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The Unenthusiastic Guests.

By RUTH CAMERON.



Who was the man who used to have to push up hill a big rock that kept rolling down as fast as he pushed it up? It wasn't Tantalus, was it? No, it was Sisyphus. Well that's the man I always feel like after the strain of entertaining an unenthusiastic guest.

If I were a fairy godmother, and could give a child just one gift I think it would be the gift of enthusiasm. "Enthusiasm" is such a wonderful word. And enthusiasm is such a terrible curse, both to those who have it and to those who have to live with him or her.

Or even to entertain him.

Unenthusiasm is Always a Curse.

You've all been hosts. Now would you find it less of a strain to entertain an enthusiastic, appreciative (mind you I don't mean gushing) guest one week than the heavy unenthusiastic defect-seeing guest one day?

One of these unenthusiastic guests came into my home the other day.

We have made a few little improvements, and most of our guests are tactful enough to mention them. She said nothing about them. Her first remark was "Isn't it a hot day. The train was terribly uncomfortable."

Her second, "That couch cover has faded, hasn't it?"

We Gave Him Our Best.

Before another guest we had striven to set the best we could find in the line of eatables because we know he is particular. "I hope that steak is all right?" we asked. (It was a sirloin, which all things considered we

thought good enough for any man.) "Yes," he said absolutely without enthusiasm or qualification and then proceeded to tell us what good tenderloin steaks they served at his favorite restaurant.

Later another guest said to him, "Don't you think that salad dressing is splendid?" (We are rather proud of that particular recipe and were most grateful for her effort to extort a little enthusiasm.) "Yes," he said, "It's all right."

Not To Say "Thank You" For A Gift.

One puts into one's home and into one's cuisine the expression of oneself. When one entertains a guest one is making him a gift as it were. For him to utter no word of praise or liking is as bad as to take a Christmas gift and make no response. Of course one cannot shed the blessed sunshine of enthusiasm everywhere unless one is born with that beautiful gift but one can at least try not to be too unenthusiastic.

Startling.

Billy Sunday, the famous American evangelist, recently converted a Japanese who was a butler. The next day his master had a large dinner party, and the Jap was told to do his best. Course after course came on, and the guests were delighted with the dinner. At last the Jap brought on a huge cake as a final touch, and remembering that Billy Sunday had closed his service with prayer, the Jap figured out that he should close the dinner with a religious sentiment. Not knowing much of the language or of the Bible, he decided to choose the phrase which converted him. So the guests were amazed to find on the cake in sugared writing: "Prepare to meet thy God."—Till-Bits.

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go down town any Saturday afternoon and buy five or six wives with good teeth for \$2.49. How painful it must have been to become the bride of some alcoholic, red-necked Roman to whom one had never been even introduced! It is said that Ramesses the Great had 9,400 wives, no two of whom were alike, which probably accounts for the sad, drawn expression which travelers have observed protruding from his mummy.

There has been a great and melancholy change since Ramesses' time. Nowadays a man who has one wife is perfectly satisfied to let things stand as they are. All about us, in the busy mart of life, we hear men clamoring for this or that, for more maple syrup on their pancakes or more shortening in the biscuits. This is a beautiful lesson in self-denial which shows how rapidly the world is advancing to a nobler and loftier plane.

Wives have been the making of thousands of men who otherwise would be dodging their poll tax. The average wife has more courage, discretion, horse sense and piety than her husband, and if she ever gets hold of the purse strings there will be less blue sky tucked away in the safe.

BLESSING IN DISGUISE.



The cost of living still is high, and men of modest means must cut out porterhouse and pie, and live on wholesome greens. I used to freely blow my coin for viands rare and rich, expensive cuts of tenderloin, and terrapin and such. But in such grub I have no share, now, when the noon hour strikes; a horse might view my bill of fare, and find the things it likes. A cow might scan the daily spread in this, my humble cot, and sigh, "Right here I would be fed—such victuals hit the spot!" I gnaw the lucious ear of corn, or squash I eat my fill, and wash them both down with a horn of cider from the mill. To furnish me the food I need no creature spills its blood; I've eaten so much cattle feed that now I chew my cud. I'm eating horse feed day by day, clean herbs and grain and chaff and when I'd talk I often neigh, and whinny when I'd laugh. But, oh, I'm feeling fit and fine! I've shaken off disease; no rheumatism now is mine, no cramps are in my knees. We eat too much, our grub's too rich, when we have coin to spare; and it's a goodly thing to ditch the costly bill of fare.

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At the Crescent.

Two great feature pictures are on at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. "Butts Casey-Cook" is a Knickerbocker star feature in two reels, a story of the underworld, presenting Frank Mayo and Lillian Well. "Land-ing the Horse Reef" is a Selig Diamond special feature, a rich comedy in three reels introducing the celebrated chronicles of Bloom Center, a comedy of country life that you are sure to enjoy. Professor McCarthy presides at the Piano which is a sure guarantee of a first class musical treat.

Flour From Halifax.

Halifax, Oct. 6th.—There are now four schooners at Deepwater from Lunenburg to load flour for Newfoundland ports, the Hawanee, Francis W. Smith, Araminta and M. M. Gardiner. The latter has about completed her cargo for St. John's. The Smith and Hawanee, which arrived Wednesday, will begin loading to-day, the former for St. John's and the latter for Grand Bank, where she has been sold. Captain Cook, who sailed the vessel for seven years, will deliver the Hawanee to her new owners. The Araminta had not begun loading up to yesterday, although she has been lying there since Saturday.

The Lauretta Francis, another Lunenburg schooner is here to load flour at Deepwater for St. John's, Nfld., began taking out her ballast at the Plant wharf yesterday.

Schooner Mattaw, at Smith's wharf and Strathcona, at Whitman's wharf, commenced loading salt yesterday, the former for Bay St. George, Nfld., and the latter for Labrador.

Schooner Minnie M. Cook went on the marine railway slip at Dartmouth yesterday to have her bottom scraped and painted after which she loads flour at Deepwater for St. John's, Nfld.

Your Boys and Girls.

It is possible to avoid travelling with a bottle-fed baby, but if it is necessary and the journey is short, buy a wicker-covered ice box made for travelling purposes, prepare and pack the milk as in your refrigerator at home. For a long journey supply unsweetened condensed milk in small cans. Remember the condensed milk spoils when open, also that it is twice as strong as plain or whole milk, and must be diluted accordingly.

If condensed milk is fed the baby for any length of time, give strained orange juice between feedings, to supply a fresh element.

Ladies' Fall & Winter Hats AND Coats

We have just received shipments of the above goods and invite your early inspection whilst the assortment is at its best.

OUR COAT VALUES ARE WELL KNOWN TO BE THE BEST PROCURABLE,

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To-Day's Message

10.30 A.M.

THE WASTAGE OF GERMAN FORCES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—If the above comparison of morning's early messages extended to the entire French front, if you consider that 15th to June 18th the enemy had 108 divisions against the French forces, and finally bears in mind that the success of British offensive at Ypres depended on the success of the enemy to engage 15 divisions in the last 10 days, you can see why the German losses on the West Front grow heavier and heavier. Admit the loss of 116,000 men in May; 114,000 are estimated by the allied staff during the month of June, etc. This is because fighting on the West Front as a matter of fact never ceases, whether the French sectors of Verdun, Arras or Ypres, fighting is discontinued at one point only to be up at another. In addition to the attacks, the quantity of costly prepared small actions, which are crowned with success and the bulletins are not able to give a clear idea, increase the waste of the Germans. This constant action coinciding with the weakness of the Russians, also explains why the Germans are obliged to maintain, three times larger forces on the French front than on the Russian front. In the beginning of the year there were 156 German divisions, 70 kilometres on the French front against 130 Austro-German divisions, 77 of which were man, on the East Front. This puts the Russian winter offensive to a stop to all active operations and that the reaction of events in Russia on the West Front has allowed Germany to concentrate during these four months a reserve for the Western Front. It clearly appears at present that the German staff, remembering the situation in which they themselves following the French success on the Somme, fear to see their West Front by the Allied offensive in the measures they have taken to be of a defensive character, and to strengthen their position the face of the Anglo-French battle and withdrawing troops from their front on the Hindenburg line, they have transported West Front between January and April a certain number of men drawn from the East Front. It did not suffice they have drawn men from each of their sectors on the East Front and with a distance of the class of



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