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## FEMININE DRAFT RECOMMENDED TO MAKE WOMEN OUT OF IDLERS.

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The slow response of our ladies to the call for recruits for the WACS and other women's service corps, convinces me that we must draft the women the same as we do the men.

Imight consider the dilatoriness of the fair sex in this matter a reflection upon the patriotism of the American women, did I not remember that when we tried to raise Armies of men in a similar manner, we had very little success.

It used to be the custom of the President to call for volunteers in time of war, and our patriots were supposed to rush to the colors in herds. They were supposed to be so eager for battles as to knock one another down trying to get to the recruiting sergeant first. But what really happened was that the knocking down came of efforts to get away from the recruiting sergeants.

### Draft Needed Before

We managed to raise armies of volunteers in our smaller wars, but even then, we never had enough. The North had to employ the draft in the Civil War and it caused riots of protests. When World War I came along and we were raising an Army of millions, not the usual few hundreds of thousands, the draft had to be put into operation at once, as experience has taught us that the volunteers would only trickle in when we needed a flood.

The inadequacy of the volunteer system was not a matter of lack of fighting spirit, Irresolution, Business cares, family responsibilities and a thousand and one other reasons kept men from responding promptly to the calls though probably, all intended going when it was convenient to them. The draft left them no choice. It may have it's injustices, but it is obviously the only sure method of raising Armies speedily.

There were many volunteers in World War I as there are in this one, and in other wars they inclined to believe themselves as somehow superior to the drafted man, a feeling that soon happily vanished and has not been revived in World War II; the necessity for big service corps of women was not recognized in World War I, and in fact, was an afterthought in the present war, so no provision was ever made for raising these corps sooner than with volunteers.

I think the great crying need for the draft of women for the WACS and WAVES and other corps, aside from giving them the numerical solid strength required, is that it would impress upon all women - because it would reach them all - and upon the people generally the seriousness and dignity and patriotic purpose of the various corps and render them immune from the covert sneers of some of their sex and the vicious innuendo of male jerks that harassed the girls.



in uniform and impeded the recruiting effort.

#### TOO MANY WOMEN IDLE

Too many idle dames between the ages of 21 and 44 are sitting around cocktail bars overstuffing themselves in restaurants, and running to the race tracks and the theaters and other places of amusements, or spending long hours in the hands of hair dressers and masseuses, and at the same time, making wise cracks and lewd insinuations about the women who are trying to be of service to their country.