

## Food For French Children

UNITED STATES Quakers have started daily supplementary feeding of 84,000 school children in Unoccupied France. They now have food stocks in France sufficient to continue the rations for 20 weeks, and hope also to get permission to buy 200 tons of milk now available in Switzerland so that they can give a half-litre of milk daily to 10,000 French babies, who may very well starve without it.

—“Time”

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“Don't you think you'd get very hardened to that sort of thing after a month or so of nursing?”

“Not necessarily. You can't be a good nurse without sympathy. And sympathy doesn't interfere with your work because you're kept too busy to let it.

“One thing even a V.A. notices, however, is the difference between the men's and women's wards. The men are always jollier, and much more ready to exchange bright back-chat with the nurse. But probably if you had male nurses in the women's wards you'd find the women patients perking up considerably.”

“Did you have to do any theatre work?”

“No, the nearest I got to it was watching a blood transfusion, and even then I saw grey speckles whirling in front of my eyes. If you faint in the theatre, you know, nobody rushes to pick you up, you just have to revive yourself as best you can. The patient's the important thing.”

### Value of the Training

“After your sixty hours' experience would you be inclined to take up nursing as a career?”

“Yes. It's amazing the way nursing gets you. I've never been able to understand before why so many people went in for a job which entails so much hard work and so little material reward. But I hated leaving, even though I felt that physically I had had enough.”

“And what use is made of the training afterwards?”

“Every time a hospital ship comes in we go on duty at the clearing station. Many of us go to the General Hospital to help on week-ends. V.A.'s form part of the staff of military hospitals here and overseas, and are permanent helpers in military wards of ordinary general hospitals. And those of us who have no permanent hospital duties are attached to the Red Cross or St. John Ambulance Emergency List, and are ready to man first aid posts or give assistance in a national emergency.”

—M.B.



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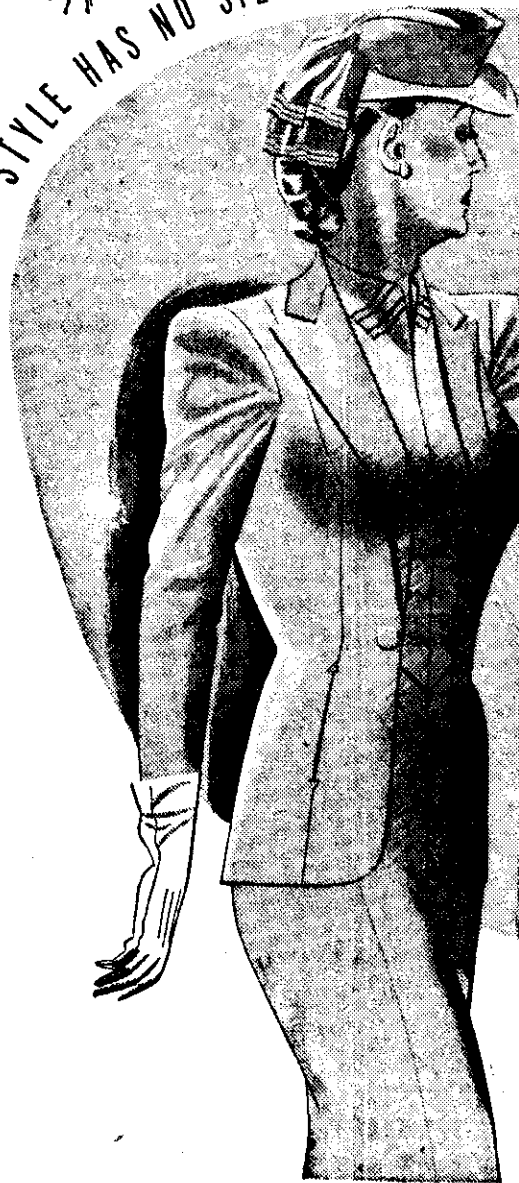
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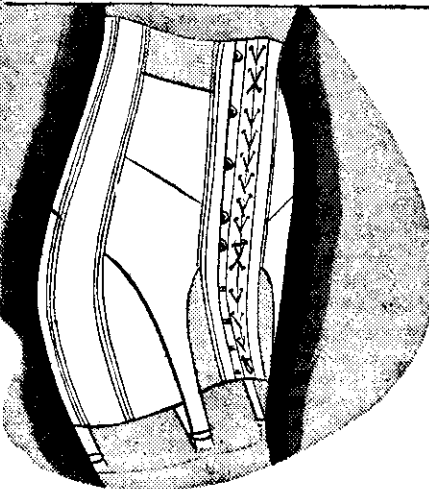


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