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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

THE FLOWER GARDEN IN THE CORNER OF THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

Thank God for poetry.

And by poetry I meanquite frankly (and I suppose the unintelligentsia would say, inexcusably) the old kind of poetry that has melody and form to it as well as color and ideas.

The Healing Touch of Poetry.

I went to a funeral recently. The minister tried very hard to say something and failed. I don't think he was a very gifted person anyhow and he had a frightfully difficult subject, a woman who had been without any charm of personality or without any warmth of kindliness of character, who had lived such a self centered life that I do not believe one person actually felt a touch of grief at her passing. And so the minister's speech went on haltingly and heavily. And one's ears were harassed by it, one's mind resented the platitudes and the awkward turns of speech. And then suddenly a healing hand lay on one's spirit. He was reading poetry.

"Twilight and evening star, and one clear call for me. . . . But such a tide as moving seems to sleep. . . . And may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea."

They Wiped Away The Ugliness.

How soothingly the phrases fell! What a sweet sadness they brought into hearts unmoved before. What a sense of the beauty and of the dignity of life and of death!

Thank God for poetry. It may say nothing novel or startling, nothing that could not be paraphrased in a few crude commonplace words, and yet it possesses a magic power to touch and soothe, or inspire and delight.

I do not think there are many of us who do not have tucked away somewhere in our hearts one or more bits of poetry that we take out now and then in the time of stress or grief and find solace in.

The Poetry of the Bible.

What would the Bible be without poetry? Who would not give many a long chapter of Bible narrative for one of the beautiful lines of poetry. "And God shall wipe away all tears." Suppose that were only "And God shall comfort you"—would it give you the same sense of love? "He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh." "Or ever the silver cord be loosed or the golden bowl be broken." "While the sun nor the moon nor the stars be not darkened nor the clouds return after the rain." "Peace I leave unto you, My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth give I unto you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid." What would the Bible be without the music and the color of such bits of poetry as these?

Poetry is the beautiful little flower garden in the vegetable garden of life. It is just a beautiful way of saying the same things that can be said without beauty. Like flowers and sunsets, and the bronze marsh grass of October, and the autumn garb of trees, and moonlight, and all the things that aren't in the least necessary to support life but that help make it beautiful.

Thank God for poetry.

CONFEDERATION LIFE.—
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Trotsky Has Returned to Communist Fold

The breach between Trotsky and the Communist party leaders is now definitely healed and the organizer of the red army is back again as one of the most important cogs in the party machine.

This news, whose importance to Russia can hardly be estimated, was announced by Kameneff—one of the Communist party "big three"—in a speech at the Communist party congress at Rostoff. Kameneff said: "You will be glad to hear that differences of opinion between our comrade Trotsky and our colleagues of the central committee of the Communist Party are now a thing of the past. Trotsky now is fully in accord with us, and, despite his recent ill-health, has been taking an important part lately in the work of the central committee. Not only does he now enjoy our full confidence, but I may tell you I personally intend to vote to maintain his membership in the central committee and the polit bureau"—the inner ruling junta of six persons—"at the coming party convention."

While it was generally understood that relations between Trotsky and the Communist party machine had improved in the past six months, this announcement, prior to the party convention, scheduled for the middle of December, is immensely significant, inasmuch as the cnovention was supposed to decide whether Trotsky's important position in the party ranks should be maintained or not. Kameneff's speech means the decision virtually was made beforehand.

Trotsky personally is the most popular individual in Russia. His semi-excommunication was an element of weakness just as his return to grace is an element of strength. Beyond that, his energy and foresight will be of the utmost value in the present economic situation, wherein new Russia may be said to be suffering from growing pains attendant on the rapid industrial and commercial development of the past year. It is not impossible that the purpose of Kameneff's announcement is to prepare the way for the appointment of Trotsky after the party convention to a post more appropriate for his capacities than the comparatively minor position he now holds.

COUNT THEM TONIGHT!
Pick up your mirror and count the pimples, and other facial blemishes you have tonight. Instead of plastering on the cream—take Seigel's Syrup as directed on the bottle for just a few days. Harmless, pure, but potent—it removes the cause. You will swear by it ever after. Any drug store.

Utah Pine Nuts to Re-Forest Persian Fields

OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 10.—Twenty-five cents worth of pine nuts purchased three years ago from a local fruit store are helping re-forest Persia.

Three years ago H. Bieben, at Tabriz, wrote F. S. Baker, of the forest service headquarters, asking for tree seeds. He was experimenting to find a species adapted for Persia.

Baker had no seed at hand, but he went to a neighboring fruit store and bought twenty-five cents' worth of pine nuts, sent them to Rieben and forget the matter.

Recently, he received another letter from Rieben reporting that the seed had thrived and asking more of the same variety.

Mr. Baker has invested another twenty-five cents and the fruit store product is on its way to Tabriz.

The Charm Writer

ARABS AND THEIR BELIEFS.

The life of the bazaar was going on as usual. Camel-carts with barrels of water, or loaded up with goods, creaked past taxis on the road. People who had nothing better to do sat idly in the coffee-shops. Shopkeepers sat beside their wares, and crowds walked to and fro.

Amid the bustle of the morning life of the Arab town an old one-eyed man, dressed in robes that once were white, sat in the shade of a tree laboriously copying out charms from a book which contained information calculated to defend one from all the ills to which human flesh is heir. Incidentally, his charms had not been effective for his own eyesight. He wrote in red ink on a long strip of paper with a reed pen, carefully referring to his book lest he should spoil the effect of the charm by making a mistake.

Arabs are great believers in charms. They have them written on a long strip of paper which is rolled up like a tape-measure and sewed into a leather case. This they wear on a string round their necks; or, if they are suffering from illness, they tie the charm on the spot affected. Children, camels and goats have charms tied round their necks to protect them from the evil eye and other malignant influences.

I stopped to watch what the old man was writing. The top of the charm was a mass of red ink from which a verse of the Koran stood out in white. Then followed words in praise of God and interspersed with Koranic verses. A little way down he had written the seven cabalistic signs which appear on many Arabic charms.

The first of these is Solomon's ring; the others are inexplicable even among the Arabs. Presumably they are ancient relics the significance of which is forgotten.

Mohammedan Creed.

When I approached the writer, he was busy filling in a word square of thirty-six spaces with the words of the Mohammedan creed: La ilah illa Allah Mohammed Rasul Allah, meaning "There is no God but Allah, Mohammed is the apostle of Allah." "La ilah" were written in one space, and the other words had each a space to themselves. In the first line the words were written straightforwardly. The second line began with "Ila" and ended with "la ilah"; the third line began with "Allah" and ended with "ila," and so on. The result was that, reading from the first word to the side or downwards, one read the creed straightforwardly.

Ths charm is very effective for many things. It guards one from illness of every kind. The instructions sound exactly like an advertisement for some patent medicine. It keeps evil spirits from doing any injury. And it does a number of things which cannot be gone into here.

My presence disturbed the charm writer, for he kept looking round in an irritated manner, and spitting near my feet. He became still more annoyed when a number of people gathered round to see what I was looking at. Finally he shut up his book, told the crowd what he thought of them, and sat back waiting for a more convenient time to pursue his pious labours.

Fire Underwriters New Organization

Will be Known as the Investigation and Loss Information Bureau of Canada.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Plans laid in 1923 and perfected during the last two and a half years, materialized with the decision announced to-day and reached at the semi-annual meeting of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association now in session that the Association's investigation and loss information bureau, in operation in Quebec and Ontario since 1923, will become a Dominion-wide organization, with headquarters in seven Provinces, and head office in Montreal.

The new organization, to be known as the Fire Underwriters' Investigation and Loss Information Bureau of Canada, will come into operation on January 1, stepping into the place of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association's bureau, which will cease to exist on December 31.

Harry Elthoret, organizer and manager of the present Montreal Bureau, has been appointed to the position of General Manager and Treasurer of the Dominion Bureau.

The new bureau will number amongst its members not only the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, which covers Quebec and Ontaria, but the Western board, for Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta; the British Columbia Fire Underwirters' Association; the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters; the Nova Scotia and the Prince Edward Island Boards.

Frederickton, N.B., will cover New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. In the due course of time, it is planned to establish sub-stations as conditions warrant.

The activities of the Dominion Bureau will follow those that have occupied the Quebec and Ontario organization since its inception two and a half years ago. The primary object will be the investigating of fires of suspicious origin, and the co-operating with local authorities for the arrest and conviction of criminals guilty of arson and kindred crimes. Reports will be received, of every fire, large or small and irrespective of loss or cause throughout Canada and fyled in the masterfyle in Montreal.

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A Fish That Puffs Out Light

Some luminescent organs, as in certain cuttlefishes, owe their light-producing power to the presence of "phosphorescent" bacteria, like those we see shining on haddocks hung up to dry. In many other cases, however, the luminescence seems to be produced by the animal itself without the aid of any partner-bacteria. In his book on Animal Light (1919), Professor Newton-Harvey distinguishes two kinds of intrinsically luminous organisms: (a) those in which the oxidizable material is burned within the cell where it is formed, and (b) those in which the material is secreted to the exterior and burned outside the cell. Hitherto, all luminous fishes that are intrinsically luminous have been ranked in the first group, but Mr. C. F. Hickling has had the good fortune to find that a macrurid fish called Malacocephalus loevis, secretes luminous material which is burnt outside the cell.

The fish in question occurs along the outer edge of the continental shelf from Ireland south to Morocco, and is taken in considerable numbers by the deep-water trawlers in depths of over 150 fathoms.

Ancient Adobe House Back in Favour

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—The humble sun-dried brick is coming back into popular favor in southern California as a material for the building of ranch houses, small homes and even pretentious dwellings.

"Adobe" was used by Franciscan fathers in the building of their missions, and later many homes and commercial structures were erected with these rudely made bricks.

As the years wore on, however, adobe became primarily the stuff of which ruins were likely to be made. The sight-seeing tourist learned to look for the adobe mission and the adobe house as relics of a romantic past. He scarcely expected to see modern homes built of that material.

"Missions style" homes, churches and business block long have been popular in southern California, but ordinarily these have been built of brick or frame with a coating of stucco.

Lately, however, the old custom of using one's cellar excavation as a source of sun-dried bricks for walls has been revived, and everywhere in southern California modern small homes and ranch houses are being built of adobe. In Los Angeles, a number of exclusive residences, whose owners could well afford the most expensive of materials, have geen fashioned of the humble but historic adobe.

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