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## SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

## PET ECONOMIES AND JOKE PRESENTS.



"Really I don't know of a Christmas present I had that made me feel any richer than this."

A friend of mine who was working at her desk when I stepped in the other day, held up a little package for my inspection, as she made that remark.

And what do you think the package was?

It cost ten cents.

A little box of assorted elastic bands.

"When I was a child," she went on to say, "we never thought of buying such a thing as elastic bands. We always saved those that came off packages and we put them in a little match box on the sitting room mantel that wasn't used for matches and when anyone wanted an elastic band he

looked there and if there weren't any there he just went without. One never thought of them as things one could go out and buy and I've always felt that way about them. Yet I love to have them to use. Once in a long while I buy a few for myself but I always have a guilty feeling. I told one of my friends that one day when we were talking about extravagances, and she remembered and put this box as a joke present on the tree. And honestly I don't think I'll get more joy out of my expensive presents. Isn't that queer of me?"

What is Your Pet Economy?

Or is it ordinary human nature—just one of those funny fancies that all of us have?

I think we all have these extraordinary little economies. I know a woman who says she has to fairly drive herself to go out and buy hairpins even when she really needs them.

Excessive thrift in the saving and

reusing of paper, paper bags and twine is one of the commonest manifestations of this kind of economy. A woman, I know, who had just spent a thousand dollars for a fur coat was much upset when something happened to her supply of twine and she had to go out and buy a ten cent ball.

Gifts for Children, Jokes for Grown Ups.

Several people have told me that they always felt as if it were extravagant to buy common pins, that they felt one ought to somehow accumulate a sufficient supply. And one woman in reasonably comfortable circumstances declared that she had longed all her life for one of those cubes of many colored pins and had never quite got round to buying one. I am going to give it to her for a joke present on her birthday.

It seems to me that all these little foibles suggest joke presents and I think such little gifts are lots of fun both for the giver and the receiver.

In one family I know, a family who think things out instead of accepting conventional ways of doing things, this is the Christmas schedule. "Real gifts for children but just cards and jokes for grownups." They also carry this same system into most of their birthday and anniversary giving. Not a bad idea is it?

## St. Valentine's Day.

It is not quite clear who St. Valentine was. There were probably more than one of the name among the early martyrs, and it is possible that both a priest and a bishop so called died for their faith's sake in Rome, one under Claudius II., and the other under Aurelius, on February 14, in the third century. This latter is said to have met his death by being beaten with clubs, and then beheaded. Why one of the city gates at Rome was named Porta Valentine, presumably after the saint is not known, nor why his remains should be invested with peculiar sanctity in the Roman Church of St. Praxedes. The modern usages connected with the day have so far as can be learned, no connection with the saint or his martyrdom. There was an old custom in ancient Rome of drawing the names of young women from a lottery box at the feast of Lupercalia in February, the season when birds were accustomed to mate in that latitude. The name drawn by a young man was that of the one who should be his partner in the dance, and led to betrothals in some cases. Probably the Christian church by attaching this or similar features to the middle day of the month only strove to work a needed reform in the observance of the festival, which had become degraded, and to enforce the then new idea of the sanctity of marriage, and the sacredness of all engagements, including betrothals. The old writers refer to the origin of the observance of St. Valentine's day to the birds, as for instance the poet Gray says:

"Last Valentine, the day when birds of kind  
Their paramours with mutual chirpings find," etc.

At any rate, the saint had very little to do with the customs which once surrounded the day, but have now largely fallen into disuse.

"Thyra" Reaches Halifax.

S.S. "Thyra," which was disabled off this port about two weeks ago reached Halifax on Thursday night last. It will be remembered that the S.S. Rosalind while on the way to Halifax went to this steamer's assistance but was unable to tow her owing to having only a small fuel oil supply. The Thyra had her rudder carried away, but jury steering gear was rigged and under her own steam the ship reached within 25 miles of Halifax. Here she was taken in tow by the Canadian Government steamer Lady Laurier assisted by Messrs. G. S. Campbell's tug and successfully brought to port where she is now undergoing repairs. The Thyra had 4000 tons of phosphate rock as cargo.

The only Eyesight Specialist named Trappnell doing business in Newfoundland to-day is KARL S. TRAPNELL, 307 Water Street (upstairs, next door to Kodak Store).—Jan16,22

## An Old-Time Valentine.

It is somewhat dimmed and faded with the passing of the years. It is quaint and out of fashion, with its rhymes of "hopes and fears."

It is edged with paper laces, tied with ribbons pink and blue, with a wreath of dainty roses, and some bright-eyed pansies, too.

Cupid, with his bow and arrows, in the place of honor stands, with a little heart-shaped missive, held within his tiny hands;

Just a simple little message, formed in letters old and queer, with a lover's knot above it—just these words, "I love you, dear!"

Yes, it's out of date and faded. It is quaint and queer and old. Paper lace is out of fashion—so are lovers' knots of gold.

Let them change the form and pattern, turn and alter as they will. But there's one device, I notice, that is quite the fashion still—

Good St. Valentine retains it for his use from year to year. Just the same old-fashioned message—just the words, "I love you, dear!"—Edith Sanford Tillotson in Young People's Weekly.

## The Week's Calendar.

FEBRUARY—2nd month—28 days.

13—MONDAY. Brig Marion Ridley lost: crew saved, 1860. Heavy gale doing much damage to property at Hovestown and Southside, 1892.

14—TUESDAY. St. Valentine. Battle of St. Vincent, 1797. Bell for St. Thomas's Church weighing 8 cwt. came by ship from England, 1847.

15—WEDNESDAY. United States Battleship Maine blown up in Havana Harbor, Cuba, 1898. Relief of Kimberley, 1900.

16—THURSDAY. Lionel Lukin, inventor of life boat died 1834. Masurian Lakes 1915. Erzerum 1916.

17—FRIDAY. Battle of Meeanee 1843. Brig William Donnelly launched at Harbor Grace 1865. Battle of the Ancre 1917.

18—SATURDAY. Moon in last quarter. Martin Luther died 1546. Smith O'Brien spoke to 10,000 persons. St. John's, 1859. Benin captured 1897. Cameroons captured 1916.

19—SUNDAY. Sexagesima. Adelina Patti born 1843. Gen. Sir Wm. Napier died, 1860. Emancipation of Russian serfs 1861.

## The New Telephone System.

CONNECTION WITH CAPES.

Negotiations are now in progress between the Government and the Avalon Telephone Company in reference to the lines to Cape Spear, Cape St. Francis and other points. The lines to the points mentioned are owned by the Government, and within the past 4 years they have been rebuilt at a cost of \$5000. By an agreement with the Anglo-Telephone Co., the Government paid \$40 per year rental each for their operation. The Government also agreeing to keep the lines in repair. Two men are being paid for this service by the Marine and Fisheries Department. The general public or all 'phone users had the use of this service without extra cost. Should the Avalon Telephone Co. take over these lines, it is evident that a toll will have to be paid, as is the rule in other sections outside the limit. Toll lines are handled by a special operator. They include all 'phones outside a three mile radius from the General Post Office. Toll rates are charged according to distance, and length of conversation. An ingenious machine operated by the toll clerk automatically records the number of minutes the 'phone is in use. This record, with other particulars is designed to prevent disputes by the 'phone user upon receiving his bill. The long distance 'phone is being extensively used, and the calls are increasing daily. In this connection the Company has under consideration the establishment of an exchange at Torbay. At the city exchange an additional 620 line section is now being installed by Mr. C. D. Farman. This section will take about 2 months to install and when completed will be capable of handling twenty five hundred 'phones, on party wires. Tuned so delicately is this switchboard that when a call is made only the particular 'phone of the four on the wire will respond.

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## The Salt Scandal Enquiry.

A MISSING LINK.

The Commission appointed to investigate various charges which were made during last session of the Legislature held a session yesterday afternoon in the Presidents Room of the Legislative Council. The evidence taken concerns a cargo of salt landed at Port Union from the S.S. Tuckahoe. Those examined at yesterday's session were Messrs. J. C. Hepburn, Acting

Secretary of the 1920 Salt Pool, E. A. Bowring, H. R. Brookes. The witnesses of last week included Hon. W. F. Coaker, H. R. Russell, assistant manager of Port Union and Sir John Crosbie. The official report of the evidence will not be ready for publication for a few days, as obvious discrepancies have been discovered in the transcript of the evidence of Hon. W. F. Coaker. The same applies to that of Sir John Crosbie. The commission in consequence decided to submit to each witness a copy of his evidence for the necessary corrections. The summary of yesterday's proceedings would tend to show that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries had agreed to deliver to the Salt Pool at St. John's some 2000 tons of the Tuckahoe's cargo, but later, assuming that there would not be enough salt in the country for the needs of the voyage, the whole shipment was landed at Port Union. The Tuckahoe's cargo was purchased in Hamburg by Hon. W. F. Coaker at sixty eight shillings and sixpence per ton c.i.f., through Mr. G. M. Barr. The minutes of the meetings of the Salt Importers, which were put in evidence yesterday showed that provision was made for the discharge of 2000 tons part of the ships cargo at St. John's. Mr. Hepburn in giving his evidence said he

knew nothing of the financing of this particular cargo, but he was aware that others for the Salt Pool were financed by Bowring Bros. He said he did not know if the cargo in question was bought by the Government or the F.P.U. In the minutes of a meeting held on June 17th reference was made to 2000 tons of salt by the S.S. Tuckahoe, and it was generally understood that the Salt Pool was to receive this quantity. Evidence of what next

transpired did not appear, but a subsequent message from Mr. R. L. Jacob Sumner, of Torbay, confirmed the fact that the whole cargo belonged to the latter. The hearing will be continued this evening, when Mr. S. Sellars and W. H. Cave, Master of the ship, will give evidence.

## Three-Legged Calf.

A calf with three legs is the subject of much interest amongst the farmers in the neighbourhood of Torbay. On February 5th a cow owned by Jacob Sumner, of Torbay, calved, and the calf with only three legs. It is intended that the calf should be used for support of the fore ones being so short. It is placed that it is useless. This calf is about 10 inches long and appears to be only attached to the skin. It is healthy in every particular, despite its infirmity can pick about as well as any ordinary animal.

## Shipping Notes.

S.S. Maple Dawn with a cargo arrived in port at 6 p.m. yesterday via Trepassay. S.S. Sable I, which arrived yesterday afternoon from Halifax, Louisbourg sailed again to-day.

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