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**SIDE TALKS**  
By RUTH WELLS CAMERON

**THE ONE TO BLAME.**

In almost every marriage there is one person to blame.

I don't mean to blame for the marriage, as that might sound, but for all the little inevitable irritations and inconveniences and misunderstandings and mishaps of the daily life that one returns to after the first rosy glow of romance has subsided into the light of common day.

Ordinarily this person is the woman.

I think it is partly woman's economic dependence, partly her inherited passivity of temperament which makes her more patient about accepting blame.

"Men Get and Forget, Women Give and Forgive"

"You know the old saying, 'Men get and forget, women give and forgive.'"

But I met a couple the other day in which a woman had gotten the whip hand.

We were on a train which was very late. They were about to miss a coveted pleasure engagement. In most of the families I know the woman would have been to blame for this. Her husband would have been storming about, not actually putting the blame on her—he couldn't very well—but giving her a general sense of guilt, and the woman would be trying to soothe him and divert his mind.

She Sulked and He Tried to Cheer Her Up

But in this family the woman undoubtedly had the upper hand. She it was who sat back in her seat with knitted brows while the man tried to cheer her up.

We were talking about this couple after we reached home.

"Wasn't she lucky?" said the Authorman's wife.

The Authorman smiled to himself, a bit sardonically I thought.

"Probably he's so crazy about her that he can't bear to have anything bother her," said Molly, romantically. "I do hope my husband will be like that."

"Don't!" said the Authorman sharply.

"Why?"

"It Won't Mean That He Loves You More."

"Because it won't mean that he loves you more."

"What will it mean?"

"When either person is always blamed by the other it means just one thing—that the person who gives the blame has the less just and less kindly disposition. I wouldn't want you to be that one, sister."

"Can't there ever be a marriage where no one is blamed for things?" wondered Molly wistfully.

"Of course," said the Lady-who-always-knows-somewhat. "and there are going to be more of them as soon as women take their position as mates and companions, and both men and women learn more about the principles of justice and tolerance."

" Bravo!" said the Cynic.

**NEXT CONSISTORY**

Rome, March 9.—Via Paris.—The date of the next consistory has been fixed by Pope Benedict as March 22. It will be held only for the appointment of Bishops. No new cardinals will be named. Thus far the pope has not decided to mention the international situation in his allocution. It is generally believed, however, that at the last moment he will insert a passage setting forth his ideas in regard to the situation resulting from the war.

**LENFEN RECIPES FOR HOUSEWIFE**

**Fresh Halibut**  
Cut into small pieces, wash and wipe dry, dip into batter made in the following manner: 1 cup of milk, 1-2 cup of flour and 1 egg, a pinch of salt and a little pepper. Fry in hot fat.

**Boiled Cod**  
The head and shoulders are the best to boil; lay it into cold water with a handful of salt and let it remain one hour, then scrape and wash it clean; rub a little salt and pepper into the body; flour a cloth, pin the fish up tight and put it into boiling water; boil 30 minutes or according to size of the fish. Serve it with drawn butter or very nice with oyster sauce.

**Tartar sauce**—A mayonnaise dressing, with chopped sour pickle added.

**Scalloped Fish**  
Three to four pounds fish, 1 pint of white sauce, 1 cup of cracker crumbs moistened in 1-4 cup of butter.

Cook fish in boiling salted water with 1 tablespoonful vinegar, till flesh separates easily. Drain, remove skin and bones and pick apart in flakes; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Make a white sauce; put a layer of same in a buttered baking dish, then layer of fish and so on. Cover all with buttered crumbs and brown.

**White Sauce**  
Four tablespoonfuls butter, four tablespoonfuls flour, 1 tablespoonful salt, 2 cups scalded milk. Melt butter, when bubbling add flour, then milk and salt.

**Fried Clams**  
One quart of clams. Cut off heads well down into shoulders. Stir up 2

eggs (not beat), roll butter crackers till you have quart of crumbs, put on 6 slices of pork to fry. Now take up handful of clams, dash into eggs, take out and roll into crumbs, pat well and drop into pan. Don't have too much fat. Fry out pork as you are frying clams, if needed. Make cakes as fast as you can (good deal depends on the pats you give them). Watch, and when brown on one side, turn and brown other, dash on little salt. Take up and serve on hot platter.

**Fillet of Sole**  
Take a dozen flounders, clean, removing the outside skin by holding a cloth in the hands, which keeps the fish from slipping. Remove the bone by cutting the fish from each side. Roll up each piece and thrust a toothpick through to prevent unrolling. Dip the pieces in 2 eggs well beaten, sprinkle lightly with salt, then roll each piece in cracker crumbs. Fry in very hot fat until brown. Flounders cooked in this way are delicious.

**DEER IN NORTH BAY.**  
North Bay, Ont., March 10.—The Governor-general and suite passed through here at one o'clock to-day from their western trip. The Duke took advantage of a ten minute stop to talk with the officers of the 225th battalion, which with the high school cadets, a band, and a large number of citizens, were at the station. His highness inspected the men. As the train left for Ottawa the vice-regal party received a tremendous ovation.

**NEW SHERIFF.**  
Quebec, March 10. Gustave Garant of Ste. Marie, Quebec, was yesterday appointed Sheriff of that district, replacing Mr. H. Poirier, deceased.

**Humors come to the surface in the spring as in no other season. They don't run themselves all off that way, however, but mostly remain in the system. Hood's Sarsaparilla removes the germs of danger, from the blood.**

**Good Night Stories**  
By Blanche Silver

Little Hero, Jimmy Ant.

The Ants were eating breakfast when all of a sudden—whisk!—off went the roof above their heads and all the village rushed out to see what had caused the trouble. There in the middle of the walk was a woman swinging a broom back and forth across the path. And every time it touched the bricks away would go Jimmy Ant and Daddy Ant.

"Oh! What shall we do our homes are gone!" wailed the Lady Ant, who lived next door, as she rushed up to Daddy Ant's family.

Now Daddy Ant's oldest little girl, Betty, had been thinking very hard. Jimmy Ant had called the night before to ask her Daddy for the Ants seeking shelter from this whisking broom.

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"Your Daddy thinks I am good for nothing, and I am going to show him that he's mistaken," said Jimmy Ant as he met Betty. "I have a scheme to save all the folks of the village."

"Make Daddy Ant promise to let us marry if you succeed," cried Betty. But Jimmy shook his head.

"No," he must give you to me of his own free will, he must first find me worthy. "I'll see what I can do," said Jimmy Ant, as he climbed upon a stone.

"Friends," shouted Jimmy Ant, and because he was so large his voice could be heard above all the other Ants, "your homes have been destroyed. It will do no good to fight and cry. Listen to me.

"Over in the field I have a very dear friend, who lives at the foot of a Milkweed Plant. When I saw what had happened to your village I planned a good way for your escape. Mrs. Milkweed is opening her pod, in which she keeps her little balloons, and is sending them over to carry you all to a place of safety."

All the Men-Ants and the Boy-Ants threw up their caps and cheered.

"And," continued Jimmy Ant, "near her home is a nice place to start a new village, so I suggest that all of you hop into the balloons, and if we all work hard it won't take us very long to rebuild our homes."

Just then a cloud of fluffy white balloons, with little brown baskets, sailed to the ground and the ants scrambled in. But just before they got sail Daddy Ant said:

"Friends I have wronged Jimmy Ant. Appearances are sometimes deceiving, and there is some good in every one. Jimmy Ant has helped us in the hour of trouble. He has offered us a place to rebuild our little village. To show that I appreciate it I am going to give him Betty for his wife and accept his people as my friends." And Daddy Ant shook Jimmy's six hands, while all the Ants cheered.

Down the walk came the woman with the broom, but the pilots of the little Milkweed balloons pulled up the anchors and away they sailed over the garden to build their new homes at the foot of the Milkweed Plant, for no broom ever swept there.

**STILL ALIVE.**  
By Constable Leadley.  
Havana, March 9.—Carlos Niguel Caspedes, a prominent lawyer of Havana, who was reported to have been killed in battle at Piacetas when ex-President Gomez, the rebel leader, was captured, arrived in Havana this morning, a prisoner. He was wounded in the head. He has been placed in the Dragones prison.

**Rippling Rhymes**  
By Walt Mason

**EMPTY LIFE**

The strong man said, as he cast his eye on a string of cripples that he was blind as those, with their aches and pains and their endless woes? If ever the day shall come to me when the bright blue heavens I cannot see, when my sinews ache and I've lost my pep, and I toil along with a cripple's step, when every breath is a groan and a sigh, I'll turn my face to the wall and die." Fell sick, sickness came and his strength was bent, he left his bed, and his back was bent, his ears were deaf and his eyes were dim and there was torture in every limb. His very breath was a groan or a sigh, but he didn't turn to the wall and die. He hoped for health though the hope was vain, and prayed for life in the sorest pain, and spent his savings for dope and pills, and learned to brag of his many ills.

**HOW TO KEEP WELL**

BY JOHN W. S. McCULLOUGH, M.D., D.P.H., CHIEF OFFICER OF THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

**THE BABY'S CLOTHING—(Continued.)**

**THE DIAPER** is fastened to the band or shirt do not pull it up too tight. It is useful to use a small cloth inside the diaper to protect the latter against soiling from the bowel movements. These cloths should be burned. Soft, clean, old cotton may be used for this purpose. The diapers should be washed when they become wet. It is not sufficient that they be dried and re-used. Wash them every time. Do not use rubber diapers or protectors. They keep in all the moisture, which is bad for the baby's skin.

**The Short Clothes.**

The baby often goes into short clothes so early in life that the same shirts, bands, and nightgowns can be used. In this case petticoats and white dresses are the only new garments needed.

**Flannel Petticoat.**

The flannel petticoat may be the gertrude cut short or a flannel skirt made on a thin muslin waist. Be careful that buttons and pins do not hurt the baby.

**Creeping and Walking Clothes.**

These comprise:

- Bands
- Shirts
- Underdrawers
- Waists
- Garters
- Drawers
- Rompers
- Dresses

**Flannels.**

If new flannels have been provided for the short clothes set, they may last through the next period. Knitted underdrawers may be worn especially in winter. Rompers are useful. One pattern with buttons at the bottom as well as at the waist line, allows of changing the diaper without removing the rompers.

**Shoes.**

As soon as the baby begins to walk he should wear a soft leather shoe or moccasin which allows plenty of room for his toes. Don't have them with stiff, slippery soles, and take shoes of any kind off when the baby sleeps.

**Underwear.**

The baby in long clothes does not need stockings except when he lies on the bed to play. The first stockings should be of cotton and wool. Too thick stockings cause the feet to perspire. They should be kept warm.

**Underwaists.**

In choosing underwaists care should be taken that there is no pull on the top of the shoulders forcing them forward. The weight of the waist, etc., should come at the back and close to the neck so as to help keep the body upright.

**Bonnets.**

The baby does not need a bonnet for sleeping outdoors except in cold weather. Don't have it so thick as to make the head perspire and avoid elaborate silk-trimmed bonnets unless when you wheel him out to show off his fine clothes.

**HABITS AND TRAINING.**

**Regularity.**  
Train the baby in regular habits and he will soon become easy to manage.

**Going Out.**

In warm weather a normal healthy baby will be better out of doors after he is a few days old. No baby should be put out of doors when the temperature is below 20 degrees above zero, or if the weather is not clear when the temperature is below freezing. On windy dusty days he is better indoors.

**Sleeping Out.**

For sleeping out, the same rules should be followed. A baby should not sleep out of doors in the winter. When sleeping out of doors there should be a hood to the basket or carriage to protect him against wind and strong sun.

**Wheeling and Rocking.**

The baby does not need to be wheeled or rocked. He is just as well left to sleep quietly in his bed out of doors. Wheeling and rocking make him demand attention. When he gets a bit older he may be taken out in his carriage by nurse or mother and shown out to an admiring public.

**Sleeping Bags.**

A good sleeping bag can easily be made by the mother out of a clean old woollen blanket.

(To be continued.)

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By Anabel Worthington.

Good style and becoming grace are expressed in just the right degree of smartness in this model—an excellent one for two or more materials in combination, with unusual effect. Such design always suggests the way to make over a frock that would be "passed" in its original style and of course makes for economy—a very important factor since prices for commodities do not recede with old winter.

With never fronts of contrasting goods, the waist shows the newest style development—a simple vest in light tone to match the revers and the collar that may be in either round or pointed outline, according to your own taste. A plait in each front of the waist below the bust results in panel or bib effect and this feature is accentuated by the trimming piece that looks like a dropped portion of the belt.

A two core gathered skirt with a plait in each side of the front gore is joined to the waist at regulation line. When the long sleeve is chosen a trimming piece on the cuff to match that on the belt proves a fetching detail. If desired, banding may trim the lower edge of the skirt, as illustrated.

Serge, gabardine, satin, taffeta, pongee, as well as linen and the novelty basket weaves, are suitable for developing. The lines of this frock are very simple and the detail touches can be added like buttons—any one can reproduce the design without effort.

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