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WARNS THE NATION TO GUARD GIRLS (Appears on PAGE 8 – last page of paper)

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“Keep Them Out of Factories."— Man Workers Are Not Exhausted.

Miss Margaret Slattery of Boston, known from coast to coast as a lecturer on girlhood, Sunday night denounced factory managers who seek to have girls take the places of" men in their plants. The address, entitled "American, Youth and Democracy” was delivered at a meeting of the Ford Hall Forum.

''You business men of America, keep your hands off American girlhood," she cried. "If there is a real shortage of man labor call upon women over 25. They can do the work with less danger to prospective citizens of new America than can girls in their ‘teens."

She also spoke of the danger to girls that lurks in the streets of every great city. She said that in New York it was found that lists of missing persons included more names of girls between and 19 years of age than of any other class.

"In the recent draft thousands of our boys were rejected as physically unfit. Why? Because the mothers of these boys were forced to work over machines when they were in their 'teens. Employers are putting girls to work running elevators and doing men's work in stores. They say they are unable to get men to do the work. In many cases the fact is they employ girls because they can pay them cheaper wages than they can men."

Many unscrupulous manufacturers are taking advantage of present day conditions and falsely asserting that male help in unobtainable. Miss Slattery hits the nail on the head when she says "In many cases the 'fact is they employ girls because they can pay them cheaper wages than they can men." There are thousands of men in middle life who are still able to serve efficiently - in all lines of endeavor.