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IN REGARD TO A COLLEGE FRESHMAN.



RUTH CAMERON

with grown children.

She Has Two Children.

In the newspaper lying open before me is the picture of a freshman at Boston University. She is a sweet faced woman of 48. She has two children. I do not know why she is going to college now but I suppose that, like so many other women, she is devoting the leisure of middle age to getting something that she missed in her youth and has never ceased wanting.

And I am glad for her and for all the rest who have the wisdom to make such good use of the leisure that relief from economic pressure, and from the care of small children has given them.

When her children marry and go into homes of their own, as they doubtless will in a few years, her life will not be so empty as it would be if she had not reached out for this vital new interest.

The Mother Bird With an Empty Nest.

I think there is nothing sadder than the mother who has been so wrapped up in her children that when they marry she has no interests to turn to. I know one such mother whose son has been obliged to live in a distant city on account of his business, and whose daughter has married a doctor with a practice in a city several hundred miles away.

The mother must have seen something like this coming in the last few years and yet she never tried to have any interests to fall back upon. The result is that she is a most unhappy woman. Of course she may gradually develop other interests but the transition is far more painful than

if she had had a few already started. To be sure, comparatively few women could take a college course. In the first place there is the expense. In the second place that presupposes enough service in the home itself to free her from household cares. But almost any woman can take some single course either correspondence or in the college extension work. And if you want to know what such courses mean to the middle aged woman who takes them, join a college extension course sometime and see their eager intent faces.

From Church Work to the Mayor's Chair.

Again, any woman could identify herself with some interesting form of social work. There was a time when church fairs and church suppers represented the sum of feminine activity in this line. To-day the woman probation officer, the woman police officer, the woman social worker, are some of the more picturesque figures in a great throng of women who are trying to do their bit in a thousand ways to make the world a better place to live in.

If your children have grown beyond the need of your constant care (mind you, I do not say beyond the need of your help and guidance, I know they will never reach that point) why not join this thing? Make a start toward it to-day. The effort of taking the first step is the hardest part. The rest will flow along of itself, and will carry you toward happiness.

President of the League of Nations.

Forty nations have assembled at Geneva to discuss ways and means of preserving peace. It is the first meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations.

One of the first acts of the Assembly was to choose a President, and Paul Hymans, Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, was elected. Born in 1866, the son of a former Member of the Belgian House of Representatives, M. Hymans has taken an active part in the politics of his country. He has filled several posts, written books and was Belgian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court

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of St. James (Great Britain) during the troubled years of 1915, '16 and '17. So that his election was not so surprising as it seemed on this side of the water, where his name was not so well known.

In the United States one of the chief objections to the League was the argument that it would be dominated by Great Britain and that her desires would control the councils of the League. How unfounded was this belief may be gathered from the fact that at the first meeting of the Assembly a principle was carried in direct opposition to Britain.

It was laid down that a committee be formed to supervise the carrying out of the mandates over backward countries, and that powers who held mandates should have only very limited representation on this committee. Despite the fact that Great Britain strenuously opposed the resolution it was duly carried by the Assembly.

With such men in the Assembly as Lord Robert Cecil representing South Africa and Lloyd George and Arthur Balfour representing Great Britain, it would seem that the Canadian delegates would have been overshadowed, yet correspondents at the Assembly report that Canada is one of the chief powers in the debates and is taking

a stand which excites the admiration of the other nations.

One of the delegates to the Assembly brought in a resolution that the League should control all the raw materials of the member nations. This, of course, would include Canadian wheat, nickel, iron, copper, lumber, etc., and the resolution was strenuously opposed by Hon. N. W. Rowell, one of Canada's three delegates.

The stand taken by Canada was endorsed by the South American States, and in fact it is becoming apparent that Canada is the spokesman for the continent of America. In the absence of the United States it is to Canada the Assembly turns to learn the probable attitude the States would adopt to any resolution.

During the Peace Conference, while the constitution of the League was being debated, Sir Robert Borden strongly opposed the now famous "Article Ten." It was against this clause that the chief opposition was raised during the debate at Ottawa.

In accordance with Canadian policies the Canadian delegates have boldly attacked this clause in the Assembly and have brought forward a resolution that it be struck out of the Covenant.

Briefly Article Ten lays down that all members of the League agree to preserve the territorial integrity of their fellow members. The clause proved the most contentious during the debates at Washington and in the course of the elections, for it was pointed out that under it no nation

however tyrannously treated, might ever hope for freedom.

"Canada a nation" was the cry that evolved out of the Peace Conference. There was no disloyalty to the Mother Country in this, but simply that Sir Robert Borden pointed out, and obtained recognition of his point, that Canada could no longer be content to go on in the old way, but that we must be consulted upon matters that concerned us and have a greater voice in the disposition of our destinies.

This was recognized by Britain, but the Assembly heard of the idea as something very novel and so it has come about that Canada naturally points out to the League the new conception of the Empire and the status of the "Colonies" to the Mother Country.

In the words of one of the correspondents at Geneva Canada is playing a directing part in the present session of the League of Nations.

Household Notes.

Vinegar and salt will clean badly tarnished brass.

No fowl is fit for cooking until thoroughly washed.

A little essence of coffee makes a delightful candy flavor.

Woolens should be washed in hot suds without rubbing.

Add a little baking powder to meringue to make it fluffy.

Use sausage fat instead of butter in stuffing fowls. It gives it delicious flavor.

A good fireman will keep his heater fire well banked with coal.

Salsify is delicious dipped in fritter batter and fried in hot fat.

When cooking keep a damp towel on the table for wiping the hands.

A cheesecloth bag is excellent for draining lettuce or salad greens.

To broil successfully have a red-hot fire and turn the meat frequently.

All game should be soaked in salt and water over night before cooking.

A moth-infested closet should be washed out with turpentine and water.

Make two or three desserts at one time and save time, labor and fuel.

Knit medallions can be sewed across the worn toes of satin slippers.

Spinach is more nutritious if cooked in its own juices instead of in water.

Whole wheat bread is easily baked and especially good for the children.

English ivy will grow in water, and a bowl of it will often fill a vacant space.

When picking ducks, do not attempt to pick off the soft down, but singe it off.

If quilts are to be sewn to a hat, place holes in their stumps with a hot pin.

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Woman Walked 175 Miles Leading Cow

It took Mrs. Stella Daniels weeks to walk from Little Rock, to Memphis, Tenn. When she started she was leading a cow and a calf, the 175-mile trip proved so laborious that the calf died on the way and the trip had lasted only a short time and the cow became exhausted only eleven miles out.

Mrs. Daniels was given a lift a short distance and tied her calf to a wagon belonging to a man and his wife by the name Brown. The wagon was heavily loaded with household goods and Mrs. Daniels was forced to continue her walk after a short distance when Brown family located in their home at Widener.

After the death of the calf, Mrs. Daniels and her cow resumed their long hike. Frequent stops were made for rest and repast. When only eleven miles from Memphis the cow became exhausted and was left with a man named Hayes. She then started on the lap of her journey and reached Memphis, safely.

It is Mrs. Daniels' intention to locate somewhere in the outskirts of Memphis, where she can keep her cow and sell milk and butter for a living. She is destitute of funds and is forced through circumstances not through choice to make the trip instead of in comfort on a road train.

Mrs. Daniels is a widow with children. She is about 43 years of age and weighs about 150 pounds. She about five feet eight inches in height. Her sturdy constitution has stood her in good stead in making the long trip from the Arkansas capital to Memphis.



Just Folks

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SUSPICIONS.

Something queer is going on I don't understand at all.

Last night when my pa came home there was whisperin' in the house.

An' my mother said to me: "You stay right where you are, I'll be back in a minute."

Keep away a little while—don't peek! I tried to see what was goin' on.

An' they hustled up the stairs, and peeked around the door.

An' I thought I saw a rum just like I've been askin' for.

Usually when pa comes home he's glad to see me 'round.

An' he wants me at the door—now I never makes a sound.

But comes sneakin' in the house and ma follows him upstairs.

An' I'm sure they're hidin' things under the beds an' chairs.

Coz one day I peeked—I did—an' saw one parcel that

Looked to me as though it was 'xactly like a baseball bat.

Wish I understood it all—pa says there's a Santa Claus.

An' I'm sure there must be one, but it puzzles me because

Pa seems different just now an' no like he used to be.

Every night when he comes home he just seems afraid of me!

Mother tells me not to look, but peeked at him last night.

An' he had a bundle which was 'coaster sized all right.

I ain't certain sure, of course, but our chimney seems so small

I'll just bet that Santa Claus couldn't get down it all.

An' it's queer that pa should be so afraid of me at night.

That he waits outside until he is sure I'm out of sight.

Now I'll tell you something else, but you mustn't say I said

There's a lot of packages hidden underneath pa's bed.

Mary Popular.

Mary is the most popular of names—either male or female, and occurs sixty-eight times in every thousand names; William, sixty-six; John, sixty-two; Eliza, sixty-one. Then there is a big drop to the next in popularity, George and Sarah, each of which scores thirty-six.

Cooking Dried Fruit.

The natural sweetness of the fruit is brought out by the soaking and slow cooking necessary for dried fruits; therefore comparatively little sugar is needed.

Wash fruit carefully in lukewarm water, changing the water several times. Cover with lukewarm water and let stand over night or for six or eight hours.

Cook in same water until tender. Heat slowly to boiling point, cover closely and simmer, not boil, for at least forty minutes. Take fruit from juice add sugar if necessary and thicken juice very slightly with cornstarch, using one teaspoon cornstarch to one cup of juice. Pour juice over fruit and let stand until cold.

Cooking the fruits in a double boiler, or in a casserole in the oven assures the cooking at a low temperature, which is not so sure if the fruit is cooked directly over the flames.

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