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Fortitude of the Women.

THERE is, in fact, what may be called a shout of triumph from one end of the land to the other and echoing back from the shores of Great Britain over the way in which those on the *Titanic* bore the fearful ordeal. "It is apparently a story of heroism as well as sacrifice," says the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*; "the world reads with tear-bedimmed eyes how the men aboard the great liner bravely abandoned all thought of their own safety in order to put the women and children in way of rescue. No finer tribute to the manliness of man could be imagined." "The behavior of the men was magnificent," says the wife of the novelist, Jacques Futrelle, who was one of the lost; "they stood back without murmuring and urged the women and children into lifeboats." But the fortitude of the women seems also to have been admirable. Speaking of his work in filling the lifeboats, the deck officer says: "The women and children couldn't have stood quieter if they'd been in church." Mrs. Oscar Straus, with one foot in the lifeboat, withdrew, declaring that she would stay by her husband's side in death as in life. Many other women had to be almost forced into the boats or wheedled into them. Miss Evans, finding the boat which she was entering overcrowded, voluntarily stepped out rather than allow a married woman to do so. The Countess of Rothes showed such self-command that she was placed in command of the lifeboat by the sailors who were manning it. A number of the women took their turn at the oars and fought courageously for life. "All that is important now," says the *Indianapolis News*, "is that when the disaster came it was met with the old dauntlessness."