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SIDE TALK.

By Ruth Cameron.

HOW GOSSIP GROWS.



Yesterday I met a woman whom I would "admire" to know better. I was with her for only a few minutes and I heard her speak just one sentence, and yet I am sure that she would be the most comfortable sort of a friend.

It happened this way. I was down town shopping with a friend of mine when she suddenly said, "Oh, there is Mrs. P. Come just a minute. I must speak with her."

She took up the urgent topic with Mrs. P. almost at once. "I wanted to tell you," she said, "that a remark I made about you in all friendliness this afternoon was misinterpreted, deliberately, I believe, by the woman to whom I made it. I have a feeling that she may repeat the remark to you in the same perverted sense in which she took it and I am so glad of the chance to tell you about it before she does."

Wasn't This Splendid?

"You needn't have worried about that," said Mrs. P. with a cordial smile. "For when people come to me with disturbing tales like that I always say, 'I'm sure there is a mistake or a misunderstanding somewhere. I don't believe this thing was ever intended offensively.'"

My heart warmed for her, blessed soul that she is! Oh, for more of her kind in a glib world—a world so full of people who are ready to credit any unkind remark purporting to be quoted from the lips of a friend.

Two women were talking of a mutual friend. "What a pretty woman Mary is!" said the newer friend. "Yes, she is," said the friend of years standing. "but I wish you could have seen her when she was a bride. She was the loveliest picture you

could ask to see."

How It Came Back.

That remark of sincere admiration from an old friend came back to Mary thus: "What do you think Jane said about you? She said that you were pretty when you were first married but that you have faded sadly of late years." And Mary, foolish Mary, vain of her beauty and with the fear of that fading upon her, believed what she had been told her chilly manner toward poor, bewildered Jane at their next meeting laid the first bar of a barrier between them.

A Game With a Lesson.

I know a mother who suffered a particularly painful experience of this sort in which a remark of hers was distorted in such a way as to leave her defenceless, so like was the distortion in form to what she had actually said but so diametrically opposed to it in meaning.

She has determined that her children shall learn in their youth to discount rumor, and so she often plays with them a little game in which someone whispers a statement to his neighbor who, in turn, whispers it to the person next him, etc., until at last the statement comes back to its author for confirmation—and very seldom does it come back word for word, accurately, as it started. The game is called "Gossip." I think it is a good game for grown-ups to play occasionally, don't you?

The tragic and well nigh unbelievable tale of the "poisoned pen," which appeared in the papers of one of our big cities lately, is proof of the credence people will give to slander and of the terrible consequences that follow. Happy for such people if they had learned in their youth to recognize and to scorn meddlesome gossip and to give their friends at least the benefit of the doubt.

Questions Worth
Answering.

(Pearson's Weekly.)

WHY, WHEN ANYTHING IS DONE
THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION
IS IT CALLED A "HAT
TRICK?"

This term originated like many others, such as "keeping your end up," "howled," and "stumped," on the cricket field. When a bowler achieved the difficult feat of taking three wickets with three successive balls, he was considered to have deserved "a new hat."

This, in the old days when men did everything—including their cricket!—in a top hat, cost a guinea, and so that sum, or the price of a new hat, were favourite stakes in any wager or bet.

The three-wicket trick was then very naturally rewarded with the "new hat," though probably the player generally took the guinea, which would be subscribed as its price by the rest of the team. The term has now passed into the language as signifying three consecutive successes.

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE
PHRASE "BORN WITH A SIL-
VER SPOON?"

The reference is to an old custom of christening gifts.

The god-parents, or one of them, would present the infant with its first spoon (or which later on it would probably cut its teeth.) Naturally, in the case of a child lucky enough to have a wealthy god-parent, this spoon would be a silver one, probably beautiful chased with elaborate ornamentation, so the phrase arose in this manner.

WHY IS THE AIR SO FRESH AF-
TER RAIN?

In the first place, the air feels

fresh simply because it is cooler. Secondly the air is really fresher because it has been thoroughly washed.

As can be seen by looking at any ray of sunlight thrown across a darkened room, there are floating in the air millions of little specks of dust and other impurities. In the neighbourhood of large towns the air also contains certain proportions of gases which we can't see. Both the dust and the gas are washed away and absorbed by the rain as it passes through the air.

In the country, where the freshness is most apparent, the trees and herbage have reacted to the shower, and are giving out their fragrance—yet another reason for the "freshness."

Finally, the rain may in many cases have been caused through electrical changes in the air, and these changes will have stimulated the production of ozone, the bracing qualities of which we know so well.

WHY ARE SOME RUBBER-SOLED
SHOES CALLED "PILMOSSOL'S?"

The late Mr. Samuel Pilmsoll was a philanthropic Member of Parliament who devoted most of his political life to furthering the interests of the British sailor.

The work by which most ordinary people know him is his establishing of the "Pilmsoll Line," to prevent the

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overloading—and therefore endangering—of ships.

Naturally, he became a public figure, and at the height of his agitation an enterprising bootmaker seized the opportunity to name a type of shoe after him—the obvious point being that it let in no water!

WHY DO WE SPEAK OF A PERSON
OF A CERTAIN TEMPERAMENT
AND MODE OF LIFE AS A
"BOHEMIAN?"

Just about the time that the first "Gipsies" appeared in France, there had been great religious troubles in Bohemia, and many Bohemians, expelled for their opinions, were wandering into Western Europe.

The French mixed the two up together and, just as we called caravanners "gipsies," because we thought they came from Egypt, so the French spoke of them as "The Bohemians."

The gipsies, of course, are a people with no regard for conventionality and so in France a habit grew up—fostered by a famous writer—of speaking of unconventional folk, artists, literary men, everyone, in fact, who repudiated the rules of ordinary society, as "Bohemians."

WEDDING BELLS.



Jim Flipp, head clerk in De-zong's store, and drummer in the village band, has hooked up with the fair Lenore, who works in Grice's peanut stand. They had a happy wedding trip to divers towns along the shore, then they returned, and Mr. Flipp went back to clerking in the store. And Mrs. Flipp, the fair young bride, is selling peanuts as of old; she deals them roasted, raw and fried, and gathers in the minted gold. They're living in a single room hard by the Covenanters' Kirk; a rustic place, that's full of gloom, but it is handy to their work.

At quick lunch joints they eat their beans, at evening room the lighted ways; the "home" idea little means to countless thousands nowadays. My aunts were married in their youth, and each began to build a home; each had a cozy little booth with roses creeping o'er the dome. Each aunt could make a perfect pie that soothed her husband's savage breast, brought tears of rapture to his eye, and striped the buttons from his vest. My aunts are quiet, old-fashioned dames, who look on home as woman's sphere; and when they view the modern games, each has a pink pain in her ear. The plan that's followed by the Flippes may be all right, but it seems sad when brides retreat from wedding trips and then go forth to nail the scap.

Lincoln Car Wins
Police Speed Tests.

Detroit, Mich.—Racing past the two-mile flag at a speed better than 90 miles an hour, a Lincoln seven-passenger touring model covered the distance from a standing start in 1 minute, 49 3/5 seconds on Oakwood boulevard, where the police department contests to determine the qualifications of cars for bandit chasing were being held.

This time was eight seconds faster than the acceleration record of the Cadillac which took second place at a speed of 75 miles an hour. A Packard twin-six was one second behind the Cadillac at a speed of 73 miles an hour, with Paige and Peerless fourth and fifth.

In the half-mile acceleration contest from a standing start, Lincoln also snatched the victory, crossing the line in 38.2 seconds at a speed of 75 miles, the Packard and Cadillac tying for second place with records of 39.1.

A crowd of several hundred persons, including men prominent in the automotive industry, witnessed the events, reports the Detroit News.

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Household Notes.

Well washed, chilled and sugared currants are a delicious creamed in sour cream gravy and served on toast points.

No very acid fruit should be served with rich cocoa-flavored sauce as dessert.

A dish of grated cheese is a delicious accompaniment for cream of potato soup.

Freezing is simplified if one has a stout canvas bag and a wooden mallet to crush the ice.

Peanut butter and orange marmalade make a delicious spread for cracker sandwiches.

Add one-third cupful of coarsely chopped nut-meats to one cupful of mayonnaise dressing.

If oranges are rather sour, serve them sliced and arranged around a pit of powdered sugar.

Add a teaspoonful of marshmallow cream and a slight dusting of cinnamon to each cupful of cocoa.

Use a little grated onion and lemon rind and some chopped parsley in the stuffing for baked tomatoes.

Waldorf salad is nice jellied in individual oiled molds and garnished with boiled or mayonnaise dressing.

For a cooling and tempting light supper serve a fruit salad with nut serving.

Garnish jellied cabbage salad with finely chopped pimientos and serve on water cress with mayonnaise.

Oatmeal is doubly nutritious when half milk is substituted for the amount of water called for in cooking it.

Sprinkle cold cauliflower with a little grated cheese and serve on crisp lettuce leaves with Chili sauce mayonnaise.

Sugar shredded pineapple generously, sprinkle it with a little lemon

juice and chill thoroughly before serving.

Serve individual molds of jellied fruit salad on whole slices of canned pineapple and garnish with lettuce and mayonnaise.

Baking powder biscuits are easily made for breakfast if the dry ingredients and the shortening are mixed the night before.

When making pies prepare a little extra pie crust and use for tartlet shells which can be filled with fruit or jam as needed.

By Rud Fisher.

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