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The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

"THE whole secret of remaining young, in spite of grey hairs, is the maintenance of harmony in the soul."—Amiel.

"Don't let your heart grow cold and you may carry love and cheerfulness into the teens of your second century if you can last so long."—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

I met the other day, an old lady who at eighty-seven is still delightful to look at, still delightful to be with, and apparently still delightful company for herself.

I asked her to tell me the secret of growing old so gracefully.

She deprecated the compliment, of course, but when I insisted, she said thoughtfully: "Well, my dear, if I have any secret at all it's that I began to grow old years and years ago. That is, began to prepare for it. I've been building resources for old age within myself for the last sixty years almost, so that's why I'm so happy now. It's only the people who fight old age who find it so terrible."

Isn't that a beautiful philosophy?

If you want to be happy when you are old, begin building resources for happiness inside yourself just now.

Of course, many people say, "I hope I never shall live to be old. I'd rather die when my usefulness is past. That's all very fine, but as it happens most of us don't decide that matter for ourselves, and the man who thinks old age is worse than death and who can't believe he will ever live to be old, may be the very man who will linger on, "the last leaf upon the tree," years after his contemporaries have been gathered to their fathers.

You or I may have awaiting us, after the active, useful part of life has passed, an old age of ten or fifteen or twenty years.

Are we, like my sweet old friend, building for it now?

Building what?

Well, love for one thing—the love of others for us and in our own hearts the habit of loving others easily.

The habit of thought, for another thing—not just desultory, dribbling, impressionistic dreaming, but real sustained thinking, that will be a resource to us when many of our present pleasures and activities shall be denied us.

The ability to be happy with little things, for another item—of really enjoying a warm, pleasant day in spring, the first robin's song, the sight of an apple tree in bloom, the cheerful sound of the hurdy-gurdy, the smell of a rose, the warmth of a friendly greeting.

The habit of serenity, for another thing—not just the outward control that cloaks a passionate inner revolt, but the real sweet soul serenity, the kind that says:—

"If there's no sun, I still can have the moon;
If there's no moon, the stars my need suffice;
And if they fail I have my evening lamp;
Or, lampless, there's my trusty tallow dip;
And if the dip goes out, my couch remains
Where I may sleep and dream there's light again."

"And suppose," you say, "after I have made all this preparation for old age, suppose that I never live to be old at all."

Well, my friend, what then?

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

The Popular Science Monthly for June contains the following articles: "The Measurement of Natural Selection," by Dr. J. Arthur Harris; "The Relation of Biology to Agriculture," by Professor F. R. Marshall; "Is Euclid's Geometry Merely a Theory?" by Dr. Edward Moffat Weyer; "The Underlying facts of Science" by Alfred Sang; "The Vienna Institution for Experimental Biology," by Professor Charles Lincoln Edwards; "The Relation of the Manual Arts to Health," by Professor Lewis M. Terman; "What Masterpieces of Greek Sculpture were known to the Men of the Renaissance?" by Dr. Edward S. Holden; "The Meetings of Scientific Societies"; "The Centenary of the Birth of John William Draper"; "Henry Nathaniel Bowditch."

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BRITISH PORTS.

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Sydney, N S W, May 28—Ard, stmr Wakanui (Br), Makepiece, from St John via Melbourne.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boston, May 29—Cld, schrs Helen G King, for St John; C W T (Br), for Plymouth (N S).

New York, May 30—Ard, schrs Ann Louise Lockwood, from Hillsboro (N B); John R Fell, from St George (N B).

Vineyard Haven, May 30—Ard, schrs Jessie Ashley, from Perth Amboy for Canning (N S); H H Kitchener, from do for Halifax.

Sld—Schrs Abbie S Walker, from Windsor (N S) for New York; Sarah Eaton, for New York; Sarah Odell, for do.

At a meeting of the Renforth Outing Association last evening, A. R. Paterson presiding, a committee was appointed to confer with the commissioner of public works relative to having some repairs made to roads. The members claimed they were expending considerable money and were not getting sufficient return in good roads.

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