

The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron



"If the sum total of all the unhappiness caused by people who murder and the sum total of all the unhappiness caused by people who tease could be reckoned, which do you think would be the greater?"

Myself, I haven't a doubt but that the latter would make the former look like a molehill beside a mountain.

Sometimes I almost wonder if teasing isn't the unpardonable sin.

Perhaps before we decide that I'm altogether talking nonsense I'd better give you an idea of what I mean by teasing.

I know a certain brother and sister who live together and who are exceptionally fond of each other. The brother is an exemplary brother in most ways. He supports his sister in comfort. He often denies himself for her sake. He is very thoughtful and frequently brings her lovely gifts when he comes back from business trips. I know he would feel terrible if anything should happen to her and I am sure she adores him.

And yet their home is not a happy one.

Why?

Because he will tease her. She has an unfortunate trick of mixing up names, and saying just the exact opposite of what she means.

For instance, she will say, "I think I'll wear my thick dress, because it is so warm," when she means "so cold."

Or, she will be telling about a call from her cousin Ruth, and half the time she will refer to Ruth as Anne, who is her older sister.

Now what she means is almost perfectly obvious.

And yet the brother is never satisfied to tolerantly make the mental correction, and let it go at that. He always laughs, an irritating, nagging little laugh, and says sarcastically,

"You are going to wear a thick dress because it is warm, are you?"

Or "What's that? I thought you said Ruth was here, and now you are talking about Anne."

Of course that frets his sister and she says something tart in return, and in a moment they are at tattle-tales with each other.

Then again, he knows that if he says certain things she will be disturbed and will protest and he never omits an opportunity of saying these things and then explaining after the protest comes, "I knew I'd get a rise out of you."

Whereupon the dove of peace flies out the window, or up the chimney if the window is shut.

And so in this home where peace and harmony might reign there is discord and antagonism just about half the time, all because of these and other little habits of teasing.

Now that's just one illustration of what I mean by teasing. But I guess it's enough to start a train of thought that will take you to some other illustration among your acquaintances or perhaps even in your own family.

And what on earth is the use.

Is it possible that the brother has enough amusement from correcting his sister's little mistakes or "getting a rise out of her" to make up for the discord that fits their home?

Is it possible that any of the people who are always teasing others get enough pleasure to outweigh the pain they inflict?

Isn't it strange to reflect that there are thousands of homes where the members of the family love each other very dearly and would be heart-broken over a vacant chair and yet cannot refrain from teasing each other, thus causing those they love so dearly much unnecessary unhappiness?

To be happy and to make others happy—it seems to me that this very nearly covers "the whole duty of man."

And think how thoroughly they fail of it, who tease.

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The swindler, who goes under many names, was serving a sentence as General Count von Passy. He first became prominent about five years ago as Major von Schiemangk, and called himself an American major of cavalry. His uniform was that of the United States cavalry, plus several bits of gold lace and numerous gilded buttons, which were not in the army regulations. He cynically explained afterwards that ladies liked these gilded additions, and that they enabled him to reach their hearts more speedily. Be this as it may, he carried on his adventures for some time with impunity, and was said to have netted considerable sums from gullest maidens and from widows.

Impersonates Major.

At last he made the acquaintance of the widow of a naval officer, who was on the point of handing him over three thousand marks as guarantee money, when she thought better of it and asked for the assistance of the police. The result was that the major went to prison for three years.

Last August he was liberated from gaol, and it seems that he at once resumed operations in the same field. After several small affairs he happened on the daughter of a rich citizen of Heilbronn, and introduced himself as Count von Passy.

On the strength of forged documents he had become possessed of the fine old castle of Stettenheim in the neighborhood, and the wealthy young lady, having ambitions and desires of becoming Countess von Passy of Stettenheim, was induced to fly with her count to Berlin, where he put her up at one of the best hotels of the capital. It was at this point that the young lady's father took action.

The count, finding Berlin too hot for him, fled to Frankfurt, where Nemesis overtook him and he was removed to Heilbronn.

Has Bearing of Soldier.

Before he escaped on Monday he wrote a polite note to the crown prosecutor begging forgiveness for causing so much trouble. "The fact is," he wrote, "I am obliged to attend to certain very important matters, and must therefore renounce your hospitality."

The "count" is described as a man of the most engaging personality, with the frank and easy bearing of a soldier. He is at his best when narrating his military experiences in the Philippines, but it is doubtful if he has any closer acquaintance with the islands than can be acquired by the study of a map.

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Lingerie frocks and silk coats will last as long as they can possibly be worn alone or under an auto coat. To make them very smart the taffeta coat must be short, as a bolero or coat with plaited or gathered basque, and bordered with swanstown, taffeta glazed.

Negliges are highly interesting, many of them being fashioned with the exaggerated armhole that stimulates the kimono effect and that has the sleeve cut a little wider at the top and fitted into the arm with a self-covered cord.

Shawl-shaped mantles promise to become one of the leading shapes for the winter in fur, velvet, cloth and the heavy, double-faced satins. Of all sizes the point of the largest reaches to the hem of the skirt, and borders of fur above heavy fringe will be the favorite adornment of them. On the sides, under the arms, the ample folds are caught together to form a sort of sleeve.

Mention must be made of the new blouses that have assumed coatee semblance. They are termed "reversible" or "coat waists" by their sponsors, and in many instances are made of two-tone or double-faced satin, finished with reverses of the "wrong" side and having as a salient feature, a belt of the material or of leather. The extension below the belt is a matter of about four inches,

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