Not only did she appear always with her husband when he faced a crowd, but she remained beside him when the lines formed to shake his hand, and she gave a hand-clasp also to every one of the many thousands who filed past to acclaim his candidacy. Besides all of that, she visitee his headquarters almost daily and talked political policies with his advisors, and she entertained at her table many of the dringuished visitors who came to Marion and exchanged plnions on national issues with them

ever the teacups.
From the time Mr. Harding became interested in politics, she made a study of things political just as she had familiarized hersalf previously with the Marion Star printing plant, and when the results of the 1920 elections had been written into political history, neighbors in Marion nodded history, neighbors in Advisory, neighbors, and related how the young editor's wife had promised her intimates on her wedding day that "some day I will make him presi-

But with all her interest in public But with all her interest in public affairs, she had a true woman's love for a well-ordered home and was known to White House attendants as an unusually painstaking house-keeper. While she was reviving the cial calendar which had been al-ost forgotten during the war days ad the subsequent illness of President Wilson, she was making many changes also in the organization of her household. All her efforts in that direction were bent toward making the White House a real home where the busy chief executive could have rest and quiet aften the day's work, and where his friends could be received with the same hearty wel-ome that had greeted them in Mar-ion. In order better to understand the tasks she had called just before the inauguration on Mrs. Wilson, and had discussed with her the cares and trials of the place she was entering. For a time after she came into the White House, Mrs. Harding continued her close association with the details of her husband's work. She visited the executive offices, met every employe, and made more than one sug gestion for facilitating the public business. But her health and her growing social duties soon called a mit, and her discontinuance of these halt, and her discontinuance of these visits was the first signal that she had been compelled to narrow the scope of her activities. The White-House social program, however, was continued without abatement up to the time of her collapse and serious illness in the summer of 1922.

The armament conference, which cought to Washington late in 1921 nany distinguished men and women imposed upon the mistress of the White House a task particularly trying. Mrs. Harding saw the advantage to be gained in the direction of good understanding by properly entertaining the visitors at the president's table. To those who inquired dent's table. To those who inquired about her health she replied that if she were given strength to do her part during the conference she would satisfied that her occupancy White House had not been in

sever could recover. That she was ble to do so, they conceded, was que n a large measure to her unalterable determination and confidence. For weeks she was confined to a wheel chair, and then when she began to get about and see her friends again she was taken to Florida for a long

After this illness, her thoughtfulness for others who were ill appeared to increase, and from her vacation houseboat in Florida waters she ordered that thousands of Easter flowers be distributed from the White House conservatories to the Washington hospitals. Both before and after she entered the White House the wounded war veterans had been her particular care, and more been her particular care, and more than one owes to her his rehabilita-tion, possibly his life itself and cer-





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