,
The fearful gladness that no power
can stay.

The joy that glows and grows in am-
bient ray.

Because slim lads come marching
home from war?

Truly, slim lads, home from the Very
Far:

From fields as distant as the farthest
star.

It will be strange to hear the plaudits
roll,

Back from that zone where soul is
flung on soul,

Where they go out like sparks to one
straight goal.

Where souls go out as fast as
moments fly,

Urging their claim on the unbending
sky—

Surely it must be wonderful to die!

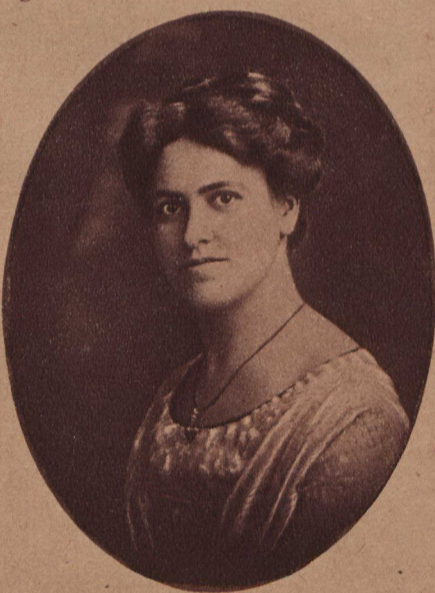
When you return I see the radiant
street,

I hear the rushing of a thousand feet—
Living and Dead with roses we shall
greet.

Like "Bon Ami," it is just out—the
petite booklet has not scratched yet—
in fact it is only free from the press
to-day. So there is every chance as
yet for our readers who are looking
for "something neat but inexpensive,"
new, and essentially of home produc-
tion, to secure a few with a view to
needs at Christmas.

A Revolution in Wool

THE famous Mme. Defarge, of the
wine shop in St. Antoine, who
knitted the destiny of so many
of the aristocrats of France into her
grim pattern, and her sister Ven-
geances, who worked on implacably



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in sight of the guillotine, are recalled
to-day when Paris is again knitting—
even faster, if that is possible, than
London. But now in every "loge de
conciergerie," in every square, in every
archway, and even in the few auto-
mobiles hurrying to the hospitals, the
needles are flying with all good will
for "les petits pioupiou."

The gay coloured wools of the
Parisians are in strange contrast to

tive bags to hold knitting, which were
sold by the score at a patriotic bazaar.
The result is a particularly timely
Christmas booklet, which contains
not only the original "Gray Knitting,"
but also a number of other war-time
poems which represent this poet's
latest work.

Some dozen poems comprise the
booklet, which is an attractive object
in grey paper, with touches of the
proper military colour in the camp
scene which decorates the cover and
grey wool to bind the leaves together.

A tender poem represents the medi-
tation of a maiden whom war has
bereft of her lover, the simple title
of which is "In the Trenches." It
runs as follows:—

War gods have descended:
The world burns up in fire!
Warm your hands at the trench's fire
Dear lad o' mine.

Bullets cease this Christmas night,
Only songs are heard,
If you feel a phantom step
'Twas my heart that stirred.

If you see a dreamy light
'Tis the Christ Child's eyes;
I believe He watches us,
Wonderful and wise.

Let us keep our Christmas night,
In the camp-light shine;
Warm your hands at the trench's fire,
They still hold mine.

Companion poems hitherto unpub-
lished are "You Who Have Gayly Left
Us" and "When You Return," the lat-
ter of which is compelling in its
beauty, and probably prophetic in its
vision. The verses are given:—

When you return I see the radiant
street,
I hear the rushing of a thousand feet,
I see the ghosts that women come to
greet.



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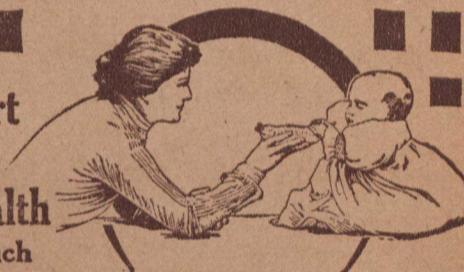
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