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The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



How can she be so interested in men's overshoes as all that? Perhaps she is married and is selecting a pair for her husband. But she doesn't look old enough to be married. Perhaps it's for her brother or father. How sweet of her.

So you meditate. And then the sweet young person who has been watching as she sized up a pair of her husband's shoes, suddenly she reaches up to her hat, twitches it abruptly into a more satisfactory angle, and captures and pinches with a hair pin a lock of hair that has strayed from the place appointed for it.

Whereupon, if you are the least well-versed in a Sherlock Holmes, your wonder is solved.

The lady hasn't seen the rubbers or overshoes any more than if they had not been there at all. Her attention has been on far more important things. In plain words, she has been gazing thus intently into the mirror, where with the shoekeeper she is looking at her own shoes.

You see, she is one of that regrettable common type of women who are forever examining their features and admiring their beauties in mirrors in public places.

In the restaurant with its mirrored walls this type of woman continually casts covert glances at herself. She sees someone looking at her and pretends to be absorbed in the menu, but

a minute or two later when she thinks she is unobserved she is at it again.

In the elevator at R's store she is in a transport of happiness, for does it not have mirrors on all four walls, which not only enable her to see her face, but give her a delightful view of her back, a chance to see how her suit fits in the back and get a full idea of just how she looks from the rear?

In the street car in the evening you often see her gazing abstractedly out of the window opposite her. You cannot distinguish anything without because of the darkness, and you wonder how she can. She can't. But there's a reason. The darkness is obligingly making the square of the window into a most desirable mirror, and she is watching that most interesting of landscapes—to her—her own face.

If I were a man and saw a girl I was inclined to fancy doing this sort of thing I think it wouldicken me more quickly than almost anything else.

If a woman thinks that her hair and hat need rearranging she should go into the rest room of the nearest hotel or shop and attend to them.

If that is impossible and some rearranging is absolutely necessary, she should simply and frankly stop in front of a public mirror, arrange these things as quickly as possible, and then pass on without any prolonged study of her charms.

Under any other circumstances she should no more look at herself in a mirror in a public place than she would perform any other act that properly belongs to the privacy of her chamber and toilet table.

Ruth Cameron

Household Notes.

When cleaning knives mix a little carbonate of soda with the bath brick, and they will polish more easily.

You have no idea how much easier you can do your housework if you will put everything that you can on wheels or castors.

When preparing apples for baking, I have found that an ordinary clothes-pin may be used quickly and efficiently to take out the cores.

Strawberry Tarts.—Make a rich pastry and form into rings and bake. When cool fill with whipped cream dotted with large strawberries.

Before taking pictures down from the walls to be cleaned, I always put a small pencil mark by the picture hooks so that they can be rehung quickly.

Your claret is said to be an excellent thing for the complexion, and it bids fair to be the last thing in baths for the woman who is fond of fads.

After an umbrella has been in use for a short time, put a drop of oil in the centre of the top about once a

month. This prevents the ribs from rusting.

A large pocket tacked on the back of your ironing-board is useful to drop ironing wax, iron handle, stand, etc., into when you are through with them.

Fish that is to be fried should be ordered to be sent early, as it cooks much better if previously rolled some time in a clean cloth to insure perfect dryness.

For dusting walls and ceilings there is nothing better than a soft outline flannel bag over the broom. Make bag with a ruffle at the bottom and draw-string at the top.

For washing floors, woodwork, shelves, etc., nothing better can be used than sponges. They rinse out more quickly than cloths and will certainly wear longer.

Glit on china will not last long if soda be used in the washing of it; therefore, use soapy water for washing tea cups, etc., patterned with glit and keep soda carefully away from them.

Dish towels should be washed out after each meal, and all other cloths used in the preparation of the meal

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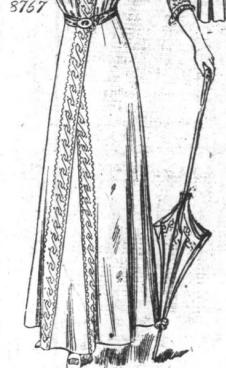
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Kidnapped Baby.

NEW YORK, April 1. While Mrs. Alfred Rogers, wife of a wealthy lawyer at Las Vegas, New Mexico, was sleeping by the bedside of her three-year-old son two masked men forced their way into the room, compelled the mother to surrender him. The mother dressed the child in warm clothing and saw the men depart with him.

She then summoned her husband, and without informing the authorities they obtained \$3,000 in small notes and gold from a bank and drove to a lonely spot in the mountains, where two other bandits met them and received the money. The parents were directed to drive to a ravine fifteen miles distant, being assured that here at a particular spot they would find the child. The boy was found by blankets and sound asleep. The parents motored home, and then for the first time notified the police, who are now in pursuit of the kidnapers.



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Las Vegas, N. M., April 12.—With Will and John Rogers, uncles of little Waldo Rogers, in jail here, and the \$12,000 ransom money recovered, the mystery of the kidnaping of the two-year-old boy was solved to-day.

Will Rogers confessed that he was guilty of the kidnaping, which took place more than a month ago, and that his brother had helped him. The men were arrested last night on the confession of Joe Wiggins, former convict.

Wiggins told how he and Will Rogers, who is a stenographer, had planned the kidnaping and how Wiggins' wife had prepared a small house just outside Las Vegas for the occupancy of the boy. He said \$16 worth of groceries had been stored in the house, and that after the ransom had been paid Wiggins and his wife had gone there to live.

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The Coronation Fleet.

382 Ships in Royal Naval Review—Ten Dreadnoughts.

Three hundred and eighty-two ships of the British Navy will take part in the naval review by the King at Spithead on Saturday, June 24. The Queen will be present, as well as a large number of distinguished personages from foreign countries. The total of 382 ships includes battleships, cruisers, scouts, destroyers, torpedo boats, and submarines, but excludes the Mediterranean Fleet, the Fourth Division of the Home Fleet, the Sixth Destroyer Flotilla, and various squadrons in foreign waters.

Included in the great sea pageant will be thirty-six battleships of the Home Fleet, telegraphs or Portsmouth correspondent, and if the Hercules and the Orion participate, there will be ten Dreadnoughts at Spithead. Thirty-two armoured cruisers—four of them of the Invincible type—of the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Cruiser Squadrons and the Home Fleet, twenty-one second class cruisers, seven third-class cruisers, eight scouts, and 150 destroyers of the various flotillas will also ride at anchor. Sixty submarines, some torpedo gunboats, and the royal and Admiralty yachts complete the total.

In addition to the British vessels, squadrons from Germany, Russia, France, the United States and Japan will be present. At the Diamond Jubilee review there were no submarines present, and only 165 ships in all.

There will be notable functions at Admiralty House, Portsmouth, where Miss Eva Moore, sister of the unmarried Commander-in-Chief, Sir Arthur Moore, will act as hostess. On June 26 and 27 the civic authorities will entertain the naval officers and men, both British and foreign, and a ball will be held in the town hall. The fleet will disperse on June 28.

The Over-Sea Troops.

The entertainment of the over-sea troops who will be in London for the Coronation will commence on June 8, when a detachment of about 300 will go from South Kensington Station (Metropolitan Railway) to Southend, where they will be entertained by the Essex Agricultural Society, who are organising special sports on that day. On June 10 another detachment of the troops is expected to have a steamer trip on the river and attend a banquet at Gravesend, on the invitation of the mayor.

On June 12 it is proposed that the troops should accept the invitation of the Hospitality Committee of the Festival of Empire to an entertainment at the Crystal Palace. On Wednesday, June 14, they are expected to attend Ascot races, and on June 15 and 16 to visit Cambridge, Birmingham and Manchester. During the following week visits will be paid to Windsor Castle, Woolwich and Portsmouth. Those desiring of offering hospitality to the troops should communicate with the secretary of the Colonial Troops Entertainment Committee, 116 Victoria Street, Westminster.

The King has given permission for the school children of Windsor and the district to assemble in the Castle grounds along the roadway between

the Sovereign's entrance, at the top of Long Walk and the York and Lancaster Towers, on Saturday, July 1, when their Majesties arrive at Windsor from London. The children will number over 6,000, and they will sing a Coronation ode or the National Anthem as the King and Queen pass by. Their Majesties will stop near Queen Victoria's statue and receive an address of welcome from the townspeople and residents of the district.

M. P.'s Coronation Gift.

Mr. T. R. Ferens, M. P. for East Hull, has presented to the town as a Coronation gift a fifteen acre field, on part of which his wife will erect and endow twelve almshouses. Mr. Ferens states that he would like the rest of the land to become a playing field for boys and girls, to be called King V. playing field.

The inhabitants of Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland, decided at a public meeting to have beacon fires on Coronation night on the Penine Mountains, by which the town is surrounded. If the night is clear it is expected that the chain of bonfires will be visible from Scotland.

Cambridge Town Council has resolved to meet the expenses of the local Coronation celebrations by a penny rate voted as the mayor's salary.

The Rev. F. A. Adams, rector of Doddinghurst, Essex, who has invented and patented a hat suspender for use under seats in churches and public buildings, has offered to equip his church with it by way of personal gift to commemorate the Coronation. — Daily Mail, April 7.

Shipbuilding for the Planet.

In the World's Work Mr. Benjamin Taylor writes on shipbuilding and shipping in 1910, and says that in spite of the boiler-makers' lock-out, the United Kingdom produced 157,960 tons more in 1910 than in 1909. The following totals are instructive:—

Vessels	Tons	I. h.p.
U. Kingdom	1,163,339,488	1,623,029
Colonial	142	24,077
Foreign	1,136,101,170	1,148,687
Gd. Wtd Tl.	2,541,237,735	2,780,953

The six largest vessels of the year were:—

- Olympic, 45,500 tons (Harland and Wolff).
- France, 23,000 tons (The St. Nazaire Company).
- Franconia, 19,150 tons (Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson).
- Edinburg Castle, 13,326 tons (Harland and Wolff).
- Maloja, 13,000 tons (Harland and Wolff).
- Themistocles, 11,500 tons (Harland and Wolff).

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