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MISS BADEN-POWELL'S LETTER.

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MY DEAR GUIDES,

How much I wish I could be camping out with you again this year, but, owing to the War, I cannot have that pleasure.

Our camps necessarily have to be more restricted in War time, but there is still enough of the charm and novelty left, and all the good of building up your strength and health, and of exercising your skill in many crafts, and testing your powers of self-control.

A Guide goes to camp armed to the teeth!

Not that we are military in the usual acceptance of the word, but every Guide is well armed with the bayonet of resource, the bullets of self-reliance, and the sword of preparedness.

One of these swords will, of course, be the accomplishment of swimming, for the delights of bathing and boating are greatly enhanced when all are good swimmers.

Singing either in chorus or as an entertainment is a good weapon to take out camping.

Tent-pitching is another matter which should have been mastered beforehand. I witnessed a very exciting competition the other day between six Patrols in tent-pitching.

Each brought their tent packed up, and they were timed by a watch to see which Patrol could put up their tent correctly in the shortest time. It was a great disappointment to the Patrols who, quickly standing at "Attention" long before any of the others, priding themselves on winning, were told they had not won.

The Examining Officer pointed out that all the other Patrols had, according to instructions, laced-up their doorway.

You will enjoy paper-chases and tracking, and in the evening charades and dumb-crambo, but the unwelcome hour of bed-

time always comes too soon, and yet my advice is "Early to bed."

It will save oil and candles too!

Some of our fellow Guides, who are particularly keen on tracking in the evenings, have been enquiring how to find the north after dark, or else in a thick forest when the sun cannot be seen and they have no compass.

Men used to find their way about before the compass was invented by knowing the star groups. Even in this present War many accounts are given of Troops having saved their lives by knowing the stars.

If you wish to find which way the north lies, you must get to know several star-groups by sight. Of these the most useful would probably be the "Great Bear," "Orion," "Cassiopeia," "Lyra," and "The Lion."

As I have mentioned in the Official Handbook, page 280, "Orion" is the best for showing where east and west are, for "Orion" sets due west and always rises due east. The sword of three stars which hangs from "Orion's" belt points north and south.

In the first place you should study your mariner's compass and know it well by heart.

Now, supposing you have a very important despatch to carry, and you are only told that the camp you have to go to is five miles away in a north-easterly direction.

If it is night you can look up at the stars and at once find the right direction to take.

You need only know six or seven of the large stars by sight. Each of the first-class stars is in a group of small stars of a different pattern.

In the "Great Bear" we see the two end stars in a line pointing to the North Pole.

"Cassiopeia" is like a huge W, with its centre pointing towards the north.

In the "Lyre" we see the brilliant star "Vega," with its two little companions, which points in a line downwards.

The head of the "Lion" is sometimes called a "Question Mark" (?), and its lower end is always north and south.

I must tell you these details are roughly given, and to save my reputation I may warn you these points are only nearly exact.

As you already know, by day the sun at 12 o'clock is due south, and at midnight he would be due north, only he is down behind the globe of this earth.

Now, when you are in camp you could make yourselves a large camp compass, which would be of service after the sun has set, or on foggy or clouded days.

To make this you stick a staff upright in the ground, and when the sun has come round to the south at 12 noon you should mark the shadow of the staff with a line of stones or sticks, to show which way the north is.

Then you can make a cross line pointing east and west exactly square with the first line. Then go on marking where the S.W., the S.E., N.E., and N.W. are.

As the weeks roll by you will notice that the stars in view will be changing, for as you know, a star rises half-an-hour earlier each week. Every star comes up four minutes earlier each night.

Finding the north indoors at any time is quite easy if you can anyhow find an iron poker.

You must hang up the poker quite level, tying it by a piece of thread in the very middle. Let it get thoroughly untwisted, so that it will settle into a north-and-south line.

To magnetise the iron you must give the poker some smart blows at one end with a hammer.

You might tie the end of the long thread to a stick stuck in a drawer, or to a lamp, so that the poker can swing freely.

A few days ago I received a parcel of delicious cakes from Connie Stallard, a 12 year old Devonshire Guide. She is evidently well qualified to have her Cook's Badge.

Au revoir,

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

THE WAR SERVICE BADGE.

How Guides can Qualify for This Distinction.

The War Service Badge will be granted on the recommendation of a Captain, and approved by the Commissioner, to all Guides and Guide Officers, who have performed or shall perform before the end of the war alternatively:—

(a) Not fewer than twenty-one days' special service for Hospitals, Nursing Institutions and other Public Departments or Societies or Girl Guides' Hostels. This service must be at the request of some competent authority, and must be carried out for at least three hours per day. Or:—

(b) Not fewer than 15 articles personally made, to include 4 pairs of socks, 4 pairs of mittens, 2 shirts, 1 pyjama suit, 1 child's garment, 1 woman's garment, 1 belt, and 1 bed-jacket.

Knitting and needlework already done for Sailors, Soldiers, Sea Scouts, Belgian Refugees, Hospitals, etc., may count.

N.B.—Where it is not possible to have material for shirts, pyjamas and bed-jackets provided, a Guide may make up her number of articles by adding to the number of socks and children's garments. Or:—

(c) For twenty-one days' work, not necessarily consecutive, for paid employment in connection with recognised firms working directly for the Government in connection with the war, or in connection with "War Service for Women" initiated by the Government Labour Exchanges. In such work for instance as Farm Work, Dairy Work, Market Gardening, Poultry Farming, Light Machining for Armaments, Clothing Machining, Brush Making, etc., etc.

Application Forms for the War Service Badge can be obtained only by Local Secretaries from the Girl Guides' Headquarters upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

The price of the Badge is 2d. post free.

SIMPLE LAWS OF SANITATION, HEALTH AND VENTILATION.

Every Guide knows (or ought to know) that there should be no bad smells anywhere about a house, and this can be avoided by keeping the whole house very clean and airy.

All sinks, etc., should be kept particularly clean, and often have water run down them. Sinks where washing-up is done should frequently have a bucket of boiling water, with plenty of common soda dissolved in it, poured down to destroy any grease that may have collected in the pipes. Outside grids also should be attended to and kept free from grease, leaves, etc., and it should be seen that water is always standing in them and that they do not go dry, as water prevents sewer gas rising up through the pipes.

All potato peelings and other similar rubbish should be burnt, and not left about or thrown on the rubbish heap to harbour flies.

The windows of a house should be opened as much and as often as possible to let in fresh air, and unused fireplaces should not be closed or stuffed up with sacks, etc.

(Next month we hope to publish an interesting article on the Horseman Badge).

GUIDES IN AMERICA.

Since registration was started last August the Girl Guides in America have grown steadily in numbers, now approximating three thousand six hundred girls.

Owing to the generosity and energy of one woman, Mrs. W. Low, the movement has been founded in the United States on a firm basis. Mrs. Low has organised the scheme on Miss Baden-Powell's Official Handbook, and has by downright hard work started centres in fifty different places, having formed committees of capable persons in all localities.

Mrs. Low's lecturing tour on the Girl Guide Movement met with success and a ready response in all quarters. An influential Advisory Board of over 18 members controls the Movement from permanent Headquarters in Munsey Buildings, Washington.

A COLUMN OF SMILES.

QUITE ALL RIGHT.

Beggar (to gentleman on the parade): "Do you happen to have lost your purse?"

Gentleman (feeling in his pocket): "No."

Beggar: "Then you can let me have a little assistance."

ROCK THAT GROWS.

"There is one kind of rock that grows," said the governess. "Can any of you mention it?"

"Yes, miss," replied the Irish girl; "the shamrock."

MODERN MAGIC.

Conjurer: "My assistant will now guess, without assistance, how many hairs any lady present has on her head."

Member of the Audience: "How many are there on mine?"

Assistant: "3,450,634."

Conjurer: "I think if the lady will count her hairs she will find the number is correct."

WHY IT RAINS.

Small Girl (inquiringly): "Father, what makes it rain more in the night than the day?"

Father (learnedly): "My child, you have no doubt heard that two clouds colliding cause the moisture to descend in the shape of rain?"

Girl (eagerly): "Oh, now I see why there is more rain in the night. Of course, they can't see where they are going in the dark."

THINKING OF THE EGGS.

Old Country Woman (to engine-driver): "Do you think there'll be a collision to-day?"

Engine-driver: "I hope not. What makes you ask?"

Old Woman: "Well, you see, I'm taking a basketful of eggs to town, and I don't want them broken."

NOT UP TO WARRANTY.

Mrs. Classey: "I thought you warranted that dog I bought from you well bred?"

Dog Dealer: "So it is, madam."

"Oh, no, it isn't; it bolts its food in the most vulgar manner!"

UPS AND DOWNS.

"That umbrella of yours looks as if it had seen better days."

"Well, it certainly has had its ups and downs."

STRANGE, BUT TRUE.

Teacher (to pupil): "How old are you?"

Pupil: "Six."

Teacher: "When were you six?"

Pupil: "On my birthday."

"Is that you, Joan?" he said, and his voice, naturally deep and strong, sounded harsh and almost angry. "Why is there no one to meet me? Did your father not get my letter?"

For a moment Joan was almost too confused to answer.

"N-no," she stammered. "Father didn't get any letter. We didn't know you were coming. When did you write?"

"Last night. I wrote from town. The letter was posted before six. You ought to have had it this morning."

"Father was out early. Your letter must have come while he was away." Joan tried to speak quietly and composedly, but her heart was beating terribly. What shocking piece of ill-luck had brought Ivor's father down just at this moment?

"Well, never mind," said Mr. Ayrton, rather shortly. "I suppose it can't be helped. But it's a long way to walk and carry a bag. Can you put me up for a night? I don't want to have to go home. I have some business to transact, and must get back to London tomorrow."

"Yes, of course we can put you up, Mr. Ayrton," answered Joan. She hardly knew what she was saying. All the time she was wondering how long it would be before he asked after Ivor.

Next moment the dreaded question came.

"And how is Ivor? How has he been behaving himself?"

(To be continued.)

A NEW PRIZE.

We are very pleased to be able to announce that a prize has been offered for dairy work for competition among Girl Guides by the Women's Patriotic League, whose "Chairman," Lady Campbell, stated that she hoped before long to make it a scholarship for this most useful vocation.

Miss Baden-Powell offers prizes for cookery in the shape of a first prize of £2 and a second prize of £1, to be competed for only by Girl Guides in England. Further details can be had at Headquarters.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMP.

A very delightful site has been selected near Boxmoor (Herts) for a training Camp for ladies wishing to become Guide Officers.

The camp will be held towards the end of August and will last a week, the inclusive cost for each member being 15s.

As the camp must be limited to thirty, anyone wishing to attend should communicate

with Miss A. Blyth, Windy Sales, Felden Heath, Boxmoor, not later than August 20th.

The work will include Hay-box Cookery, Laundrywork, Signalling, Night Marching, Pathfinding, Tracking, Map Sketching, Invalid Camp Cookery, Study of Medical Properties of Common Herbs, Shooting (rifle and airgun), Campfire Yarns, Bridge-building.



MARCHER.—To soften your boots, rub them well with dubbin. Wear good thick stockings, and when you come in wash the feet thoroughly. It is a good plan to expand the leather of new boots and shoes by warming them thoroughly before wearing.

L.V.K.—It is impossible to say exactly how much to charge your girls for camp. It depends on what your ideas of suitable food are, and what cooking arrangements you have. For a camp of 25 girls under canvas or in a barn, where all cooking is on a camp fire, 6s. a week for each Guide should cover the actual food.

W.H.—All Army horses are branded on the hoof of the near fore leg. When tethered on the lines the head rope is tied in such a way that, should a horse become wild, a single pull will release it. The off hind leg is held by a shackle just above the fetlock.

YOUNGSTER.—I quite agree! Some musical instruments are needed in camp and on the march. Why not mouth organs? They are easy to learn, and a band of two or three is splendid for a march, or for the hymns on Sunday. A shilling is quite enough to give for one, but be sure all the instruments are in the same key, and that a good one for singing.

M.M.—The fact that a Guide holds the British Red Cross Society's Certificate for Home Nursing does not qualify her to wear the Guides' Sick Nursing Badge; but she will find it quite easy to pass the necessary tests, which are simple in comparison.

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WHAT WE ARE DOING.

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By LT.-GEN. SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL, R.C.B.

Women at the Front.

I write this near the Front, "Somewhere in Flanders," and it may interest Guides to hear a word or two about what women are doing there.

I have visited a number of the hospitals and recreation clubs for the soldiers, and in both places women are doing good and valuable work.

At one centre a vast hospital camp has been established where 12,000 to 14,000 patients can be treated, and probably about a thousand nurses and helpers are employed there.

I went to another centre where there is a Belgian hospital for 11,000 patients. Here there were 70 nursing sisters, most of them British. Then a smaller Belgian hospital of some three hundred beds, again run by English nurses.

Finally, there were ambulances run by Englishwomen like Lady Dorothea Feilding and others, who live and carry on the work of first-aiding and bringing away Belgian wounded—under fire all the time. King Albert gave the highest praise to their pluck and skill; and no doubt their coolness in action has had a splendid effect on the men around them.

So you see there is quite an army of women doing valuable work at the Front. But it is small compared with the host of those who have wanted to be there, and have in many cases tried to be there.

The Kind of Woman that is Needed.

But the authorities don't want women because they happen to be women; quite the opposite, women are in the way unless they are really skilful, and brave, and able to fend for themselves.

Far away from the military zone in France one sees plenty of women, figuring in all sorts of uniforms, apparently in the hope that having been so dressed they will have a better chance of being used, but I think that the more brilliantly they are uniformed the less sure the authorities feel about them—at any rate, the best dressed that I saw were the farthest away from the Front.

No! to get there a woman must have learnt in peace time all the different points that go to make a useful helper in the field. She must know how to obey orders and rules, and not only "know how," but be so practised at it that it has become a habit with her to "chuck" her own conveniences or her own ideas on a subject and at once carry out what she is told to.

Submission to discipline is a quality which the authorities look for as very important, and yet it is rather rare in practice. Then, of course, skill at her work is essential, and she is expected to be able to turn her hand to anything that may be required, cooking, sewing, scrubbing and laundrying; and it is all the better if she can do a bit of carpentering, electric wiring, typing, milk-ing, etc. And it is essential that she be healthy and strong, and able to rough it in the matter of travelling, sleeping and feeding.

It is on this healthy state that the pluck of the individual so much depends. It is all very well to be able to steel yourself to see a horrid wound, but it is quite another thing to live in the constant surrounding of pain and mangled men, and to carry on your work actively and cheerily and quite unaffected by the strain and horror of it.

So you see that however eager they may be to help in this splendid work, women are no use here who have been delicately brought up to do nothing in particular, and who think that a smart military or nursing dress is all that is required to make a nurse.

Where the Girl Guides Come in.

The Guides' training is just the one to fit a girl to take up valuable duty for her Country if called upon.

The discipline, the health training, the trustworthiness, the skill of the different handicrafts, the cheery activity in doing good which the Guide learns, all contribute to make her just the woman who is valuable to her Country and to her kind; for, after all, the only true way to win recognition is by deeds not words—that is, by worthy action and not by wordy faction.

1st Oxford Company received quite an ovation.
A cake competition was also popular.

Peterborough.—On July 25th the All Saints' (5th Peterborough) Company attended a special Service of Intercession for Women and Girls at the Cathedral.

Putley.—The 1st Putley Company has sent 147 books and 171 magazines to the Camps Library. The Guides are now making sandbags for our soldiers at the Front. A day's gooseberry picking brought in 118. for the funds.

Reading.—The great Rally in Reading where Miss Baden-Powell inspected and addressed the Guides, included detachments from Berks, Bucks, and Oxon. Unluckily, a deluge of rain quite put an end to the outdoor displays before the entertainment was half over, but the Guides, one and all, showed the most exemplary courage and cheerfulness.

It was heartrending to see all the freshly gophered frills of the "Laundry-maid" dissolving into the grass, and the poor "Cooks" had to fry their omelettes over the camp fires with the rain fizzling spitefully in the pan.

The Mayor gave a reception at his house, and placed motors at the service of the ladies attending the Rally.

One contingent, having to come a great distance, from Aylesbury, is indebted to the kindness of Lady Smyth for the use of her motor-car.

Salisbury.—The Guides had a "surprise packet" evening recently, when each girl brought articles she had earned or purchased (with money earned for the purpose) suitable for the soldiers in France; 118 articles—packets of tea, sugar, matches, candles, soap, stationery, cigarettes, combs, etc., were sent to the Canadians "because they are so far away from their own little daughters that they cannot get 'surprise parcels' so often as our own men can."

The girls are all busy making their own uniforms.

Teignmouth.—Guides Hilda Turner and Gladys Lovell sent a number of books to the Camps Library.

Wallington.—The local Company made its first public appearance at the annual Diocesan Inspection, and the Guides were greatly complimented by the Inspector on their work.

The girls have been making themselves very useful in connection with the V.A.D., and in delivering notices of recruiting meetings. Every week, too, they collect vegetables, fruit, etc., for the local branch of the Vegetable Products Committee which sends regularly to the Fleet.

Walton Heath.—The half-yearly report of the local Guides chronicles the existence of three patrols, with a membership of 21 girls, including five Rosebuds. An excellent room has been obtained for headquarters.

In their spare time the Guides do useful work at the Red Cross Hospital.

Weston-Super-Mare.—The 1st and 2nd Companies held their Field Day on July 10th.

After inspection by the local Commissioner, Miss Scott, two "accidents" were rendered first aid by Guides who had won their Ambulance Badge. After this, Mrs. Macgregor Ridgeway gave a most inspiring five minutes' address to the Guides, through which ran the golden lines: "We have a King well worth serving, we have a country well worth saving." Having saluted the flag, the Guides marched through the woods to Sand Bay, where, in spite of the high gale blowing, fires were soon blazing, burning and kettles boiling.

After tea, signalling, botany and ambulance competitions were held in a field, and then came a despatch run, when two Guides—in the disguises of a bonny milkmaid in a blue overall, with milking stool and pail, and a small housemaid with a milk can—succeeded in fetching a despatch from a distant cottage and delivering it safely.

Wolverhampton.—Twenty-five of the local Guides won golden opinions by the cheerful way in which they did duty at the Red Cross garden fête.

Scotland.

Edinburgh.—On July 27th, Major James Macdonald Smith handed over the Colours (kindly presented by A. H. Roberts, Esq.) to the 4th Midlothian Company, after their consecration by the Rev. D. G. Hamilton. A successful entertainment followed.

Kilmallie.—The Kilmallie (1st Inverness-shire) Company is very busy collecting and drying sphagnum moss and sending it to various hospitals for dressing purposes.

Midlothian.—Some two hundred Guides and officers attended the half-yearly presentation of badges by Lady Fayrer, who also gave a splendid address. The total number of Guides to receive badges was 160. Sixty of the badges were Second Class and six First Class; in addition, 249 Proficiency Badges, 3 All-Round Cords, and 5 Nursing Armlets were presented, as well as 10 War Service Badges.

The following day all the Midlothian Companies held a Church Parade at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Wales.

Abergele.—The 1st Abergele Company was enrolled in May, and already the two patrols are well on their way to pass the Second Class test. All the girls are working for the soldiers and sailors, and most of them will soon qualify for the War Service Badge. Since the War started 202 garments and 457 bandages have been despatched, and the Guides are now making bags to hold the little personal belongings of the wounded in various hospitals.

Glan Conway.—On July 10th, an investiture ceremony was held, two Tenderfoots being enrolled in the 1st Glan Conway Company. Badges were presented by Mrs. Clarke, who also handed a New Testament bound in khaki to each Guide.

Canada.

Toronto.—The members of No. 7 Company recently entertained the children from the Protestant Orphans' Home, the Alexandra School, and the Memorial Institute. A fairy play was given and the May Queen crowned with red roses for love. The knights of honour, loyalty, sweetness, usefulness, thrift, obedience and purity then did homage, and the Queen was given a sceptre of lilies.

Lady Pellatt, the Commissioner for Canada, was present.

India.

Poona.—Miss Dorothy Sawyer's excellent work for the 2nd Poona Girl Guides has given a great impetus to the movement.

Working under an influential Committee, headed by Mrs. Sawtell, her perseverance, keenness and thoroughness have resulted in great progress being made.

The 1st Poona Company was formed chiefly in St. Mary's School, and was inspected at Bombay by Lady Creagh.

A patrol of Rosebuds belongs to this Company.

The Guides regularly attend sewing meetings in order to make a large number of garments for soldiers.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Value of a Uniform.

In a most interesting letter, some of which we quote below, a lady who has worked a great deal among girls gives her views as to the value which attaches to the wearing of a uniform by Guides:—

As a worker of long standing among girls and the working classes, will you kindly

allow me to express my appreciation of the Girl Guide movement in general—and its uniform in particular?

In the days before I was wise enough to introduce the Movement amongst the girls for whom I worked, I had much the same conception and views as expressed by the lady whose letter, "As Outsiders See Us," is quoted in the June Gazette.

To begin with, the wearing of a uniform gives one a "hold" over the girl. At inspection one can point out any little lack of tidiness, which one could not very well do otherwise without causing offence.

The uniform is in many cases the best and smartest dress the girl possesses. She takes pride in wearing it, and in keeping it smart and neat.

If the lady who writes saw the homes many of these girls come from, and the tawdry finery they are allowed to wear, I feel sure she would alter her opinion as to whether a smart and neat uniform is good to wear, or no. I contend that girls should be made to keep their uniform neat and in accord with the smallest detail, and to be very nice about boots, hair, handkerchief, etc. I myself have noticed sometimes some very slovenly-looking Guides going about. I do not blame the girls so much as their officers.

But this is the opinion of experience: "Take away the Guides' uniform—and you take away a most, if not the most, important asset of the Movement."

I may say that we have classes other than the Guides, and oh! the dirty pinnies and hands that come to them! When these join the Guides, dirt vanishes.

There is no doubt that if a Guide is encouraged to look after her uniform carefully, she will gradually begin to take more trouble over everything she has to do, thus unconsciously learning a very important lesson, which she will always remember.

Personal Friends.

We were very glad to find that last month's Special Camping Number was so much appreciated. Never before have we had so many letters in regard to one particular issue of *The Gazette*.

Now that you have once started to write, we hope you will continue to do so whenever you want us to help you in any way.

Nothing pleases an Editor more than to be made a personal friend of, and any information that is at our disposal is also at yours. You have only to let us know that you would like it.

Don't be Too Late.

Our Guides are most disappointed at not seeing the account of their display in last month's *Gazette*. It's too bad of you to leave it out. I'm sure I sent it in good time.

This is the gist of several letters received recently.

After duly recovering from the shock of the reprimand, we investigated the various reports, and found that *in every instance* they did not reach us until well after the 1st of the month, which is the last day when contributions for the next issue can be received.

If your report is missing from the current number, you will understand now that the fault lies with you, not with us.

Girls as Barometers.

The spirits of most of us are affected by the weather. If it is a fine morning, we feel blithe and gay, while the reverse is the case when the day is wet and gloomy.

In this connection we quote some interesting paragraphs which we came across in an American paper recently.

Forty-eight years ago, when I was a young man, I first found what the weather was going to be by the singing of the girls engaged in book-binding.

In those days the folding of book sheets was done by hand, and necessarily there was always in the sheet room a crowd of girls.

When I had to pass through that room in attending to business I would know just what the weather was going to be the next day.

If the girls were singing plaintive songs, or those which were slow measure or low scale, I would know that I must carry an umbrella the next day.

The girls were, of course, unconscious that the weather affected them, and did not know that they were telling me what to expect.

A Guide, of course, should be cheerful under all conditions.

UNIFORM.

Please Read this Paragraph with Especial Care.

At recent Rallies there were several noticeable discrepancies in uniform marring the effect. We have to remind Captains that only the Official Uniform is admissible for Girl Guides, and any departure from the regulation navy hat, navy blouse and sky-blue tie is not permitted.

THE THIRD LAW.

A Guide's Duty is to be useful and help others.

Our men in foreign countries and our sailors
on the sea—
Through hardship and through peril they
will fight for you and me.
They will not shirk or hesitate for fear of
being hit;
It takes a gallant spirit, but they mean to
do their bit.

At home the busy housewife thinks of
Tommy and of Jack,
She'll keep the home together till the day
when they come back.
She sweeps and cleans and washes, as the
tidy rooms attest,
It takes a gallant spirit, but she means to
do her best.

Suspense and worry linger, and the gloom
of war is felt,
It takes much cheery sympathy to cause
that gloom to melt;
So we'll smile and sing and help her with
our brightest, bravest wit;
It takes a gallant spirit, but we mean to do
our bit.

In this time of common sorrow, smiles are
worth their weight in gold,
And a helpful word is more to us than
worldly wealth untold;
So here's a chance to show our grit, to lend
a hand with zest,
It takes a gallant spirit, but we mean to do
our best.

EVA NENDICK.

ARE YOU GIVING A DISPLAY?

If so, you may not yet have selected a play to perform.

We would suggest that you get a copy of "Displays for Girl Guides," by Miss Baden-Powell. It contains eight complete plays, as well as instructions regarding stage management and effects. You can obtain it from Headquarters, price 7d. post free.