

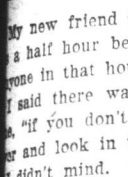
SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

HOUSES.

A woman whom I felt drawn to but did not know very well was visiting me with a mutual friend at my home in the country.

Across the way from us a little house has just been built.



My new friend had not been with us a half hour before she said, "I've seen that house yet?" "Then," said I, "if you don't mind I'm going to look in the windows." On the contrary I was glad. For I knew that I had a kindred spirit. Anyone who doesn't love houses just as well turn to some other part of the paper for I am going to write about the fascination of houses.

I am still as eager to climb the stone steps and prowl about over the new lumber and kegs of nails in a house that is being built as I was when I was a child and a new house in the neighbourhood was a rich source of adventure.

The Inside of Houses.

I can never wish that I might see the inside of some occupied house whose exterior intrigues me. Once I came up and asked if he would let me see the inside of his house for a reason, and I welcomed him with a delight that must have surprised him. I was so glad to find that one else had felt that way and the courage to say so.

Here the stories that houses tell, that his Gothic house of 40 years ago with all the fancy work of the carver and the edge of the roof. Can't you just imagine how the people were who built it? How fancy how people want to tell how much that fancy cost, and how the house was of the show places of the town.

Statistics Show

TEEN HAVE BEST HOPE OF LIFE.

New York—There is the magical health development of the young person's life. At thirty he is supposed more nearly to approach normal. Under thirty he may weigh a number of pounds above average called for in the standard weight and age tables, but at thirty the longest life span presumes those whose weights are below the average, according to figures compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, and given out by the American Health Association.

The association asks everyone to keep track of his or her weight, and to keep it under control. It is a statement accompanying the new Dr. Louis T. Dublin, of the insurance company, who compiled the figures.

After thirty, people who weigh above the average have a better chance for long life, the records of insurance companies show. At this age it is a decided advantage to be slight and a serious handicap to be materially in weight; proportion, of course, that the light weight is the result of a sudden loss in weight which may be the result of some disease.

at that time. And now the paint is peeling and the fancy wood work is broken in several places and it is rented to a family who only put up with it because they have seven children and can't squeeze into the modern apartment they covet.

If Houses Could Write.

If houses could only write their biographies we should have some reminiscences more worthwhile than many that are printed.

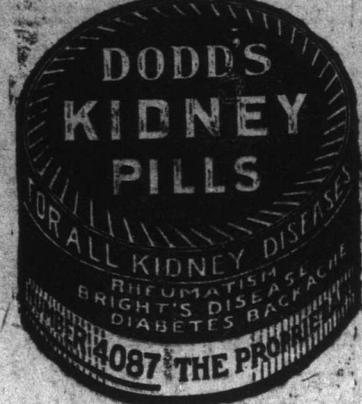
"I can never see a house with good lines and possibilities, but gone to seed and decayed into a tenement, without an actual pang. I wish I had the money to paint it and fix it up as it should be fixed. I see it in my mind's eye, gleaming with white paint, with window boxes at the windows and hollyhocks out in front and the ragged lawn trimmed to its old time glory.

I wonder if you ever read Joyce Kilmer's "The House with Nobody in It." To my mind it is one of the two best of his poems. (I know I needn't name the other.)

The House With a Broken Heart.

He had that same feeling about wanting to fix up the per old house with nobody in it. The poem ends with these two fine verses that I know everyone who loves houses enough to bear with me this far, will enjoy:

"For a house that has done what a house should do, A house that has sheltered life, That has put its loving wooden arms around a man and his wife, A house that has echoed a baby's laugh and held up his stumbling feet, Is the saddest sight when it's left alone, that ever your eyes could meet. So whenever I go to Suffern, along the Erie track, I never go by the empty house without stopping and looking back. Yet it hurts me to look at the crumbling roof and the shutters falling apart. For I can't help thinking the poor old house is a house with a broken heart."



consist of a salad, bread and butter, a choice of coffee, tea or cocoa, with sugar and cream and a dessert. This will account for 650 calories. The important meal of the day, or dinner, may consist of a soup, an average serving of meat, potato, two green vegetables, bread and butter and a dessert. If average portions are served, a total of about 1,200 calories will be included. This would make the total for the day approximately 2,500 calories.

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Just Folks.

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

THE FISHERMAN.

The man who loves to wade a stream like ordinary men may seem, And seen upon a city street. He looks like all the men we meet. Yet there is much escapes the eye; We never know the passer-by Or get beneath the veils which hide A fellow being's gentler side.

We cannot read men's eyes and tell What thoughts behind their glances dwell; We cannot in the passing throng Know just what ears are tuned to song. What hearts will throb with joy to see The blossoms on a cherry tree, What man of all the many here Grows gentler when a child is near.

Yet when we pass upon a stream A fisherman, though rough he seem And clad in garments worn and old, The story of his soul is told. 'Tis plain he loves a willow tree, The laughter of the waters free, The glory of the golden sun And every rock he treads upon.

He finds the twitter of the birds A sweeter speech than common words You know, because you find him there. To him the distant hills are fair, In him the wild flowers have a friend, He loves the stream and every bend, The tangled banks, the sky's blue span— Or he'd not be a fisherman.

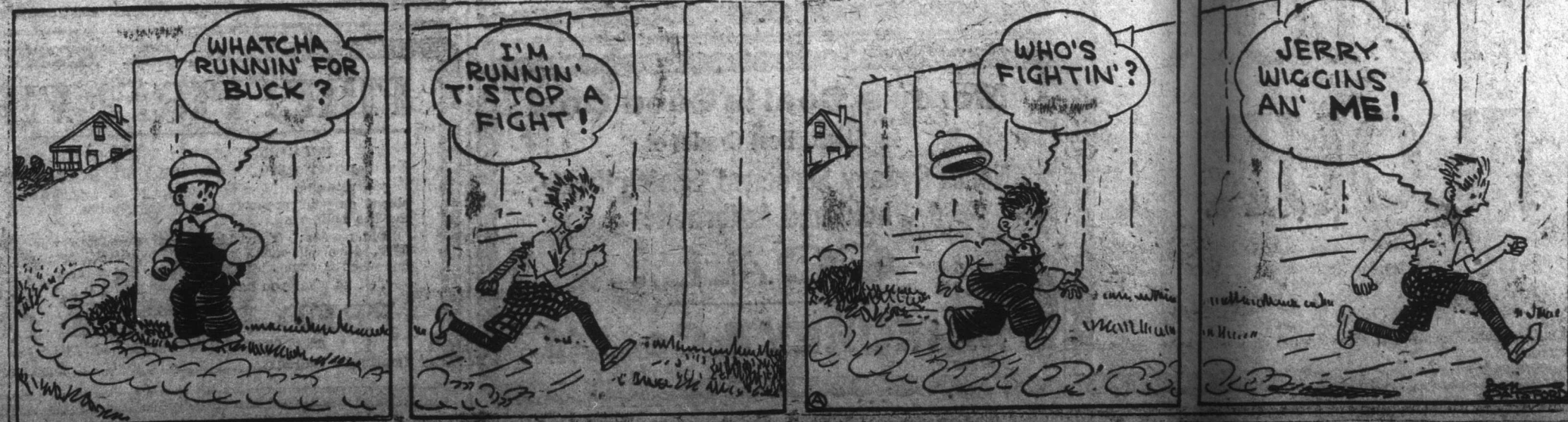
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A number of river drivers had their luncheon the other day on an island in northern Quebec. When they left the island, they left their fire burning. A few trees caught fire and while the men noticed the flames they thought nothing of it because the fire was on an island and they expected it to burn itself out. But a favorable wind enabled the fire to jump from the island to the mainland. It is still burning and to date has destroyed 350 square miles of pulpwood lands. At a minimum of \$1,200 a square mile, the timber that has been destroyed has a value of well over \$400,000.

Another fire in Quebec that was set by carelessness burned 2,000 acres of timber land that had a value of \$2,000 an acre. The pulpwood in this area would have been sufficient to run the entire Laurentide plant at Grand Mere, Que., forever, allowing for natural growth. And the Laurentide Co. supports a town of 7,000 people, almost everyone of whom is dependent directly or indirectly on the company.

This is the economic side of forest fires; their deadening effect upon the paper industry. It may be less sensational than the effect of forest fires on the northern Ontario mining camps, but from the standpoint of Canada's future it is just as important.

Millions of dollars are invested in pulp and paper mills in Canada, in water powers and town sites. These millions are in danger unless there is proper protection against fire and an adequate policy of reforestation. Some of the provinces receive as much as one-third of their revenue from these forests and yet they are spending hardly anything to insure the continuance of this revenue. It is largely to awaken public sentiment to such a degree that it will be possible for the men in charge of the governmental affairs to spend with public approval, that such companies as the Laurentide Co. are spending thousands of dollars a year on a policy of reforestation. The Laurentide Co. by 1925 will be getting out five million new trees a year or approximately as many as it consumes. But as an economic and practical matter, reforestation is not profitable for the ordinary pulp and paper company. It is entirely up to the provincial government just as protection against forest fires is a question for provincial control.

Hon. Honore Mercier, minister of lands and forests of the province of Quebec, has been studying this question and undoubtedly the incoming ministry in Ontario will also make a careful study of the question of conserving our forestry resources. But the governments cannot act without public support. Adequate forestry protection may involve the annual expenditure of a large part of the income now received from the forests. Business men must appreciate that when this expenditure is made that it is a proper and justifiable, in fact, necessary expenditure. They should indicate their approval of such investments in Canada's future.

Canada must look after its forests or pretty soon its most important industry and the chief source of its manufactured exports—the timber and paper industry—will disappear.

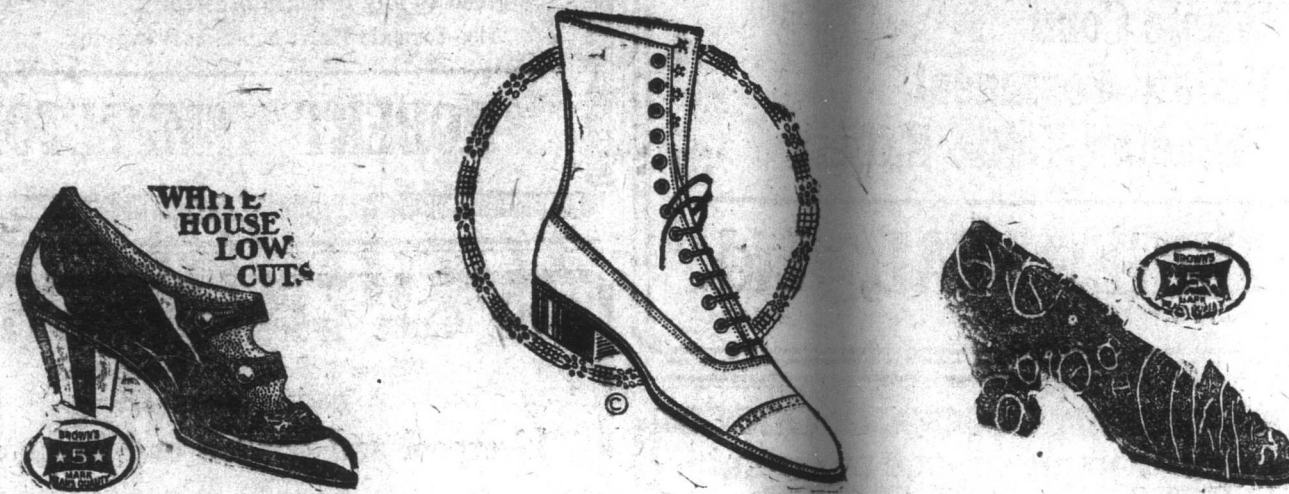
Viennese Too Poor to Pay Doctors' Fees.

VIENNA.—(A.P.)—Some hundreds of doctors in Vienna are having hard times, these days, keeping themselves and their families alive. The people cannot afford to pay their fees, which are 10,000 crowns or 15 cents, for a visit. Many physicians' families get meat only once a month, and live chiefly on bread and potatoes.

Ninety per cent. of the people in Vienna belong to the sick benefit associations and seek the help of an outside doctor only as a last resource. Furthermore, few foreigners come nowadays to Vienna in quest of medical aid. The home doctors discourage them from taking the journey, representing the local facilities for cures as good as anything to be had in Austria. It is evident the local practitioner does not want fees to slip through his fingers for the benefit of the profession in another country.

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