

# ESSAYS

## WE CAN'T

WE CAN'T! Or more often I CAN'T ! Howoften we hear these words! Why are these words used so much? Simply because "We can't" think of anything else to say. It is extremely easy when we come up against something that seems hard at first to say "I can't" and stop; whereas, if we were not, as is most often the case, so lazy we could try a little and do it. When we usually say we can't is when we think something is going to be hard; then so we won't have to waste our very good energy we excuse ourselves by saying "We can't."

If some of the men who settled the vast region now known as the United States had said "We can't" when they encountered a seemingly hard obstacle, I am afraid many of us would be in the front lines of the battlefields of Europe, fighting with the nations now engaged in war, since most Americans originally came from Europe.

If all people said "We can't" as much as we do after we have tried a little we would more than likely still be writing on rocks. When we start saying "We can't," right then and there progress stops.

While an epidemic is raging, if a doctor should get worried while trying to vaccinate and administer care to the hundreds of people calling for him, and say, "I can't, I just can't do it," and leave the people to die while he went off to rest, what would we think of him? We would call him a coward and a weakling.

All these cases serve as examples to show how we do and what happens when we say "We can't." Certainly we can do nothing unless we try, and there is one thing certain, if we say "We can't", then we can't.

-Margie Waller

## SHOULD AMERICA KEEP OUT OF ANY WAR IN WHICH DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES ARE INVOLVED

Since the present war raging in Europe is a war between Democracy and Oppression, the most natural impulse of many Americans is to rush headlong into it. However, can America afford to get into another war, when she has never finished paying her debt in the last one and when she has sunk further into debt by the depression following it? War, as everyone knows, is always destructive. It ruins our homes, takes our healthiest and strongest boys, leaving to the next generation a manhood weakened physically, mentally, and morally. It piles up more and heavier debts to be paid. The argument for staying out of war is stronger than that for entering it.

By staying out of war, America can help the Democratic cause in a constructive way far more than by adding to the destructive force now at work in Europe. At the end of the war, however long or short, Europe is going to need a nation able to help her rebuild on the ruins and ashes that are left here. America then can do more at the end of the war for the cause of Democracy by staying out of the war now and by lending her aid as good neighbor, interested in humanity.

Europe will need our money and our resources to draw upon, as well as our sympathy in her effort at rehabilitation.

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Charles: Why are you limping?  
Do your shoes hurt?

June: No, but my feet do.

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