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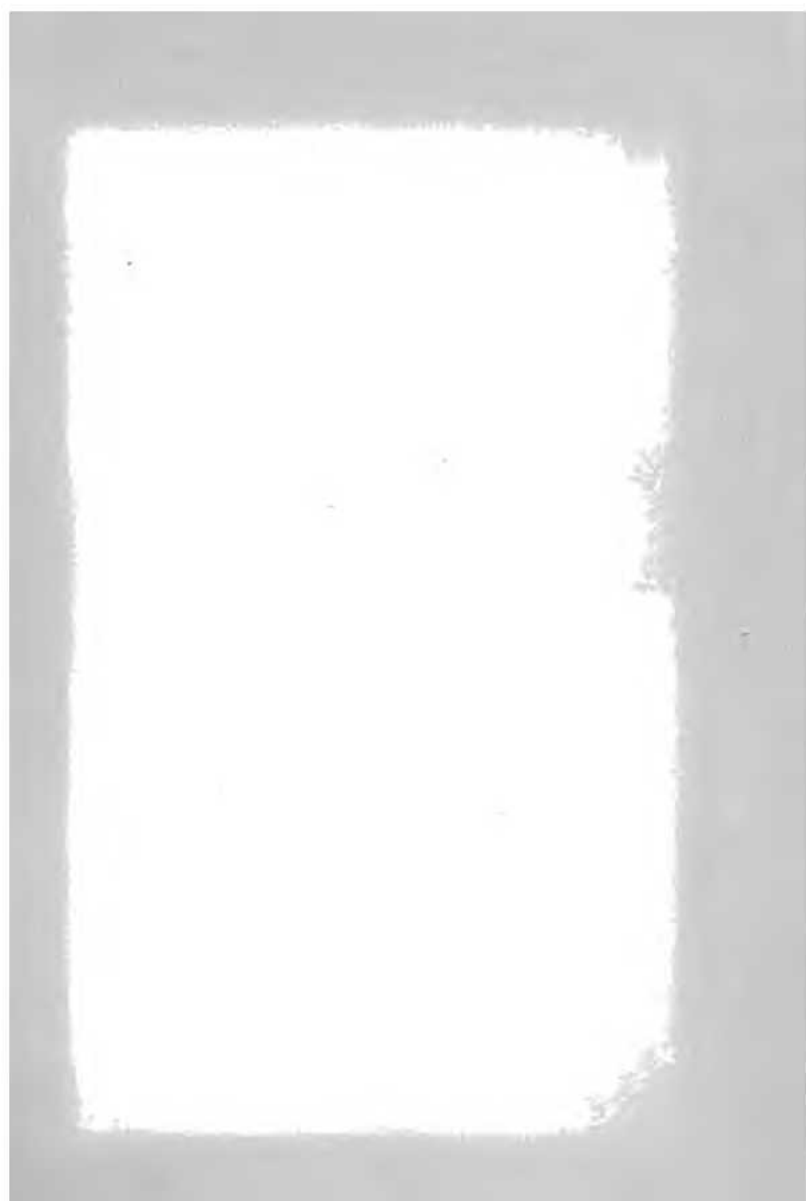
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BACK TO THE JOB AT HOME



WHEN the pilot climbs aboard ship in America's debarkation harbors, or when orders come for mustering out at camp, the Job Back Home is about the most interesting and vitally important subject that presents itself to the man in uniform.

Even if he knows just what he wants to do, that job may not be waiting for him. Some of the home work is being handled by other men or women. Are they all going to step out and welcome back the men in khaki or blue? There are bound to be countless new adjustments for men to make before industry, agriculture, and commerce are back on regular schedule.

Daily drill in camp will give way to the whirl of machinery, the whistles of steamship and locomotive, and the round of chores on the farm. There won't be the parades and the uniforms, nor the Captain's call to "Tenshun," nor the voices of comrades who a few months ago were helping make the world safe for Democracy. The great piece of war work is done and the Nation's own great work has begun again. That is the contented labor of a hundred millions of free people at their regular daily tasks. To maintain that labor and to preserve that contentment means that every man must find his place at once, do his best at it, and try to improve his own condition by improving himself.

As one man back from France well said it: "After I got into the army I threw off the old mental and physical lassitude that had come near making me a vegetable fit only for the boiling pot. Then something was born in me and something died, and I fought as a man can when he is in the best of physical condition and isn't afraid of anything in consequence.

"Now the war is over, and I must leave the army. But I want to keep on fighting. I think it is my duty to help my country in these days just as much as it was in the days of fighting. I am willing to do anything that will give me fighting—fighting against the difficulties of business or professional life."

That's it, up and down the line. Every man wants a week or two for visiting with his friends, and then—to work again, with new hopes, new ambitions, and a new faith in himself.

HELPING UNCLE SAM MEANS ALL THE TIME

The world has seen enough of autocracies that control the lives and fortunes of the people. It has seen enough, too, of the plots and plans by which people hope to rise by tearing down everything else. Uncle Sam's new army of democracy is a hundred million men working together, thinking together, planning together for the things that will make America a better place to live in. To be a soldier in the new army is as glorious as to have been fighting in the uniform, and the spirit of conquest need not be lacking.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK

The American Library Association, which supplied books and magazines to the soldiers, sailors, and marines during the war, has discovered that American men read under all circumstances; and read all sorts of things.

While the men were preparing themselves for the business of fighting, the great demand from the field was for books on military subjects and on technical subjects related to military science. Of the several hundred thousand volumes purchased by the A. L. A. the great majority were books of this kind.

Now the thoughts of the men are turning to the home jobs, and the American Library Association desires to help the men get the books they need about those jobs, just as it helped them to get the books needed about the war jobs.

This illustrated book makes a few suggestions of specific books on certain subjects—practical books written by practical men. All the books mentioned and scores of others of the same practical character are available in the camp, hospital, public and college libraries of the country.

