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VICIOUS GOSSIP.

By RUTH CAMERON.

One of the most vicious kinds of gossip is that which formulates fallible opinions about the causes of events in other people's lives, and then states these opinions as facts.

For instance, we were talking about hot baths the other day, and someone said, "I knew a girl who died from taking too many hot baths." Did you, really, we asked. "Who was it?" The name was given. "Why, I knew her," said someone else, "and I never knew that was what caused her death. I thought it was the indirect result of over-work." "Oh, no," said the first woman, positively, "she used to take those terrible hot baths, and finally she went into a decline. What did the doctor say? I don't know, but that was evidently the reason. Why, she took a very hot bath almost every night, and you know how weakening they are."

It was perfectly evident that this woman had no grounds for her statement beyond her own opinion. And yet, instead of saying, "I think so and so," she stated boldly as a fact, giving the impression that she had definite information on the subject.

Again, I once heard that a certain girl had broken her engagement because she discovered that her fiancé went around with other women. Investigation proved that the sole grounds for the statement were that E. was of a very jealous disposition, that her fiancé had been seen on the street two or three times with another woman (who, by the way, after-

wards proved to be his sister-in-law) and that the engagement had been broken very suddenly.

On this ephemeral foundation some kind friend had built the hypothesis that the break must have been caused by the discovery that the fiancé went around with other women.

If she had stated this merely as a hypothesis, it would have been had enough, but she didn't. She stated it as a fact. In reality, the engagement was broken because the girl had found she no longer cared for her fiancé. And the break, although sudden enough to others, had been of gradual growth.

Next worse to foisting your own hypothesis on people as fact, is helping to pass on other people's opinions in the same way.

A says to B, "Mr. L. has left town very suddenly. I wonder if there was anything wrong with his business transactions."

B says to C, "Did you know Mr. L. had left town very suddenly? A thinks there is something wrong with his business transactions."

C says to D, "What do you think L. has left town unexpectedly. Everyone says there's something wrong with his business transactions."

D says to E, "Isn't it a shame about L? You didn't know? Why, he left town because there was something shady he'd been doing in a business way."

So a vague "wonder if" becomes transformed into a definite statement of fact.

Beware how you let yourself supply even one link in the chain of such cruel and wicked distortion of facts.

Record Borrowers.

Canada Secured Nearly \$100,000,000 in London Market in Less Than a Year—Reckless Extravagance Has Affected Canadian Credit in Britain—Enormous Increase in Public Debt.

Ottawa, June 12.—In the past ten months the Borden Government has borrowed no less than \$92,500,000. Almost \$100,000,000 have been added to the liabilities of Canada in less than a year! It is a staggering record, a startling commentary upon the methods of extravagance and the waste characterizing the administration of the Premier and his colleagues.

In September, 1913, a loan of four million pounds was made in London by Hon. W. T. White. Three months later another loan of four and a half million pounds was floated. In February, 1914, Mr. White made a third loan of five million pounds, and now this country is in debt for still another five million pounds. All in all, then, between September, 1913, and June, 1914, the Government has borrowed eighteen million five hundred thousand pounds, or practically \$92,500,000.

Inevitably, such enormous borrowings have affected Canada's credit in the money markets of the world. The February loan was not well received in London, while the London Times in its issue of June 5 declares that Mr. White's latest piece of finance has been "received with positive disfavor."

It is to be noted, moreover, that the June loan has been made on less favourable terms than even the February borrowing. Canada's credit is suffering because of the extravagance and recklessness of the Government and the Finance Minister—a condition that would be had enough at any time but is especially serious at this period of financial depression and hard times in the Dominion, when nothing should be done which renders it more difficult than it otherwise would be to obtain capital for Canadian enterprises. Canadian provinces, Canadian municipalities, Canadian private undertakings will suffer because Canada's credit has been damaged through the course of the Federal Ministry, and directly or indirectly, sooner or later, every Canadian citizen will suffer.

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Divorced Life
By Helen Hessing Fuesle

Marian Sends Two Telegrams

The exasperating refusal of Ratgenhauser to give her a duplicate pay check for the one she had lost exacted more tears from Marian than any other grievous event had done in many a month. The man's cool refusal to do the right thing almost maddened her. She knew full well the motive back of his conduct. Had she been willing to submit to his attentions, she knew that the situation would have been very different. She knew, too, that as matters now stood between them, she might expect nothing more from the theatrical manager. Again, in her quest for a career she had been dashing up a blind alley.

"I'll get a lawyer. I'll sue him!" she resolved early the next morning. But after breakfast her determination to sue grew weak. She knew that she would never have the courage to tell any lawyer for what a meagre stipend she had been engaged to play her role in "The Climbers." "Why," she mused bitterly, "a chorus girl gets more than that. Whatever made me agree to a miserable wage like that?"

Much as Marian needed the fifteen dollars that she had carelessly allowed to slip through her fingers, her vanity reared an implacable wall before her, a wall that kept her from making an effort to recover through the courts what belonged to her. Bitter tears shot once more to her eyes, and again she swore that she would be revenged. But how? She yearned for brains and cunning, for the wit and strength to carry out her vague purpose.

Marian rammed her hat-pins desperately into place, put on her coat, and descended to the street. Her mind was in a whirl; her brain refused to act. What to do? The question buzzed through her like a wasp.

"Just a moment, Miss Winthrop," came the landlady's voice, as Marian drew near the outer door. She start-

with style, lured and beckoned. "I must look a regular frump in these winter togs," mused Marian. Averting her eyes quickly from the shop window she was passing, she moved on, with the feeling that the spectre of poverty was marching at her side.

Through an open door came the clamor of telegraph tickers. A sudden impulse swept into her mind. She paused and entered the telegraph office. Obedient to the impulse, she crossed to the counter, and seized some telegraph blanks and a pen. To Ann Stewart, the artist, she composed a wire asking for a loan of fifty dollars. To her brother-in-law in Seattle she penned a similar despatch. She paid for their transmission, and departed. "Should I have done that?" she asked herself, as the current of pedestrians on the sidewalk picked her up again. "Why not?" answered herself. "I've got to live. I've got to dress." (To-morrow—The Call of New York.)

Picture Theatre Robbed
Of \$10,000 by Four Men Posing as Detectives.

New York, May 18.—Posing as detectives, four men gained an entrance to a Broadway motion picture theatre early to-day, made the watchman a prisoner, handcuffed three workmen who were in the theatre, then blew open the safe in the box office, obtaining \$10,000.

The robbers were in the theatre three hours and compelled the watchman to wind up the watchman's clocks at the various points in the theatre at the proper time so that no suspicion as to their presence would be noted on the outside.

A novel fashion is the lace "minaret"—a sort of short tunic composed of two fionces of shadow lace gathered on to a belt and worn about the waist.

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Freight Congestion.

There is considerable freight now at Montreal awaiting immediate shipment here. The Sindbad and Morwenna brought full cargoes and the Cacouma is well filled. The cause of the congestion, it is alleged, at this stage is the fact of only two steamers being used on the route by the Black Diamond Line, there being neither ship put on to replace the ill-fated City of Sydney.

Springtime of Life
AT THE NICKEL THEATRE.

The charming Pathe Film D'Art the "Springtime of Life" is the special feature at the Nickel Theatre to-day. It is a marvellous production with the finest photographs and superb dramatic work. It is a photo-play that will hold attention from first to last. The situations are thrilling and the climaxes great. No film like it has ever been seen in Newfoundland before. Paris, the gay city of Europe, was delighted with the magnificent pictures. Everyone should make an effort to see it. There will be a Pathe Weekly and a side-splitting comedy: "His Mother-in-Law's Visit." Miss Gardner and Mr. McCarthy will be heard in new songs this evening.

To-Night's Match.

The players in this evening's match are the Collegians and St. Bon's, as follows—

COLLEGIANS—C. Quick, goal; Ayre, Barrett, backs; H. Barnes, Pike, E. Barnes, halves; Maudock, Noonan, Smallwood, Hutchings, Quick, forwards.

ST. BON'S—J. St. John, goal; Power, Higgins, backs; Ryan, Cleary, Crawford, halves; W. Callahan, Jackman, Gear, R. Callahan, E. Jackman, forwards.

More Fires.

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