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### Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

#### WHAT NAMES SUGGEST.

Isn't it remarkable how certain Christian names have come to stand for certain qualities in our minds?

"Why do you never use the name David for one of your heroes?" I asked the Authorman one day.

"Because I am not apt to write stories of which David stands for."

"What does David stand for to you?"

David Suggests Strength.

"A sort of steadfast, quiet strength rather than the Americanism and pep heroes usually have," he answered.

Now that is exactly what the name David stands for to me.

And isn't that what it means to you?"

But why is it? Perhaps someone will say that we get that conception from the great David. But did David stand so much for strength as for loveable human weakness?

John is another name which stands, in my mind, at least, for quiet strength.

On the other hand, don't such names as Bob, Ted and Jimmy (names the Authorman is very fond of using) suggest as he says Americanism and pep?

Phillip Suggests Weakness.

Phillip for some reason has always suggested weakness to me. Perhaps because it is a pretty name, and weakness and strength do not connect themselves in one's mind.

Rosemary is one of the names which I love best. It seems to me one could have that name and not be sweet and gentle and graceful and gracious. When I read the name of a story, I always see a sweet oval face with serious brown eyes and a sweet smile.

And on the other hand, suggests a plucked nose and shilling eyes and certain cuteness.

Then and Margaret are strong names. They seem to connote dependability and womanliness.

Of course the suggestion always comes that one knows some person who has given the name its meaning for one. Sometimes this may be so, but I know it is not always so. Margaret, for example. The

Margaret I knew first was not the least that type, and the one I knew best was so very far from it that her associates, unconsciously, registering their sense of its unfitness, changed her name to Peggy.

Judith gives me a picture of height and dignity.

Katherine (I like it best with the K, though by the dictionary I find that it is not the original form) also suggests dignity and a strong character.

Forgive Me If I Spoke Ill of Your Name—I Didn't Know It Was Yours!

Louise, Edith, Bertha, Amy, Gertrude and Mabel are a set of names that has never seemed to me to have any very distinctive character.

I am afraid this is dangerous business. If I go on I shall be offending someone—if I haven't already.

But please understand this is just dotting down impressions at random in the hope of finding out whether they are just individual impressions or whether other people get the same reactions that I do.

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The backbone of winter is broken, and spring is at hand. For long we've been nourished on alest and such hideous stuff; the backbone of winter has flourished, but now spring is calling its bluff.

The breeze has a scent that is vernal, suggesting the tulip and rose; the sun, in its journey diurnal, is shedding some heat as it goes.

The robin, reliable token of springtime, is seen on the lawn; the backbone of winter is broken, the season of blizzards is gone. Yes, March, as you say, is afflicted with weather we scarcely can stand; but then, it is promptly evicted, it whoops for a day and is canned.

Though furnaces still we are stoking, at times, till the advent of May, the backbone of winter is broken, hurroo and hurrah and hooray! And soon we'll be planting the tater, and mowing the grass on the lawn; oh, say, is there ecstasy greater than that when the winter is gone?

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Sir John Kirk, the veteran African explorer, who recently celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday, tells this story of the early days of the Uganda Railway, which he was largely instrumental in getting built:

One morning (says Sir John) a train on its way up country came to a sudden standstill between stations in the jungle, and a certain amount of rending and crashing in the rear proved to the alarmed passengers that something untoward had happened.

"Is it an accident, and is there likely to be a long delay?" anxiously inquired a worried-looking individual of the guard.

"Some idiot pulled the communication cord," shouted back the guard. "The engine-driver, new to his job, stopped the train too suddenly and jerked the two rear carriages off the track. It'll be four hours at least before we can make a start again."

"Four hours! Great Scott!" gasped the passenger. "And I am to be married in Uganda to-day!"

The guard eyed him suspiciously. "Look here," he demanded, "I supposed you want me to believe you ain't the gentleman that pulled the cord?"

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#### Poor, But Honest.

Bishop Stirling, who recently celebrated his episcopal jubilee, is fond of telling this story of another equally well-known bishop, whose dislike of all pomp and "swank" is proverbial.

He was once (says Bishop Stirling) on a visit to a clergyman in the country, and the lavishly ostentatious display of silver candlesticks in his room rather got on his nerves.

After the lordship's departure these candlesticks could not be seen, and the clergyman in great distress at once wrote to the bishop informing him of his loss, and ended up by saying, "Can you tell us what has happened?"

By return came the following wire: "Poor, but honest. Look in the chest of drawers."



#### HE LIVED HIS LIFE.

He lived his life with heart and soul. And willing hands and ready brain, He did not talk about his goal. But worked its splendors to attain; He did not boast of lofty things. And be content with flowery phrase. But knowing all that honor brings, He lived in honor all his days.

He knew the emptiness of speech. That is not founded well in deeds. He did not undertake to teach. His neighbor all his little needs; But little here he had to say. Words from his lips were slow to run. Men learned his thoughts from day to day. From something helpful he had done.

He was not one of prate of truth. And in his conduct live a lie; He did not order eager youth. To deeds he would not dare to try; In times of need his heart was kind. When strength was called for, he was strong; To faults in others he was blind, Yet tried to keep himself from wrong.

'Twas seldom that men heard him tell What dreams he'd woven in his plan. They only knew when care befell, 'That he was every inch a man; And when at last he passed away His every thought was understood. Though little had had to say, The life that he had lived was good.

#### Fashions and Fads.

Cape-back suits are all the rage. Colored laces are very fashionable. The three-piece suit is much worn. Silk sweaters are growing in favor. Tricotines lead for street costumes. Tucks are used on taffeta dresses. Side panels are ruffled and pleated. Short sleeves are the most fashionable.

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#### The Color of Towns.

One of the curious things which pilots flying over big towns have discovered is that every one has its pre-

dominating color. London's color varies considerably because it is so vast in extent, but the average color is a dirty dull blue, with the greenish-brown patches here and there of the well-known parks.

Birmingham and most industrial towns, like Sheffield, and so on, look a dirty sepia in color when seen from an aeroplane flying at ten thousand feet. Most of the seaside towns are very much whiter-looking from the sky than are the inland towns. Bath has a very decided drab-white color from the clouds.

The same discoveries have been made in America, and the colors there are more varied than those of English towns. New York, seen in this way, has a distinctly red appearance, while Washington, on the other hand, looks green. The color of Chicago is a whitish color, and so is San Francisco.

St. Louis is a much whiter town than most, while Boston is as grey as the clouds which sometimes hang above it.

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