

Employments in Italy.

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In Italy new professions for women outline themselves, such as running the tramways or sweeping the streets. The lady conductor in her grey cape and her cap which gives her the air of a soldier has now become a popular silhouette, women are serving as barbers, a flood of employes, correspondents and accountants in petticoats, have peacefully invaded the offices deserted by men. The first women's body to organize in Italy was the Army of Mercy.

Others who could not endure the fatigue and the sight of suffering, have gone to work in the "posts of comfort" at which such a great number of soldiers have been aided; <sup>at</sup> the cross <sup>ing of</sup> roads where pass the thousands going from one <sup>part</sup> to another of the Peninsula, soldiers starting for the front, soldiers who go on leave, <sup>and</sup> the wounded being transferred from one hospital to another.

Jumping down from the train, all dusty and thirsty, or dragging sometimes an injured leg, the soldier finds himself received with a pleasant smile, with a gentle look and finds according to his wish, the good coffee boiling hot, or the "foaming" ice which is refreshing even to look at; and ~~hears~~ <sup>hears</sup> a <sup>kind</sup> word, <sup>or</sup> a woman's voice which recalls to him other dear voices and gives to him courage."

And ~~With~~ these kindly works go a swift and endless clicking of needles throughout the country, ~~like~~ a light and continuous accompaniment to the terrific majesty of the music of cannon. Who has not worked on stockings in these years? Where is the modest country that has not had its little place in the parish with a committee on wool? Where is the circle of women either organized for diversion or study that does not boast of its large output, of its great work for the army in the way of giving warm

