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### A PATRIOTIC WISH.

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag could boast about;  
I'd like to be the sort of man it cannot live without:  
I'd like to be the type of man  
That really is American:  
The head-erect and shoulders-square,  
Clean-minded fellow, just and fair,  
That all men picture when they see  
The glorious banner of the free.

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag now typifies,  
The kind of man we really want the flag to symbolize;  
The loyal brother to a trust,  
The big, unselfish soul and just,  
The friend of every man oppressed,  
The strong support of all that's best,  
The sturdy chap the banner's meant,  
Where'er it flies, to represent.

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag's supposed to mean.  
The man that all in fancy see wherever it is seen,  
The chap that's ready for a fight  
Whenever there's a wrong to right,  
The friend in every time of need,  
The doer of the daring deed,  
The clean and generous handed man  
That is a real American.

—Edgar A. Guest.

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### WORDS THAT CARRY WEIGHT.

WHEN Major General Wood speaks his mind on matters of military importance his fellow countrymen are disposed to give his views serious consideration. So it is that the brief review of his observations abroad, which somebody at Washington has so kindly permitted the American people to read, is by far the most acceptable information we have yet received from the front. It is acceptable, not because the information disclosed is altogether pleasing to us, for much of it is of opposite character, but because we believe it to be, so far as it goes, the truth as to the actual state of affairs of our forces in the fighting zone. And how long we have waited for some reliable person to tell us just how such matters stand!

Of course General Wood has told the senate committee much in confidence, and whether that portion of his report contains good news or bad is simply matter for speculation. Our belief is that some of his revelations fairly astounded the senators, because the general is given to plain speech when he is permitted an audience. But as to his observations which have been given general publicity. He tells us that General Pershing and his men are in good shape, save for the shortage of artillery and airplanes. How soon this shortage is liable to develop into a serious situation, he does not say. The absence of airplanes on the American front is a bit surprising, in view of the extravagant claims made for the Liberty Motor as far back as the middle of last summer. We seem to have plenty of trained aviators—a thousand or more, in fact, all ready for active service—but no airplanes are available. Is it possible that somebody has blundered? Whatever the

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