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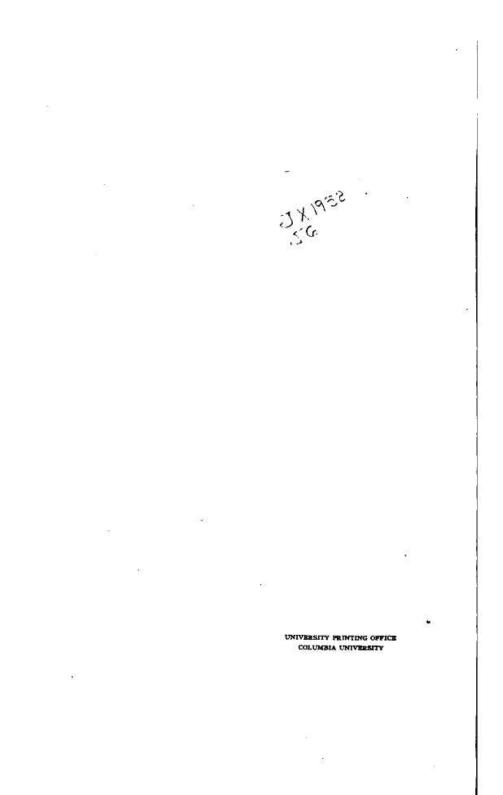
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FOREWORD

The chief purpose of this and related pamphlets in literature, arithmetic and geography is to present to the school children of the United States materials showing the futility and burden of militarism and the destructiveness and barbarism of modern war, or materials relating to the heroism and patriotic services of deeds of everyday life. The accomplishment of this purpose is sought through two means:

First, it is hoped to interest text-book writers in the feasibility and desirability of incorporating some of the materials published in this pamphlet, or materials of a similar nature suggested by them, in the text-books to be written for our schools.

Second, awaiting such more or less remote results, it is sought to place in the hands of the teachers of the special subjects in the schools the appropriate pamphlets that they may use them in their regular class instruction. There is no desire to deny the heroism called for by war or the necessity of the patriotism and the sacrifices demanded by war. Yet it is hoped to develop a broad and tolerant conception of patriotism and higher idealism through the incorporation of the matter suggested into the materials of instruction.

The materials of this pamphlet were collected a year or more ago, so that much of the information resulting from the experiences of the present war was not available. Since publication, our own country has become involved in the world-wide struggle; but as the pamphlet contains so much material that is of value in time of war, its circulation has not been withheld.

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 - Vermin. Their influence in spreading disease and upon the general health. Methods of protection.

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- Wounds. General statistics. Trial-and-error method. Fatalities. Dum-dum. Wounds 55. disease. Morale and self-aid. Peculiar manifestations. Air darts. New methods.
- The Rôle of Diseases in War. Data from general sources (numerical). Losses of the United States in the Civil War.

III. Economic Results of War.

Burden upon the whole people-economic, social, and moral. Cost of the Balkan war. Cost of the Spanish-American war. Who pays the cost?

IV. The Civilian Population and War.

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- Food. Limitation of kind and quantity ultimately necessary as shown by the kind and amount needed for soldiers and civilians. Discussion of manipulation of food supply to meet exigencies—kind, cooking. Civilian food in war time (special data with reference to England and Germany). Food and fatigue. School feeding. Warbread. General facts indicating tasks imposed upon the people at home by war.
- Effects upon Morale and Morals. Data with reference to noncombatants in Balkan wars. Data showing inadequacy of war as a promoter of ethics.

V. The Elimination of the Fit.

- Recruits. The type of men selected; general points considered. Age, height, weight, chest. Deformities. General health. Teeth. Clothing-kinds, making, care of. Equipment.
- Eugenics and War. War as a maker of homes. Necessity for anticipating the future. Disgenic effects. War not a natural agent in selection. Some probable benefits. War babies. War and sexual life. Influence of war on the race—general facts and data from the War of the Rebellion showing the loss of the most fit.

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