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The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



but also for business failures and very many other things.

For instance—surely somewhere in your memory is a Christmas—like as not the December 25th just passed—over whose unhappy memory might well be written "I tried to do too much."

You tried to give more presents than you really and honestly had time and strength and finances for.

You were flurried and fussed and hurried about getting them done up and off in time.

You went in town the day before Christmas to get some ornaments for the tree which had been over-looked until then. Oh yes, you might easily have gotten something that would have done at the little corner store, but it wouldn't have been just what you had set your heart on, so you went in town and wore yourself out, body and mind and soul by contending with that wearying, confusing crowd of last minute shoppers.

And Christmas Eve you sat up until nearly midnight to finish that sofa pillow that had so much more work on it than you realized.

And Christmas morning you had to get up early because you were going to have all the relatives and have a very elaborate dinner.

And as an absolutely inevitable consequence of all this, on the day when

"Peace and Good Will" should have reigned in your heart, you were cross and tired and hardly able to keep from bursting into tears. You didn't somehow take much pleasure in the gifts you received and it seemed to you that no one really liked what you gave.

All because you tried to do too much.

And surely there is some vacation holiday in your life that was spoiled in this way. You wanted to have just so many new gowns. You wanted to do just so much shopping. You wanted to have everything just so spic and span. You had a dozen little last things that simply had to be done, and so you went away tired and nervous and incapable of receiving the benefit from your vacation that you should have gotten.

All because—you tried to do too much.

Again and again in business life I meet men and women—especially the latter, whose minds and manners are confused, who rush from one thing to another without giving any one due attention, who follow up no subject thoroughly, who end in failure or with but half the success that might have been theirs because—they try to do too much.

This is an inelegant expression for this method of dissipating our powers which I like for its forcefulness.

It is "biting off more than one can chew."

I think this insane inclination to "bite off more than one can chew" is a disease of this generation—especially with the women.

To have the clearness of mind; to estimate one's ability and the strength of mind to live within it—surely these are capacities worth the having.

Are they yours?

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Fads and Fashions.

The knitted toque is very popular.

Ermine is very popular this winter.

Yokes are both square and round.

Any freakish decoration on a veil is in bad style.

The novelty striped chevrons are meeting with favor.

Borders of fur occasionally outline the large sweeping hats.

Fondules promise to be as popular as they were last season.

Many new muffs are made of corduroy edged with strips of fur.

It is rather remarkable how universal is the use of chiffon cloth.

The skirts are a trifle wider, so that one may now walk with ease.

Linen are shown in many new weaves and a host of new colorings.

All evening gowns are longer. Round-length models touch the ground.

Fall Moll poplin is a finely ribbed thin silk offered for the one-piece frock.

On many of the black velvet models there is either a touch of cerise or of coral.

We see smart tailor-mades of serge.

broadsheet and velvet for mid-season wear.

The white blouse except in the most expensive form is not very much set this winter.

The tunic skirt, for tailor-mades, is in high favor, and of these there is a infinite variety.

Perhaps one of the newest ideas in suits or wraps is the combination of velvet and ratine.

Large mounts of aigrettes are extremely modish and share honors with the ostrich plumes.

A touze of ermine, with a jewel and a black osprey, makes a most fascinating headpiece.

Every evening dress one sees this year seems to be trimmed somewhere with a bow or two.

Long coats of ratine have huge collars of fur, usually of opossum. Sall or collars are still worn.

Here and there one sees a skirt with a yoke, but the tunic is, next to the plain skirt, the favourite.

One-piece frocks take precedence in new styles, and long coats are made to match when not used for walking.

The zoid mesh purse, which is so dear to the heart of women, has been almost supplanted by the black velvet bag.

Stripes, for tailored frocks, are in fashion, but the rough chevrons—high weight for spring—are generally preferred.

A carefully arranged bow of hair

row fur is possibly the latest expression of fur trimming. Flat bows of fur are seen also.

The accepted hat of the winter is large, nay, enormous, framing the face completely no matter what angle the head is turned.

The brimless hat that eclipsed the brow has now a rival. It is the brim turned straight up from the face or the side of the head.

Buttons are in decided favor as trimming. Not only are they used on blouses, skirts and wraps, but they are exploited on hats.

The simplest means of finishing off the high waistline is to employ a draped or folded girle with a buckle or butterfly bow in the back.

On some of the loveliest evening gowns a cord outlines the high waist. This is of gold, silver, copper or of silk with tasselled ends.

Classic simplicity will mark the majority of the new evening gowns, the extremely short waist line being one of its chief characteristics.

This winter bead and sequin embroidery has reached the height of popularity. There is scarcely a gown or blouse that escapes its presence.

Jackets are lined with contrasting colors. The linings usually match the collars and cuffs of velvet, and on many new suits these are of bright hues.

Cut ostrich feathers are now being made into bands for trimming hats and dresses. These come in all colors and are adapted for street and house wear.

The raised waist-line is becoming such an important issue that it looks as though the normal waist-line was soon to lose the prestige it gained last spring.

Installation and Election of Officers.

Of St. Peter's Lodge, S. U. F., No. 2, Scilly Cove.

The annual installation and election of officers of St. Peter's Lodge, S. U. F., took place in their hall on the night of January 7th, 1911, when all the accounts were read, which proved the Lodge to be in a very flourishing condition, although its financial statement showed that the Lodge has had considerable expense in the past year more than previous years; but its numerical statement proved the Lodge to be increasing considerably, which demonstrates that the S. U. F. is progressing rapidly at Scilly Cove.

Those who were elected to office are as follows: Bro. Alfred Verge, W.M.; Bro. Fred. M. French, C.O.; Bro. Nicholas Green, S.O.; Bro. Wm. Piercey, Q.M.; Bro. Alfred Parrott, Aaron, L.O.; Bro. Marcus Parrott, Chaplain (re-elected); Bro. Edgar Techer, Rec. Secretary (re-elected); Bro. Heber Green, Fin. Secretary (re-elected); Bro. Robert Hiseock of Jacob, P.M.; Purser; Bros. Jas. Pinhorn (chief), Gilbert Balsom, Reginald Piercey, Herbert Speier, Ernest Walker and Frederick George were elected as Relief Committee.

We wish the officers of St. Peter's Lodge, S. U. F., now installed every success in their undertaking, and may they each prove themselves to be worthy of the office to which they have been installed.

S.U.F. Parade at Scilly Cove.

The annual parade of the S. U. F., Scilly Cove, took place on Thursday, January 5th, a goodly number being present and a perfect day was realized. The Society started from their hall at 10.45 a.m. and proceeded to the Anglican Church, where the Rev. F. Smart (Rector) preached a most touching and eloquent sermon. Every one present listened very attentively and enjoyed the service immensely. The service being over, the Society then started to parade around our busy little village, and one could not help but listen to the beautiful music which their band rendered while parading along; and we congratulate the S. U. F. band and Bandmaster Alison Kelland (son of the late bandmaster, Mr. Augustus Kelland) for the magnificent music which they gave that day.

The parade being over, each member began to feel the want of food, but on entering the hall we found that the ladies had had refreshments laid out in a very satisfactory manner, and everyone enjoyed the evening "munching up." The hall was kept open and refreshments served all night until 2.30 a.m., and a good little sum was realized, which will go towards the funds of the Lodge. We heartily thank the ladies who assisted in helping to supply the necessities of that day and night for their kindness, wishing them a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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