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### Introductory

IT has become a trite saying that ours has been a most extravagant nation. It required the grim necessities of war to arouse us to the extent of our failings and to cause us, each in his own life, to apply the remedy.

Our people committed themselves to a vast undertaking when they essayed to change from habits of extravagance to habits of thrift almost in a moment. While it cannot be said that we mastered overnight the art of saving we have shown our ability and willingness to rise quickly to a most pressing occasion.

As I conceive it, the national necessity for thrift will not be done with when our government ceases to need the people's savings for its war chest.

A great new industrial era will follow immediately upon peace. Industrial competition will be keener than ever in the world's history. There will be vast demands for new saved capital to repair the waste of war and to capitalize industry.

And new opportunities for the thrifty, ambitious individual.

And so I believe much remains to be done to inculcate thrift, not as a temporary war measure, but as a permanent peace measure also.

It is with a view to offering the individual practical help toward mastering the art of saving that I offer this work.

It is one result of many years' study of the savings proposition. Some of the phrases in it I have previously used elsewhere and for this reason a few readers may come upon a familiar note occasionally.

HARVEY A. BLODGETT,

St. Paul, Minnesota, April, 1918.

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