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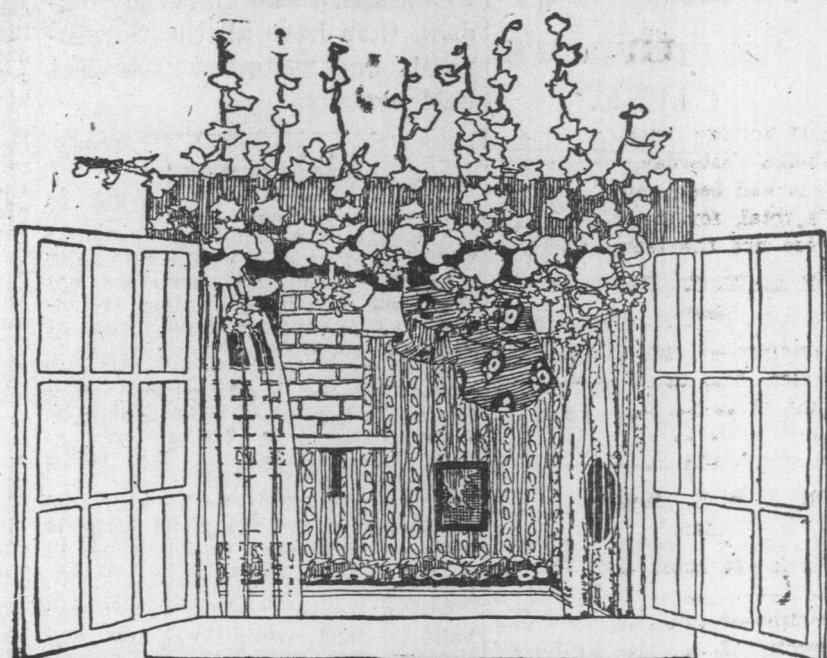
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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

DO YOU COLLECT HOUSES?

I wonder how many of my readers share my habit of getting interested in certain houses that lie along any of my accustomed routes.

I used to think this was a trick all my own, and then one day when I was going to town with a friend, she called my attention to a lovely white house on a hill and said she never went past without looking at that house and speculating about the sort of people who lived there and the arrangements of the rooms inside, etcetera.

And then I came to the conclusion that maybe I wasn't so different after all.

In the course of my life I have lived several parts of the country. And each place in which I have set up my abode, I have made a collection of houses in which I take a special interest.

Take a Proprietary Pride in Their Beauty.

Some of them are beautiful like the white house on the hill, and I love them for their beauty. I point them out to my visitors with a certain proprietary pride, and am pleased if they admire them, or disappointed if they fail to.

Others I like for their charm, their quality, or for some individual feature that happens to appeal. Still others interest me for no reason I can elucidate. ("The reason why I cannot tell," I do like you, Dr. Ford!" is just as close to life as the correct version).

There is a French-rooted house that I can see from the train on the way to town from my summer home. It interests me and yet for the life of I couldn't tell why. It is a small, low house that sits near a railroad station and yet has not yielded to the environment as so many houses do. It is on the side of a hill and is three stories in front and two behind (that may be part of its appeal, for as I said I always had a fancy that I would like to live in a house built that way), and it has window boxes and an upstairs veranda fitted up in a way that suggests that the people know how to make the best of an unattractive location. I seldom go by on the train without looking at that house and giving it a thought or two.

This One I Love For It's Spaciousness.

Another of my trip-to-town houses is a great big house which rambles all the way out to the barn. The latter is set at right angles so that the effect of a courtyard is given to the grass plot enclosed in the angle. Behind the barn is a river and there is a little row boat hitched to a ring in the side of the barn. This romantic proximity and the splendid size of this place appeal to me. How huge and dignified and uncrowded the rooms must be, what a splendid barn chamber for children to play in, what a beautiful garret, what plenitude of space for company. I always feel a generous sense of space and freedom when I look at that house, as I always do when I pass it.

And I Wish It, Too.

Another house which I love to look at is not very fine in itself—a comfortable typical house of the period of twenty years ago, with gables, a porte cochere, good veranda space and a colored glass window at the landing of the broad stairs; but it is so beautiful dressed up with shrubs and hedges that it always wins a glance when handsome neighbors go unnoticed.

And then there is—but for the sake of those who do not collect houses, I will spare you. I am sure those who do are already thinking of them and wishing they had a chance to talk back so that they might tell me about them. And I wish it, too.

Claims Japan Was Unfaithful.

That Japan was an unfaithful ally during the war against Germany and had continually threatened the United States with war, was the statement of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, co-editor of the Chicago Tribune, while under cross-examination in the Ford-Tribune libel suit on July 10. "Unfaithful to England?" asked Ford's

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"Down With the Soviets"

Washington, July 23.—Hunger, unrest and disease has created an acute situation in Bolshevik Russia, according to a wireless report by Leo Kamenoff, the Bolshevik commissary made public here to-day by Colonel A. M. Nikolaioff, Military Attache of the Russian Embassy. The Bolshevik wireless message was received from Omsk by cable. Kamenoff's message reads:

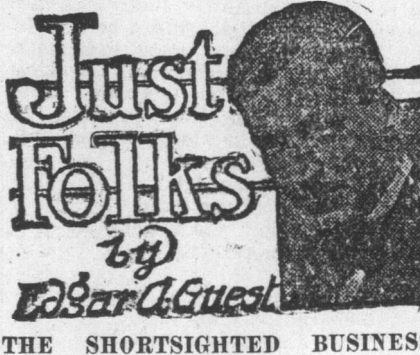
"The dissatisfaction and irritation among the working men has reached the highest pitch. The plants in Moscow are on strike. The motto of the movement is 'Down with the Soviets.' Epidemics are spreading. There is no bread, and no medicaments. The number of deserters is immense."

The British Army Abroad.

The British army on the Rhine numbers 206,000 and the army in France and Flanders 214,000, the latter mainly for salvage work and also to supply the line of communication for the Rhine army, of which it is to act as reserve in the event of further hostilities. There are 11,000 British troops in Italy, including troops for clearing-up purposes, and also a battalion forming part of the International Garrison of Fiume. There are in India 44,000 British troops, besides Indian troops, including 22,000 in the Caucasus, with the object of keeping order pending the establishment of peace conditions. The recent troubles in Egypt and the unsettled situation in Asia Minor necessitate the presence of 96,000 men, including 10,000 Anzacs, in Egypt and Palestine.

How France Honors Her Dead.

French veterans have made a striking proposal for a monument to the private who died in the war. It is that in connection with the fetes of victory from some point on the old Marne battlefield nearest Paris the remains of a French soldier whose identity is unknown, should be exhumed and entombed with appropriate ceremonies in the Pantheon where lie many of France's most illustrious dead. This unknown soldier would serve as a symbol of the poignancy and of all the obscure heroism and devotion from which has come victory. A more fitting memorial to the courage and devotion of the common soldiers could hardly be imagined.



THE SHORTSIGHTED BUSINESS MAN.

He was a business man, and he was sharp as any man could be; When night had put an end to trade He'd count the dollars he had made And chuckled o'er some clever bluff By which he'd sold some shoddy stuff. One day by artful ways and cute He sold a working man a suit. The garment had been poorly made He knew the dye in it would fade. He knew the coat would lose its shape And hung just like a woman's cape. Yet when the man went on his way He thought he'd spent a clever day.

Let us now follow while we can The victim of this clever man. His wife beholds him and she cries "That suit's not fit for mortal eyes! Who sold you such a thing as that?" And low he mutters "Doodlebat." "What, Doodlebat?" then answers she. "He'll get no more good coin from me." Now comes a neighbor and he sees Those trousers bagging at the knees And straightaway he must be told Where such a fearful thing was sold. "I need a suit," says he, "but oh, To Doodlebat I'll never go."

The gentle person of his flock Beheld the garment with a shock And shook his head when he was told "Was one that Doodlebat had sold." The women when they stopped to chat Discussed that suit from Doodlebat. Whene'er that shabby suit of blue In street or hall came into view It cost old Doodlebat a lot. Of business that he might have got. It advertised him far and near As one that honest folks should fear. And Doodlebat, so sharp and slick, Believed he'd turned a clever trick!

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ISAAC E. MANN,
Metapedia, P. Q.
Aug. 31st 1908.

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