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Our Part in The War.—Deep down inside most of us is the heart-felt desire to do something to aid in the War Effort besides buying War Stamps and Bonds. The boys who have left us to enter the service are still a part of Marshall Field & Company and they are giving their best to the War Effort. We are all proud of the boys in the service and most of us are envious although some of us may not want to admit it.

What most of us don't realize is that we are contributing directly to the War Effort. Each and every mill has shipped products to various branches of the Government. About one-third of the total production of all the mills combined is being shipped to the Government. We know that yarn from the Bedsread was sold to make duck which was shipped to the Willys Overland Company who make the jeeps for the Army. The Rayon Mill has made cartridge bag cloth which is used to fire the big guns on battleships. The Blanket Mill is making blankets which will be used by the Engineering Corps on large construction work which the Army, itself, is undertaking. All of this is in addition to the wool blankets, sheets, towels, bedspreads and overcoating which we have regularly shipped to the Government.

Shipments to the various branches of the Government during August amounted to almost a million dollars. During August, approximately 25 percent of the Bedsread and Rayon Mill shipments, 33 percent of the Towel Mill shipments, 45 percent of the Sheeting Mill shipments, and 90 percent of the Woolen Mill shipments went to the Government. The other mills contributed less than 20 percent, but they did all they could.

We should all be proud of our part in making war products. A letter from the Navy last week stated that "Your cooperation and assistance is needed. This is our country we are fighting for—only through our most concentrated and unified effort can final victory be ours." This we should remember in addition to being proud of what we are doing.

Fire!—There is nothing that sends a chill up the backbone; that causes brave men to feel a moment of helpless panic, and sends women and children stampeding in deathly fear as that one word; FIRE! There is something so appallingly fearful about it that in nine cases out of ten people are momentarily stunned—and in that one moment the fire gains great headway.

Here in the Tri-Cities we are faced with a problem much graver than it has ever before appeared. The business and residential of Leaksville is well equipped to fight the dread enemy. But what of our far-flung suburbs? What of the hundreds of new homes recently built just beyond the city limits?

We might well pause and consider this for a few minutes. If your own home were to catch on fire what would you do? In most cases a home catches on fire in the wee small hours of the morning, when everyone is sound asleep. We all know that when awakened from sleep quickly, there are moments when we cannot adjust ourselves to our immediate surroundings. In plain words, it takes us a few seconds to get the sleep from our eyes. And in the meantime the fire is steadily eating its way into our home.

If we've paused to consider we now know that once the fire gains

headway there is nothing on earth we can do about it. The small stream of water from our garden hose is like tossing a lighted match into the ocean. So we know our home is doomed; all the time, money and love we have put into that home is gone.

Right now the problem is more serious than ever before. For the first time in our lives many of us own our homes. No longer can we feel that should our home burn down the company will quickly rebuild it; that if we can save our household effects we will have lost practically nothing. We've got to face facts now. We own our home, and it is our most priceless possession. To lose it means not only have we lost something dear to us, but it means that we have lost it indefinitely. Should fire steal your home, that will mean you will be without a home for no one knows how long. For building material, right now, is like rubber tires—you can't get it. Even if you have the money in the bank to build a new home you couldn't get the material to save your life.

So it behooves us all to be extra careful this fall and winter. Our homes are our own only so long as we take care of them. Those of us who live beyond the city limits or in the far-flung villages in Spray and Draper, know only too well that should our homes catch on fire they are doomed.

So the thing for us to do is to use every precaution to prevent them catching on fire. Watch your fires, your stoves, everything that might possibly cause a fire. And don't burn that brush too close to your house; don't let the children forget for a minute that they, too, are responsible for the safety of the home. Since we know that we cannot save the home if it catches on fire we've got to **prevent it from catching on fire.**

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FOR SALE—Three horses, ages 5, 6 and 12 years. Also two-horse wagon, quality guaranteed. R. E. Martin, Blanket Weave Room.