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TO GIRLS AND WOMEN.

Someone has got to do some plain talking to the girls and women of this section who are not doing what they can in war work, and the Observer, with due apology and with no desire to offend, will undertake that little task.

A visit to the Red Cross rooms Saturday showed great work done, but there are not enough helping in these undertakings. And especially is it true that there are not enough young girls and young married women.

In a way they are not to blame for having not been reared—most of them—in the lap of almost criminal idleness? They are all right and they mean well, but they never have had a responsibility in their lives which they could not shift upon mother or someone else, the same as they could shift washing of the dinner dishes. That might have passed in peace times and they might have gotten by without public criticism, but now it is different. Their future is at stake just as much as is the future of the boy who goes to France. There are a lot of women slackers, and there is no other word to use.

And it is well for them to remember that the lid will come off and their true natures be revealed before this thing is over.

The girl who has been pampered and petted, who has known nothing but ease, and puts a miserable climax on her worthlessness by flaunting a soda fountain education in the faces of her fellow-citizens will be known for what she is worth.

Many a girl is going to lose her standing with the boys in France when it is known that a joy ride has preceded her duties at the Red Cross. Many a boy is going to ask his sweetheart what she did to help win the war and he will look her straight in the eye when he does it. It will then be no time for camouflage. The facts must be told to the lad who has placed himself as a bulwark between her future and the Hun's brutality.

What will she say? Will she depend upon the "coyness" of her manner which she acquired while sipping Coca Cola to fool that soldier? He will not be fooled. These boys are coming back from France with a stronger appreciation of common sense in women than has existed since the Civil War. Rouge and talcum powder will not give the necessary attraction. The embroidery on the negligee is going to be overlooked for the boys' hearts and eyes and minds are going to be centered on the womanly part of women—the principle that caused him to sacrifice must be reflected in the girl that he returns to or he will suffer a disappointment that cannot be offset by card table wit or chocolate bun buns.

Then there is the woman who went to do something provided everyone will hear about it. God have pity on her. Would the war ever be won if every good act of women who are helping had to be emblazoned on the front page of a newspaper? No. This war is not a society event and has not a place in the society columns.

Analyze the whole situation. It seems to us the proper thing to do is to get in line in a humble manner and work in some war work. The Red Cross or the Army and Navy Auxiliary or some other branch offers you a place. You do not have to hunt—it is waiting for you. Get over that fussy stuff and get down to real endeavor, for that is the only way to help.

DUTY AND DIGNITY.

The term "dignity of labor" has occupied a much larger place in the sentiment than in actual practice. One of the results of war is that of impressing labor on many who would otherwise continue in

ease and idleness. It is not in these times uncommon to see persons engaged in toil, and in fact it has become a necessity for those who are not employed to either get busy or else make a showing that will pass for the real thing. In normal times, neither the necessity nor the stress of labor is as exacting as in times like the present. That which has been characterized as dignified has passed to that of a duty, which all owe to the common cause.

Labor Day has become a holiday throughout the country in recognition of the interests of those who render service for pay. Since the ranks of the workers have been extended by the necessities imposed by war the holiday this year should be of more than usual significance, and appeal to all not so much on account of the dignity, but of the duty of labor.

ARCADE

"THE HOUSE OF SILENCE."

Mysterious Crime Is Filmed—Now Showing At Arcade.

If you were passing a dark house in a lonely street, and if a girl told you of a man dying within, what would you do? That situation confronted Marcel LeVignat, an amateur detective and clubman of wealth, portrayed by Wallace Reid in his latest Paramount picture, "The House of Silence," which is to be displayed at the "Arcade" today.

The story of this exceptional photoplay is intensely dramatic, and in the development of the plot a hatpin and woman's purse are the only clues LeVignat can discover in his efforts to trace the slayer. He finds her at last only to learn that the slaying was legally justified, but it did not need this conclusion to inspire love for the distressed girl in the heart of the clubman detective. After a series of thrilling incidents he uncovers the secret of the mysterious house and wins a pretty bride, Ann Little plays the part of the girl in the case with rare effectiveness. The picture is based upon the story by Elwyn Warren, the scenario was written by Margaret Turnbull, a scenarist of ability, and the production was directed by Donald Crisp, whose remarkable work in "Ramona" is well remembered.

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ARCADE

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