

SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

OVERHEARD ON THE STREET CAR.



"Reports camow d'er day. Jagetta delinquent?"

"No buda gutter nincompoet."

"G o n n a mny k'itup?"

"Sorce heffer."

"You've sedit."

"Lath sawful fertomorer. Gittidum?"

"No bud di shoe worry!"

I read somewhere the other day that some high school is introducing a radio department. If this idea gets through I hope that the course will include classes in broadcasting. For clear enunciation is the qualification above all others necessary for successful transmission over the microphone.

He Has To Really Use His Voice.

The broadcaster has to rely on his voice unaided by personality, gesture, facial expression, or stage presence to get his message across. Everything depends on his diction, his tone, his distinctiveness of utterance, and the expressiveness which he can throw into his voice.

Some such training, as that might serve to correct the distressing jargon of the average high school student. I confine my criticism to that class of students because their education along this line is neglected in so many of our higher schools of learning. The grammar schools have reading and declamation as a regular part of the school work, but in most of the higher schools of my acquaintance declamation is not introduced before the junior and senior years and then is con-

finued largely to the few who take part in the school plays.

Not True Abroad.

That may not be true of all the schools in the country. (I speak only from personal observation) and particularly it does not seem to be true of foreign children. I talked the other day with a boy who had just come to this country from Ireland at the age of 12. He had been educated in the schools of Dublin, and while his speech was marked with a rich brogue, his diction was a delight and his choice of words a striking contrast to the conversation reproduced at the beginning of this chat.

I was talking to a father recently who has taken his boy in hand in this regard. He makes him read aloud one paragraph every night. The boy represents it for he is at the age when he considers criticism an offense to his dignity. He reads the paragraph as he is bid, slowly and distinctly and without stumbling (that is, he does now after two weeks of practice, but he didn't at first), but he is heard to remark sometimes "off stage" that it's all darn silliness.

Clear Thinking And Clear Speaking.

I think he will feel differently some years hence. The boy with the habit of clear distinct utterance has a big advantage over the boy who may be his equal as a scholar, but whose speech is slovenly and whose vocabulary is poverty stricken.

There is a marked relation between clear speech and clear thought. Says Condilliac, "By taking the trouble to speak with precision one gains the habit of thinking rightly."

Viewed in this light, the matter of careful speech assumes greater importance than we ordinarily give to it.

IN THE REALMS OF SPORT

BASEBALL.

(Wednesday's Results).

National League.

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	10	18	3
Brooklyn	3	15	2
Philadelphia	13	17	2

	R.	H.	E.
New York	5	9	3

American League.

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	7	12	2
St. Louis	5	10	1

All other games were postponed on account of rain.

GUARDS FOOTBALLERS MEET TO-NIGHT.

A meeting of the Methodist Guards football team takes place in the Club rooms at 8 o'clock to-night, when arrangements will be made for the season's games. At this meeting the annual election of officers will be held, and it is desirable that every member should be present. The Guards won the football championship last year, and with practically the same line-up for this season, they feel confident of holding on to their present title.

Editor "Realms of Sport."

Dear Sir:—Please permit me space in your sports columns to speak of boxing. Many boxing fans who have been heard to say "What is the matter with Cook, of the 135-pound class," because Phelan had won by a K.O. Some of them think that Phelan cannot have the punch to give a K.O. Did Hanna-ford, from Grand Falls, have something wrong with him? It would look like every man whom Phelan has fought had something wrong with him.

and that if Phelan had a good man to fight him, he would get a K.O. Vanderveen of H.M.S. Constance did not do it. If these fans think that Phelan or Cook are no good, send someone along to try and beat one of these boxers.

Thanking you for space, I remain,
BOXER.

DEMPSEY READY TO FIGHT.

Champion Arrives in New York And Will Sign For Battle At Once.

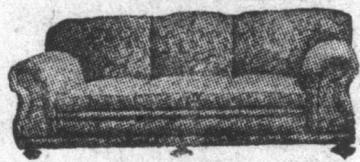
NEW YORK, April 23.—Jack Dempsey, world's champion heavyweight, who arrived here to-day, with his wife, the former Estelle Taylor, tonight declared he would postpone his contemplated honeymoon to Europe in order to defend his title against the negro challenger, Harry Wills, providing promoter Tex Rickard would assure him the match could be staged without interference.

"I'm ready to sign to fight Wills the moment they can show me the fight is a go," said the champion. "I am going to talk the matter over with Tex Rickard and if he can assure me the fight can be staged without interference, then the sooner they match us up the better. If he can't see his way clear, then I'm going to Europe with Mrs. Dempsey, and that will mean I am not going to fight this year, at least."

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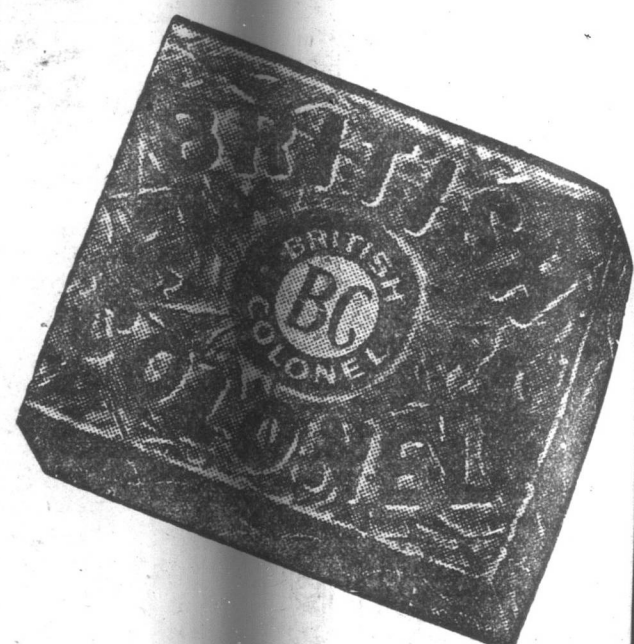
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