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### SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

#### WHEN IS INQUISITIVENESS?

"In ancient days the most celebrated precept was 'Know thyself.' In modern times it has been supplanted by the more fashionable maxim 'Know thy neighbor and everything about him.'"—Johnson.

Among a set of rules on how to be popular which I came across recently, this one held a prominent place: "Do not be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friends."

Excellent advice, of course; but in order to follow it, one must determine what is inquisitiveness. And that is not always quite so easy.

Inquisitiveness is prying. Or perhaps I should put that problem "when is inquisitiveness?" We can find out what inquisitiveness is easily enough, from the dictionary if we have any doubts on that subject. It is a "disposition to quiz especially in matters not concerning the inquirer. Its synonyms are "prying, meddling, intrusive."

But when is inquisitiveness, is a much more difficult question to answer since that is a question that concerns individuals. For there are some people who are always on the alert to resent the simplest question is inquisitive, and there are others who never suspect people of prying into their affairs unless they are asked.

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ed questions about things that they really want to keep secret. I think, myself, that this excessive reticence is quite as abnormal and disagreeable as inquisitiveness, though of course one is bound to respect it.

That Abnormal Reticence. I know a woman who has this abnormal reticence and it is really astonishing to see the sort of things she minds. A neighbor will call her on the street with a friendly "Good morning, going down town?" and she will be annoyed because she has been asked a question which was none of the neighbor's business. Of course it wasn't the neighbor's business and she didn't care a hang, either; she simply wanted to call out a friendly greeting and that popped into her head. Or someone will see her planting bulbs and will ask her what they are going to be; or a friend, being told that she is to take a short trip from town, will ask when she expects to be back; or another friend, on her return from the trip, will ask if she saw some mutual friend. All these things would seem like harmless, justifiable inquiries to the average person. To this woman they are intrusions. Her friends soon learn to handle her with gloves, or quite likely, since gloves are a nuisance not to handle her at all.

On another occasion, a woman I know was most indignant because someone asked her what it cost to put in the new oil heater she was trying out. The neighbor who asked inquired because he was considering one for himself. The information was not anything private, it could have been obtained by going down to the hardware store through which the thing had been ordered or getting a circular. Therefore it never occurred to the neighbor that he was prying. But the woman regarded it so and never forgave him.

Better Err on the Side of Discretion. What is inquisitiveness is a question that it takes tact to decide. One must be able to feel other people's feelings, to understand their individual reactions and to keep off any ground that is debatable. Much better err on the side of holding your tongue unnecessarily than the other way around.

"Eve, with all the fruits of Eden but."

Rather than leave one unknown, lost all the rest. Friendship is too great a blessing to be risked by being what you know your friend may regard as inquisitive, even if you don't happen to feel that way about it.

#### Judge Protects Wealthy FROM ENHANCED LEGAL FEES.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 23.—Declaring that "similar service" has similar value for rich and poor alike, Judge Fuller of the common pleas court reduced an attorney's fee from the \$5,000 sought to \$1,000. Suit had been instituted for the collection of the \$5,000 fee for services and expenses in connection with the release of a client from a state institution. Before rendering its opinion the court obtained figures from other members of the bar and found that fees on such cases ranged from \$500 to \$500.

After making the observation regarding similar service the court said that "while the poor may be charged less, the rich should not be charged more than the service is reasonably worth, for this would be unethical and unprofessional. Nor can we doubt the value of freedom regained as a very material factor in this case, for on



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that standard, since the value of freedom like the value of life is beyond computation, the compensation of the attorney might easily lead to confiscation of the client's property although the services, as here, might involve no particular learning, skill, experience or difficulty.

#### Pittsburg Firm LEADS IN IMPROVING SCHOOLS BY CENTRALIZING.

WOODLAND, Pa., Feb. 22.—Believing that the education of children in districts remote from centers of population with their modern advantages, can best be carried on by consolidating district schools into one well organized institution, officers of the Harbison-Walker Refrigerator Company of Pittsburg have made a novel proposition to the local board of education.

There are five old wooden school buildings in the community, all of them carried on under the generally accepted plan that children must be educated, but that environment has no influence upon them. Here the children go from day to day, the drab and unattractive surroundings of the old system ever present. They leave school as soon as possible, some of them to get away from the monotony, and are soon at work with only a smattering of what they ought to know, even though they are never to take a commanding place in the community.

To get away from this, Hamilton Stuart, vice-president of the refrigerators company, has proposed to the school board that it buy all the old school houses. In their place he would have erected, at some central point, a modern, well equipped building to house all of the children. Here, Mr. Stuart told the board, they can have the advantages of a large and better force of teachers, and a part in the many activities which have come to mark the public school system in more important communities.

As a further inducement Mr. Stuart offered to bear all the expenses of building an auditorium to be used in connection with the school. This auditorium is to be furnished and equipped in the most modern manner, and is designed materially to carry out the idea that massing the students under one roof will open the way to many pleasant and profitable activities hitherto unknown in the community.

Orange sauce, seasoned with a little currant jelly and horseradish, is delicious with roast duck. Serve sliced, hard-boiled eggs with cherry sauce.

#### Gormandizing Kings OF OLD RECALLED BY REPUBLISHING MENUS.

DRESDEN, Feb. 3.—Menus of olden times when kings and robber knights served tons of food and wine to their castle party guests during feasts, which sometimes went on for weeks, have been appearing recently in the German newspapers which marvel at the capacities to eat and drink of the individuals living 800 or 400 years ago. Scientists, and letter writers to the newspapers in general, have taken up the subject of enormous feasts, and discuss at length the appetites of the nobility of former times. The scientists agree that it is scarcely conceivable how the kings and their friends could really consume the quantities of food and drink which has been accredited to some of the famous old characters of history in Europe.

An example of a feast at the court of Hanover in the sixteenth century when 13 different meat dishes were served has been published in virtually all of the newspapers of Germany recently, and has brought out much comment, especially by writers who make comparisons of the fat days of the past centuries and the "lean" days in Germany during the war, and since.

The menu, compiled from old court records, follows:

First section—Two kinds of wine soups, baked singing birds, meat pie, venison, mutton breast, wild pork, veal, roast chicken, hotted beef, two kinds of fish, vegetables and wine.

Second section—Lobster, trout, carp, pickled meats, lamb chops, roast deer, young roast pig, ox feet, artichoke, fig cake, dessert, wine and brandies.

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When cooking vegetables in a casserole, use very little water, and see that the lid fits tightly. The water is only to prevent the vegetables from sticking, for that method of cooking is steaming, not boiling.

Knives that are badly rusted should be rubbed with a flannel thrust them repeatedly into earth. If you have no garden, rub them with fine ashes from the grate, rinse in warm water, dry, and clean as usual.

Before using new glass or china, put the articles in cold water, and bring slowly to the boil. Leave them to cool, and then they are ready for use.

Don't take that old woolen jumper for floorcloths, but cut a strip of it to reduce its size, and turn it into a pair of stays for baby, by blanket stitching all round the edges; and the armbands, sewing on buttons and working button-holes.

When trying chicken, speck or the pan the last few moments, to allow it to become crisp.

#### Household Notes.

Individual Sally Lunns can be baked in muffin molds. Gargish a plaster of creamed chipped beef with toast points.

Serve a gelatin sponge whip with chopped dates and whipped cream. Roquefort cheese dressing is nice on grapefruit and endive salad.

Onion sauce flavored with a little cherry is nice with hot sliced lamb. A little lemon and orange juice improves the flavor to a toasted ham sandwich.

Marshmallow sauce is very good served warm on sliced cottage pudding.

A few drops of almond extract flavor cherry pie filling quite delectably. Cooked stoned prunes are good when stuffed with marshmallows and toasted.

Honey salad dressing flavored delicately with lemon is nice on a fruit salad.

Dishes can be stacked in a drainer and both scaped and rinsed with a hand spray.

Muffins or squares of cornbread are delicious when split open, toasted, and buttered.

Sections of orange and canned pineapple are a delicious combination in a fruit jelly.

Spread slices of buttered toast with anchovy paste, and top with scrambled eggs.

Bake chicken pie in a deep dish, covering it with a crust, and serve with apple jelly.

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