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Those Living Books: Read Them!

By RUTH CAMERON.

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Did you ever think, as you saw some white haired old lady, some white bearded old man sitting musing, while the young life eddied and swirled about them and yet left them alone, what a volume each one is of old romances and tragedies, and sorrows outlived and strange experiences and fulfillments and disappointments?

Did you ever wonder why we younger folks talk to and of ourselves and leave those precious volumes unopened?

Out of the emptiness of a few shallow years we chatter.

We wear out our few experiences by telling them over and over, and eke out our conversation with our ready opinions on things of which we know so little that it is easy to be positive.

Why Do We Prefer Made Up Stories?

And then we turn to books and magazines and read the stories that some man spins out of his brain—pale reflections of life.

While all the time these living books lie neglected on the shelf.

A little old lady in a lavender dress and a white and lavender jersey and a crown of silver white hair, started this train of thought. She sat by the fire knitting for the soldiers, sat apart from the rest of us in the double isolation of age and a slight deafness.

We had been chattering the usual chatter—our likes and dislikes in the way of food, our opinion of the conservation program and how it was being handled; a Red Cross argument; and then somehow, one of us happened to ask Madame how many children she had. "Six" she said, "eight of us used to sit down to the table regularly."

Sometimes I Dread To Live And Yet—

She has but two now and is a widow. That thought in itself opened a vista. I sometimes find myself dreading to live because sorrow of some kind must come to me. I have not had my share, it must be waiting for me around the corner. How shall I bear it? And this woman has lived through all that and yet her face is serene and not unhappy.

Again, in answer to some question she told us about her youngest baby who died when he was a year and a day old. "And I was away at the time on a long journey," she said.

We Could Fill Up That Silence.

The mothers drew sharp breaths at that thought. "Everything was done for him," went on Madame, "but of course——" her voice trailed away, but out of our hearts we could fill up the silence.

Hastily we spoke of something else. And Madame was silent. But to me it was as if I had opened a wonderfully written book and read a few lines of an absorbingly human story.

Why don't we open such books oftener?

New FRUIT Now in Stock.

50 cases 1's Tall Extra Pineapple.
75 cases 2's Tall Standard Pineapple.
15 cases 3's Extra Stand. Pears
10 cases 2½ Extra Stand. Pears
15 cases 2½ Extra Standard Peaches.
15 cases 2½ Stand. Peaches.
100 cases Package Raisins.
Orders now booking for the following to arrive during next few days.
550 cases Asstd. Tinned Fruits—Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Plums.
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150 cases Seeded Raisins.
100 cases 3 Crown Raisins.
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Rann-dom Reels.

THE AFFINITY.

The affinity is a new edition of soul-mate in calf binding.

The latter-day Affinity is the product of the new school of higher freedom which wants everybody to be fully emancipated except the newspapers. There is nothing so discouraging to this school of ardent soul aviators as a half-tone cut and a four-deck head on the front page, followed by two columns of harrowing details. The average Affinity is in favor of a high-grade of freedom, but prefers to control the output.

The Affinity is a recent product. When the country was young and people were obliged to work for a living, they were too tired when night came to dress up and pursue the svelte and nimble divorcee. There were a lot of peculiar, old-fashioned notions afloat also; and most people preferred their own wives to anybody else's. This was a narrow, restricted view of life, but it led away from the divorce court to an old age without a host of bitter memories crowding in upon it.

The affinity business thrives upon vanity and idleness. We hear a lot about the eight-hour day, but the twelve-hour man doesn't have any time to attempt soul flights. Too many men, who reach fifty in this country and then retire are trying to kill time with highballs and peroxide blondes. Many a good husband has been spoiled by cashing in too early and trying to dress like a high-school sophomore.

There would be fewer Affinities rummaging around the American hearthstone if every wife would take a course in physical culture and swing a pair of fifty-pound dumbbells for an hour before breakfast. There is nothing which will remove the foolishness and heliotrope perfume from a frolicsome husband quicker than a clip over the ear delivered by a wife who married for better or worse and knows which she got.

EASY PATRIOTISM.

WALT MASON

You undergo no grievous strain when you observe a meatless day; so don't get all swelled up and vain, because you shooed the steak away. I hear so many people boast of little self-denying tricks; because they did without a roast, they think they're heroes, dandies, bricks. And one man has a swollen head, his Sunday hat it has outgrown, because he cut out wheaten bread, and filled himself with hot corn pone. Great Scott! Before this war is done, before Red Bill's an also ran, we may be thankful for a bun composed of sawdust, hay and bran. Oh, let us take ourselves abroad, and tell the starving people there, how we have felt privation's prod, by cutting down the bill of fare. Let us address the Belgians gaunt, and say, "Your sympathy we seek; we, too, have known the pangs of want—we've cut out beef one meal a week. Our children cry for wheaten bread, appeal to us with streaming eyes, and they must hungry go to bed, because we've naught, for them but pies. We've sounded all the depths of grief, we've known all throes that men may feel, for once a week we cut out beef, and eat some fish instead of veal." Then would the Belgians realize what anguish with the bark on means, and they would say, "These hungry guys may have our share of pork and beans."

Fads and Fashions.

Children are wearing little round hats of black velvet.

Linen bags are embroidered with bright-colored beads.

High waistlines and less full skirts are hinted at.

Wide frills are still good on the blouse of crepe de chene.

Green and silver is a favorite color scheme for evening.

Christmas Parcels for the Poor.

IS THERE A NEED?

The following is an extract of many letters received at the Salvation Army Headquarters, which goes to show how great is the need.

"I will be very thankful if you could give me a little parcel, as I am in need, owing to having lost the use of my leg this last six months. I can't walk a step; it's very hard when a poor man can't earn nothing. I have a wife and two children, and my wife is in a poor state of health. Please excuse me sending this note, I only want to let you know I am among the sick and needy, sorry to say, but God's will be done, whatever it may be."

Needless to say the above will receive a parcel containing joint of meat, bread, tea, potatoes, turnips, fruit for pudding, biscuits, candy, apples, oranges.

Lieut. Col. Otway has received very many similar appeals, and the officers have this week been busy investigating all cases.

The Officers report that wherever they go they are beseiged by applicants asking for a ticket which will entitle them to a parcel.

SHALL THEY BE DISAPPOINTED?

The Fund, up-to-date, stands at $580 but $1,000 is needed to enable us to meet the many requests, and to give as many parcels as former years, or it will be necessary to reduce the size of the gifts.

Colonel Otway desires to thank the many kind friends who have responded so generously.

Many, however, have excused themselves by having given to the Halifax Relief, and the Christmas Effort has, up-to-date, suffered accordingly.

Are our own poor to be neglected?

Will the friends who have not yet responded, forward a reply to Colonel Otway, Springdale Street Headquarters.

4TH LIST OR DONATIONS.

$10.00 each.—Hugh Baird, Esq., The T. A. Hall.

$5.00 each.—Anonymous, Messrs. Baine Johnson & Co., Miss May Furlong, H. Gear, Esq., Charles McK. Harvey, Esq., Mr. O'Brien, Messrs. Soper and Moore, John Taylor, Esq.

$3.00.—Messrs. Newfoundland Knitting Mills.

$2.00 each—Mrs. M. Colton, W. J. Clouston, Esq., R. Callahan, Esq., M. J Hanley, Esq., C. W. Henderson, Esq., Thomas Harris, Esq., E. S. Pinsent, Esq., Wm. Roberts, Esq., J. Whiteway, Esq.

$1.00 each.—Anonymous, (95), J. Burnstein, Esq., Thos. F. Butt, Esq., W. Carlson, Esq., Jas. Clancey, Esq., Mrs. W. H. Duder, A friend, D. MacKintosh, Esq., Neyle's Hardware Store, Mr. Walker.

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California Oranges.
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Almeria Grapes.
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Flavoring Essences, 7, 10, 12, 15, 25 & 45c. bottle.
Almond Paste, 4, 8 and 16 oz. tins.
Ground Sweet Almonds, 4 and 8 oz. tins.
Crystalized and Glace Cherries.

CAMPBELL'S SOUPS—1 lb. Tins; 9 Varieties.
MOIR'S and GANONG'S CONFECTIONERY—Small and Fancy Boxes. Moir's Nut and Hard Centres.

New Turkey Figs—Small boxes.
Table Raisins, 1 lb. pkgs.
LOOSE NUTS, Viz:
Sorrent's Walnuts.
Grenoble Walnuts.
Sicily Filberts.
Washed Brazils.
Tarragona Almonds.
Shelled Almonds.
Shelled Walnuts.
Fresh P. E. I. Eggs.
Citron and Lemon Peel.
"Pure Gold" Prepared Icings.
"Pure Gold" and Shirriff's Jelly Powders.
Whole Fruit Strawberry Jam, 12 and 16 oz. jars.

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"CEDAR RAPIDS" HAMS and BACON.

Apples in boxes, 125 and 150 to a box.
Apples in brls., Baldwin's, Stark's, etc.
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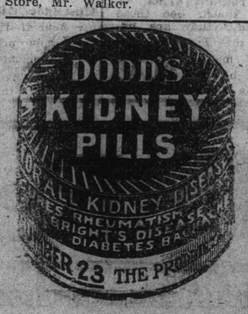

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