SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

WHEN THE CURTAIN FALLS.

Is there anything more delicate, more impalpable and at the same time more impenetrable than the curtain that seems to fall between children and grownups when children begin to pass from childhood into adolescence?

And is there anything so sudden seeming as its descent?

One day they are children, pressing close to you, speaking out their thoughts frankly, looking up to you with almost complete confidence, charmed always to have you in their games; and the next, it seems they are strangers drawing away from you, keeping their thoughts to themselves, looking at you through veiled eyes, seeing you in a new light, perhaps criticizing you and shutting you out of their pleasures and companionships.

The Locked Arms Of Childhood.

Only a little while ago, it seems to you, if you went to walk with your daughter and her chums you were the central figure. They hung on your hands, they asked: "Mother, what's that?" "Why do men lift their hats?" "Mrs. M. do you know what those flowers are?" "Oh, look, mother, what a pretty house!" Now they walk with the locked arms of girlhood and you walk alone beside them, or if you try to make one of them, they are constrained and embarrassed, and you feel awkward and old and self-conscious.

When you speak to them you often feel as if they hardly hear you. Sometimes they pass by your remarks in silence as if they were scarcely worth answering, and again they answer from a distance, absently, uninterestedly. You feel that you haven't reached them or that you have intruded on thoughts much more vital than anything you could say. And you wish, oh so hard, that you might know what those thoughts are.

But I doubt if they are thoughts at all, just feelings, dreams, shyness, birthpangs of an individuality.

Never Try To Pierce It.

The only way you can ever know them is by remembering by sympathetic imagination, and perhaps now and then by a momentary lift of the curtain. If you try to pierce through the curtain to them, you will not get through and you may find it changed from a curtain impalpable and delicate and eventually to be dissolved away again, into a wall not so easily gotten rid of.

Do you remember the beautiful cradle song that ends with the touching little appeal:

"Sail, baby, sail, out across the sea,
Only don't forget to sail back again to me."

This, too, is a voyage over unknown seas. Your heart aches to see your one time baby set out on it, but you know you would not hold him back even if you could. So you can only make the harbor of your home and heart as fair as possible, keep your beacon light shining and silently make that plea:

"Sail, baby, sail, out across the sea,
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Just Folks.

By EDGAR GUEST.

THE CHANGE.

Just a little while ago
He would sputter: "let me blow!"
Every time I struck a match for my cigar,
Just a tiny little chap
Who would snuggle on my lap,
Now he's arguing he can drive the car.

Seems 'twas only yesterday
Childish games he used to play,
Just a rascal with the mischief in his eye,
Now he's shooting irons straight,
Taking five when I take eight,
As a golfer he is better far than I.

I can scarce believe it true
As I see the things he'll do
That we haven't any baby any more,
That the babe who used to run
Is this self-reliant son
Who casts a full-length shadow on the floor.

But I'm proud as I can be,
Of so many things I see
Which console me for the baby that has fled.
I've no tiny little chap
Now to snuggle on my lap,
I've a chum to keep me company instead.

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State Governorships

SYDNEY—Sir George Fuller, the former Premier of New South Wales, has sent to the Imperial Government a memorandum signed by 44 members of the Legislative Assembly and 36 members of the Legislative Council against the appointment in future of State Governors from Australia, as requested by the Socialist Governments, declaring that there is no evidence of a public desire to alter the present system.—Reuter.

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British Anthracite in Canada

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 1.—(By Canadian Press)—A statement issued by The National Resources Intelligence Service says: "Is the British anthracite coal being received in Canada in increasing quantities a suitable domestic fuel for this country? This is a question that has agitated many life-long users of American anthracite."

"The Fuel Testing Laboratories of the Department of Mines which have been testing various domestic fuels on instructions from Hon. Chas. Stewart, Minister of Mines, report that British anthracite is an excellent fuel to use in domestic furnaces. It possesses a high heating value, a very low content (4 to 5 per cent.) and is easy to control. It is somewhat more friable than American anthracite but not to an objectionable degree, and the dust forms an excellent banking material for maintaining a fire throughout the night.

"A phenomenal increase in importations of British anthracite has occurred the last three years. Of this fuel, which is practically all consumed in the central provinces for domestic purposes, Canada imported in 1922 but 165,000 tons; in 1923, 240,000; in 1924, 273,000, and in 1925, to August 31, 341,000 tons. Estmates vary as to the total importations for 1925, but it will, in all probability reach a half million tons."

HAVING FUN.

In my tin can, my pink sedan, I gambol every day; and people cry, as I pass by, "He spends his time in play; while others work we see him jerk his wagon fro and to; we others sweat to sidestep debt, but he has naught to do. We ply the hoe and see him go cavorting down the lane; while we cut grass he's burning gas with his innocent wain. Oh, life is tough and fierce enough, you say, when such things be, when some must strive while others drive their boats with pistons three." But in my prime I spent no time joyriding there and here; I labored hard, naught could retard or throw me out of gear. I did my best, I kept abreast of other toiling gents, and when I earned a buck I yearned to salt down twenty cents. My bundle grew as seasons flew, as years went like a streak, the silver heaps, by bounds and leaps, grew larger every week. While others burned the coin they earned in idle, feckless style, my hard earned francs were placed in banks and swelled my goodly pile. Now, now I drill along the hill in my tin-plated dray; I have the price and life is nice, although I'm old and gray. So I advise all working guys to save the bright bawbee; then when they find their prime behind, they'll play around like me.

Cost of Seven Quarts of Liquor

AT CANADIAN PRICES IS FINE IMPOSED BY NEW YORK MAGISTRATE.

New York, Oct. 3.—Finding a plaintiff the cost of "seven quarts of liquor at Canadian prices," Magistrate Glatzmayer yesterday brought to a close a case which has developed several unusual angles. It all started on August 12 last, when E. H. Goldsmith, an accountant, was handed a summons for speeding on Riverside Drive. The date of the traffic court session he was directed to attend, however, coincided with the meeting of the 'dry voters' League at Montreal, so he went to Montreal. He wired his regrets to the traffic court.

Yesterday, however, having returned to New York, Goldsmith, clutching his summons, marched blandly to the traffic court.

"I am a little late, Your Honor," said Goldsmith.

"I guess you are," said Magistrate Glatzmayer, "from August 12 to October 2."

The defendant explained that he had found it necessary to attend the 'dry voters" meeting in Canada, and entered into a discussion with the magistrate regarding the prices and relative merits of certain Canadian liquors, as compared with the "home grown" variety to be found in New York.

In the course of his conversation Goldsmith revealed that he had "sampled" some while in Montreal, for which he had paid $8.50 per quart. Magistrate Glatzmayer did some quick mental arithmetic, fined the prisoner his "seven quarts," amounting to $24.50 in legal tender, which Goldsmith paid.

New Tango

THE STEPS DESCRIBED—EASE AND DIGNITY.

English dancers find that the steps of the French tango—a welcome change from the monotony of the fox-trot and the waltz—are easy to learn, and that they involve no loss of dignity.

Experienced people consider that the new dance is likely to become fashionable because it is free from posturing or extravagance. In former years the tango failed to attract English people owing to its somewhat theatrical characteristics.

The four steps of the new dance are these:

The Walk—This is similar to a fox-trot walk, except that the dancers step with a catlike movement, instead of sliding their feet. The knees are slightly bent and the body is relaxed.

The Half-turn—The man's left foot is put forward and the right placed slightly behind. The left is brought back towards the right, which in turn is carried back. The left is then brought to the side of the right, which slides up to it.

The Promenade—The man moves his left foot to the left, then brings the other foot to the right of it. He moves his left foot slightly to the left again and brings the right beside it.

The "Link"—The man carries out the first movement of the promenade, turns slightly, places his right heel in front of his left toe, and then steps off with the left. The woman completes the promenade step, but turns in the last part of it.

Broadcast listeners throughout the country last night received a lesson in the dancing of the tango from Mr. Santos Casani, who, in a studio at 2LO, told how it should be done.

"Tango parties" were arranged by enthusiasts so that they might receive the full benefit of the lesson and check each other's performances.

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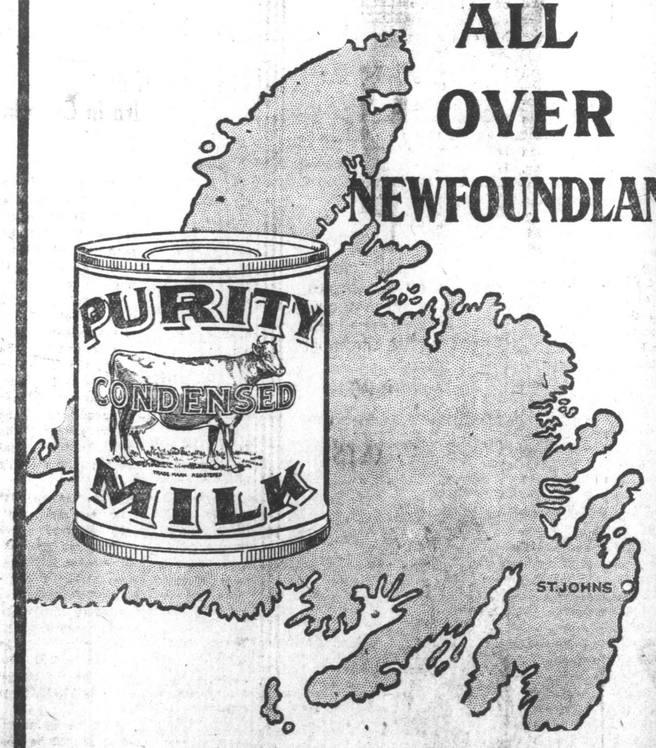

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