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BY RUTH CAMERON.



Once upon a time an artist and a short story writer were discussing a story which had appeared in one of the last month's magazines. Said the short story writer, "What bully illustrations! I wish I could get the man who illustrates my work to do something like that. And the story is so punk that it's scarcely worth printing. That's just some people's luck."

Said the artist, "Well I'm glad you like those illustrations. I call them rotten. No technique and no imagination. But I like the story. Thought it was one of the best I had read in a dog's age."

Queer, isn't it, how much easier it is to forgive merit and success in any line but our own?

I know a pretty girl who is always talking about how clever and how talented this or that feminine friend is. Indeed she is so generously ready to concede all such virtues to her friends that she has the reputation of having a singularly sweet disposition. But try to make her admit that any given girl is pretty and you will certainly find yourself up against it. Not that she will be disagreeable about it. No indeed! She is far too canny for that. She will probably take particular care to profess her liking for the

beauty candidate, but she will most regretfully point out to you some perfectly good reason why the latter just misses being pretty.

On the other hand, I know a clever newspaper woman, with no pretence to prettiness, who is always enthusing about some pretty girl she has met. But if you can make her admit that one of her sisters in the profession is a clever newspaper woman I will give you a five dollar gold piece.

And so it runs. The swimmer will gladly admire the good tennis player, but he is likely to depreciate the performances of the best of swimmers. The musician is most generous in his admiration of the artist or writer, but a brook musician, especially in his own particular line, must be wonderful indeed to win anything but grudging admiration from him. The woman who has a genius for stylish gowning will concede any virtue or ability under the sun to her sister, but she must continue to wonder why they dress with so little taste.

You remind me that there are some people big enough to be above such pettinesses. Yes I know that's true, and I'm glad to be reminded of it. Sometimes when one sees too many of the other kind of people one forgets.

There are such fine people, and I sincerely hope you and I belong to that class. And yet I suspect that even we occasionally slip over into the other type.

*Ruth Cameron*

**Household Notes**

Beans are the most nutritious of all vegetables. It is best to wash spinach under running water. Every cellar should be aired and sunned very often.

Whiting and ammonia are best for cleaning nickel. Potato water is good to remove mud stains from cloth.

Chopped chives lend a good flavor to salads; also a bit of color. A few chopped dates added to apple sauce makes a very tasty dish. Newspapers will give as brilliant a finish to window glass as chamois.

In the pantry the rubber band will hold tight the covers of cereals and cookie boxes. When paring potatoes, do not waste a clean pan; a newspaper will hold all the parings.

It is better to clean meat by wiping it off with a wet cloth than to let water run over it.

When mixing beeswax and turpentine for floor polishing add a little spirits of ammonia.

When bacon comes from the market a pair of sharp scissors will quickly remove the rind.

To place ferns upon the window sill means their death, as they cannot stand a cold draught.

Sliced oranges and shredded coconut put into a dish in alternate layers is a delicious dessert.

Always wear a white apron when sewing on dark material, as this relieves the strain on the eyes.

Greasy and browned cooking dishes should be boiled with washing soda in a big kettle or boiler.

A good way to prepare cheese for luncheon is to heat it slightly, strain it and mix it with cream or butter. Never put too many blooms in any jar or vase. Flowers are much prettier if loosely and simply arranged.

When a chicken is to be cut for fricassee, the disjointing can be quickly accomplished with a pair of stout scissors.

To keep radishes or lettuce, place them in a damp napkin in the ice box. They will keep fresh and crisp for several days.

The tea kettle should always be emptied at the end of the day, in the morning rinsed out and filled with fresh water.

Nothing so good for a sprain as bathing with hot water, to which turpentine has been added, an ounce to a quart.

To relieve the soreness of a painful soft corn, try binding it up each night with baking soda moistened with a little water.

To turn a boiled pudding out of its bag, hold it for a few minutes in cold water. This will prevent its sticking to the cloth.

Wood ashes are an excellent thing to clean kitchen utensils. Dampen a cloth, dip it in the ashes and scour the pans and kettles.

If your soup is too salty, try adding a few slices of raw potatoes and cook a little longer. The potatoes will absorb the surplus salt.

A generous piece of newspaper crumpled into ridges acts as an efficient drain to all croquettes, fritters, doughnuts and bacon.

Newspapers will make excellent paddings for the winter carpets, and make warm interlinings when quilted between chintz for coverlets.

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When running dates or figs through the meat chopper add a few drops of lemon juice to prevent the fruit from clogging the chopper.

Copper can easily be cleaned by rubbing with a wet lemon dipped in table salt, then rinsing with clear water and polishing with a soft, dry cloth.

Toronto, October 23.—Fur farming in Prince Edward Island is branching out into a wider field than fox breeding. Today the department of Lands and Forests received a request from the Secretary of the Fish and Game Association of Charlottetown for a number of young beaver for breeding purposes, the intention, as was explained, being to make them the beginning of a beaver raising industry. The Department has decided to send five beaver to the Association and orders have been sent to the Algonquin Park to that effect.

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The brick mason can be found wherever man is congregated together in towns and cities and is civilized enough to wear suspenders and a porous plaster.

Five thousand years ago the brick-mason was a useful citizen and drove a roaring business. When the earth was still damp and new and the children of Israel had not yet escaped from Egypt, the brick mason was a power in the land and cursed exceedingly at the poor goods which the poor Israelite turned out after the straw supply was cut off.

The brick mason has a simple trade. It consists of piling bricks on top of each other and sticking them together with mortar. Occasionally also, he has to squint along the wall and see if it is true. This is the secret of his trade. It is all in the squint. Any citizen can pile brick, but very few are equipped with the proper variety of squint. Many a statesman is wise enough to run an entire nation and keep the national debt growing like a fungus on a damp stump. But if he were to attempt to erect a brick wall it would develop rickets, blind staggers and a list to port before he had gone up one story.

The brick mason needs few tools. He works with a flat, wide trowel and a full set of extra strong fingers. With the fingers he grabs the brick and with the trowel he anoints it with mortar and slaps it into place. Whenever the sun is busy broiling the earth to a genteel brown and the fervid summer is sending the idle rich fleeing to the seashore, the brick mason can be found perched half-way between Heaven and elsewhere, laying superheated brick with steaming mortar, and acquiring a complexion that would make boiled lobster look pale.

Life is full of toil for him and his only pleasure is to work so fast that he sweats out of brick and gets a chance to yell in a hoarse, indignant voice at the hod carrier three floors below.

The brick mason draws big wages, and often makes as much in a day as the patient section hand does in a week. But he is not a magnate, for all that. He is one of the few workmen who take a longer vacation without pay than the school teacher does. The brick mason has to spend the winter reading good books and paying bills. When we think how the mason must forego the pleasure of laying brick on the windward side of a 11-story building, with the thermometer 27 below zero, it is hard to avoid dropping a tear over his sad lot.

**Your Duty.**

Nothing to do with the Custom House, good friend. Its only reference just now is to yourself. Let us suppose that you are a man of family with sufficient of the world's goods to keep them in comfort. Very well. You did not reach this satisfactory state of affairs without care and labour—few men do. Suppose you are awakened some night with thoughts of alarm ringing in your ears. Too late then to talk of prudence; too late then to say: "If I had only, etc., etc." That "if" means too much to many forgetful people. Is it not always the duty of a self-respecting citizen to protect his home and thus provide for those within it. Is it any more than his duty to those depending on him to protect them as far as possible? Can you call your property your own when it is not insured? The answer to this argument is to carry insurance with Percie Johnson's agency, the most popular office in Newfoundland and the least expensive.

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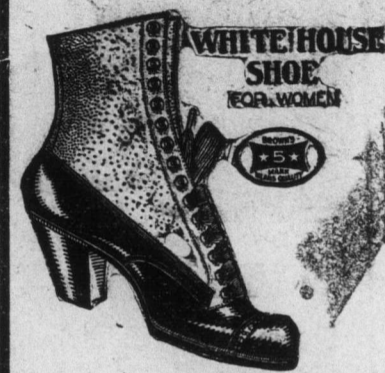
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