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## SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

### THOSE HURT FEELINGS.



A friend of mine who was under her doctor's care for a suspicious appendix, went on a visit to some cousins in her old home town.

All her old friends were delighted to see her again and wanted to entertain her in one way or another. Invitations for lunch and tea came pouring in. She was anxious to see them as they were her friends and accepted the invitations, going to be able to rest between visits so that the pleasures should not be too much for her.

At first this did very well, but toward the end of the visit she began to feel more and more tired. And on the last day of her stay, instead of being ready to go home she was hurried to the hospital for an emergency operation.

"I Knew She'd Be Hurt."

When I saw her some weeks afterwards as she lay trying to get back her strength after the operation, she said: "I really think I could have avoided this if I hadn't gone out to my cousins that Wednesday. I had to go to the trolley and it's quite a ride and the walk up that hill! I didn't know when I woke up that morning and I thought of calling her up and asking her to excuse me; but there wasn't any other time I could go to see her and I knew she'd be hurt. She'd say I managed to get up just when I was coming to see her. So I went. And my how sick I felt before I got home."

How often we are moved by these cases: "She'd be awfully hurt; she'd think it was so queer; she'd be so on to do things that we

know perfectly well we are under no obligation to do. Or even things, such as in this case, we know perfectly well we have no right to do.

Of course it is a commendable thing to try not to hurt people's feelings, unnecessarily, to keep off their pet corners in the way of prejudices, to be courteous and grateful and thoughtful and considerate.

Do you remember in Dorothy Canfield's last book how Marise, to whom her old friend has given white roses, the flower above all that she has a reason to hate, thinks as she tries to look at and greet her? "What a lot of this sort of thing there is to do if you don't want to hurt people's feelings or let them suspect what you don't want them to know."

Just Let Them Think.

Of course that is the sort of thing most decent people do. But to allow people to seriously interfere with your life because you are trying not to hurt their feelings (when they really have no good reason to be hurt) isn't in the least commendable or necessary. It's downright nonsense I think.

And no kindness to the people either. For people who have such delicate feelings need to have those feelings toughened. If they don't toughen them they are going to have trouble with them all through their lives. People who have more robust feelings are infinitely happier. And if you treat these super-sensitive folks in a matter of fact way that will help make their feelings more robust you do them a kindness.

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## Legislative Council

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reward, by the way, I have received was, that the speakers for a deputation, a few days ago, misrepresented my advice, to instruct my inconsistency in supporting this Bill. But, Sir, the leadership of the Prohibitionists of the country had been accorded to and accepted by certain individuals; they were regarded by the people at large as leaders in whom confidence could be reposed; and after the Prohibition Act was enacted they continued to pose as such leaders. It is altogether fair, then, to regard them as chiefly responsible for the astounding inactivity on the part of temperance advocates that followed upon the adoption of the Act, especially after 1919. Up to that year, "dope" (such as essence of Lemon) and patent medicines (such as Tanlac) were the most troublesome bye-products of Prohibition and it will be remembered that delegations to the Government demanding prohibitory Ordinances in Council were frequent. Then came the "Moonshine" trouble, when I, as Minister of Justice, had to advise the Governor to send H.H.S. Cornwall to Flat Islands, Bonavista Bay, to enforce upon certain of my constituents that respect for the law and its officers they were bound to show. Almost immediately after the Squires Government came into power, the charges against the men who had been arrested were dropped, and the Magistrate who had been most prominent in asserting the law was banished, as it were, as a punishment for duty done. The man who brought this about, by the way, was he whose voice is now heard from Port Union in asserting the sacredness of the Prohibition Act. I was defeated in Bonavista Bay, and Magistrate Miffen was banished, and who among all the influential Prohibitionists leaders lifted voice or pen in our defence?

BLATANT DISREGARD OF DECEAL.

Then, the Squires government appointed Meaney Acting Controller, and planned to sell half a million dollars worth of liquors "for medicine", and who denounced them, or said a word publicly by way of protest? Then followed years of broken law, of blatant disregard of decency, the climax of which was the appointment of Meaney as full controller, secretly, it is true, but voted for by men now in opposition to this Bill who are pleading for delay. Last of all came the Act to make this Colony a rival depot with St. Pierre for the profit of disgrace of helping the rum-runners of a whole continent break its laws. I shall be asked if we are not now helping the same traffic, and my answer is twofold: We no longer profess a prohibition principle we help others to violate, and in this Bill you will find provisions to make the transshipment traffic open and above-board, not a secret partnership with criminals, as it was preceding governments. Well, Sir, during all the years of broken laws and bad faith since 1919, what was done in defence of prohibition by the men who had been so prominent as Prohibition leaders before the Squires government came into power. They had a vigilance committee in this city, and they consulted lawyers from time to time, but when told they were powerless unless they would raise the issue above party lines (as I, Sir, told them forcibly), they contented themselves with more or less secret action, with calls upon governments who disregarded them, and never took one red-blooded step until they came to life again quite recently, not to oppose the details of this Bill, not to suggest a better one, but to demand what their own friends, in the main, had failed for years to do, amend and enforce the Prohibition Act, and to ask for delay to allow others to consider the details of a Bill which they themselves made no attempt to understand or improve. I do not say that the men I refer to were hypocritical, I readily admit that many of them were honest men, but I do say that they have not shown the energy, the courage, the zeal, the insight to entitle them to offer advice which we should acquiesce in when conditions have grown so desperately bad as they now are.

WHY SHOULD DRINKING INCREASE.

Turning now to my second point, let me ask why the enactment of this Bill, and the calling of the new law into force, should be followed by an increase in liquor drinking. Moonshining and smuggling are admittedly common, scripts can yet be got, the Controller's department yet sells by the case, there is no scarcity of alcoholic liquor under the law as it is, for those who have money to pay for it. I heard a member of the Assembly who voted against the passing of this Bill, say that he saw no hurry for it, because "he could get all the liquor he wanted." I heard another member on the same side express the fear that the cost of Board spirits would lead to a continuance of smuggling, and impliedly suggest that "lowering the price was a most desirable thing." Well, then, if liquor is plentiful and cheap now, why should the passing of this Bill increase the sale, if the price is not to be lowered? May it not, on the contrary, be expected to decrease moonshining and smuggling, by making them unnecessary and dangerous, and result in the regula-



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tion of a traffic now wholly lawless, and to a substitution, at least, of good liquor for bad, with many incidental advantages.



## Just Folks.

By EDGAR A. GUEST

### A PLEA.

Is this too much to ask from life: A little home with laughter in it, A time of rest to follow strife, A nearby goal and strength to win?

Health for the needful daily task? Dear Lord, is that too much to ask?

Teach me contentment, Lord, I pray With all the joys which now surround me; Let me not look across the way Envious of that which has not found me;

Teach me with fortitude to keep My little home from hatreds cheap, Which was the appointment of Meaney as full controller, secretly, it is true, but voted for by men now in opposition to this Bill who are pleading for delay.

I do not ask a life of ease, No doubts, no fears, no cares to carry, Never to face a wintry breeze, To wish to leave and yet to tarry; I ask but this: what-e'er befall, Faith to sustain me through it all.

Teach me to choose 'twixt false and true, To scorn the sham where'er I find it, To take full pride in what I do, And leave no bitterness behind it; To live my life without regret In spite of what I lose or get.

Lord, make me big enough to fill My place without too much complaining, To bear my share of good or ill, The sun of June and April's raining— To see through both the weal and woe, And know that souls are fashioned so.

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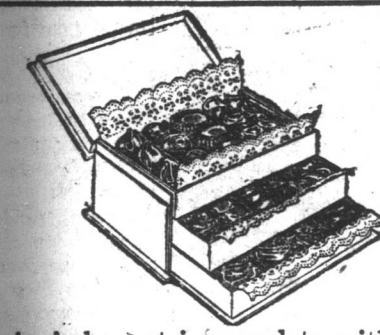
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