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Learning to Speak Well.

By RUTH CAMERON.



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"Will you kindly advise through your column one whose early education was neglected, but who is anxious to learn to speak correctly, the best course to pursue without a teacher?" writes a letter friend? "Is there any hope for such a one to overcome the uncultivated speech of childhood?"

In the first place let me record my heartfelt admiration for this woman. Is there any hope? All the hope in the world. Of course childhood's habits of speech are very firmly fixed, but half the battle is already won because you want to improve.

In the first place, you had better get a simple grammar or rhetoric and read it through, reading not merely with the eye but with the mind, taking care to understand every page before you turn it. I know of several such books and will be happy to name them to anyone who cares to write me personally.

In the second place, fairly steep yourself in the writings of men who write good English. Read Stevenson, read Arnold Bennett, read Hawthorne or Emerson, read Thomas Hardy, read Thackeray, or Mrs. Gaskell or Charlotte Brontë.

Of course the best way to learn to speak good English is to be much with well educated people. We take the tone of our speech from those about us just as surely as the chameleon takes its color from its surroundings. Put a well educated man into the company of ignorant and uncouth people and in a year he will be speaking their language. It is never

so easy to climb from bad habits to good as it is to slip from good habits to bad. So the reverse is not so invariably true. Nevertheless the average person will gradually pick up refinements of speech from being with well educated people.

I wonder if you have any friend so intimate that you can ask her to help you in this fight? If so, suppose you request her to correct you when you have made a slip. It is very hard to keep a watch on one's own tongue, much easier to guard one's neighbor's. I always notice when my neighbour says "those kind," while my own errors, doubtless as numerous and of offensive slip off my tongue unnoticed.

Perhaps your friend would like to learn to speak well too, and you can make it a mutual arrangement of infinite benefit to both.

One last word. Do not get discouraged if you find that you keep on making mistakes. Perfect English is the rarest thing in the world. It is astonishing to notice how many mistakes people who have had educational advantages will make. I can speak with deep feeling on this subject because I know my own mistakes are legion. Every now and then a reader friend points out a few to me, and I feel as if I should never write again. Then I remember that critics have found flagrant grammatical errors in such writers as Arnold Bennett, so I make up my mind to "take heart with the day and begin again."

And that is what you must do, Reader Friend. Remember Rome was not built in a day, and a perfect command of English is a structure as laborious as it is beautiful. Courage, comrade, we may never finish our structure, but we can at least keep on building until the end.

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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(Official.)

The Governor, Newfoundland:

French Government reports progress along the heights of the Meuse and in the Argonne region.

Russian Government reports heavy fighting on the left bank of the Vistula, the Ilawa-Glow-Lowicz front, in the region of Piotrkow and south of Cracow, the enemy achieving no success. The Russians evacuated Lodz for strategic reasons.

After successful operations, resulting in the capture of about 200 prisoners and five guns, the India expeditionary force has captured Kurua, where the late Governor of Basra surrendered unconditionally with his troops. We now control country from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates to the sea.

The Serbians have routed the Austrian army and recaptured Valjevo, taking twenty thousand prisoners and fifty guns.

In South Africa, General Beyers is believed to be drowned in the Vaal. Rebel commandoes, numbering over 2,000 in all, have been recently captured or surrendered unconditionally.

DRIVEN FROM ARMENIERES.

BOULOGNE, Dec. 10.

A correspondent who has just returned to Boulogne, from Armenieres says the Germans on Tuesday were driven out of Armenieres by the British, and hurled back beyond the artillery range. Armenieres is nine miles northwest of Lille.

GERMAN SUBMARINES UNSUCCESSFUL.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

A half dozen German submarines made an attempt at 6.30 this morning to enter the Admiralty Harbor, according to a Dover despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, and for half an hour the batteries kept up a furious fusillade, firing at least two hundred shots. It is reported that two or three of the submarines were sunk, but this is not confirmed.

FROM PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 10.—(Official.)

There was no important change yesterday. Isolated attempts on the part of the enemy to take the offensive, have given rise to engagements in the districts of Clechanon and Przasnysz, as well as Piotrkow, and in several other districts on our front. The result of the engagements has been unfavorable to the Germans. In the region of the passes of Vyzskow and Beskid (in the Carpathians) on Dec. 8th, during attacks on fortified positions held by Austrians, we captured four guns, several hundred prisoners, and many wagons.

THE NURNBERG SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The Official Bureau announces that the German cruiser Nurnberg has been sunk. Later it says that a further telegram was received from Vice-Admiral Sturdee, reporting that the Nurnberg was also sunk on Dec.



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8th, and that search for the Dresden is still proceeding. The action lasted five hours with intervals. The Scharnhorst sank after three hours, and the Gneisenau, two hours later. The enemy's light cruisers scattered and were chased by one of our cruisers and light cruisers. No loss of any British vessel is reported.

DRESDEN REPORTED CORNERED.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 10.

The cruiser Dresden has been cornered in the Straits of Magellan, according to advices from well-informed naval circles to-day. The naval division of Admiral Sturdee is understood to include nine warships.

KAISER IMPROVING.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.

The Kaiser's health has considerably improved, according to advices from Berlin.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

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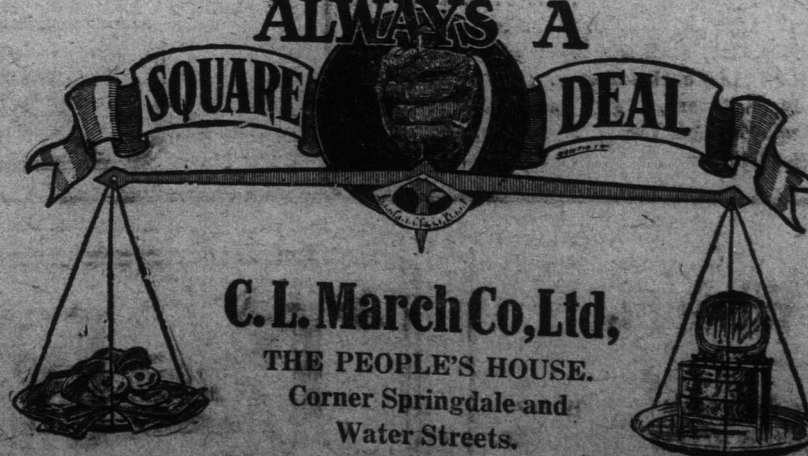
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