

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



In a book of essays that I was reading the other day this sentence smote me into thoughtfulness: "How many many homes there are from which gaiety has been banished not by sorrow but by grievances and a d d count-

plaints."

If I were a minister I think I should preach on that thought just about once a year.

I was talking with a young girl the other day who had just lost her sister.

It was the first death in a family of six.

"Do you know what one of the saddest thoughts is to me?" she said.

"It's the thought that while we had each other before that terrible thing happened we weren't half so happy as we should have been. We let the most foolish little quarrels and grievances and troubles make us unhappy just think of it! When we had each other and ought to have been perfectly happy. It makes me fairly wild to think of it."

I wonder if there is anyone who after a loss does not think something like that. "Why wasn't I happier when I had so much to make me happy? Why did I let little things keep me from being happy?"

You people who have all your dear ones with you, who have one of those hearts where there is no "vacant

chair" are you making the most of that great blessing?

Are you being as happy as you ought to be?

Or are you letting "grievances and complaints" and other little troubles and annoyances mar that precious happiness?

Did this Christmas which has just passed you have a bitter, sweet memory of how "big brother" used to bring his presents down Christmas eve for mother to help him wrap them up, or how little sister did scream last year when she found it was actually a "real live gold ring," to sadden your day?

But are you as absolutely entirely happy as you should have been? Or did you let some little misunderstanding, some foolish dissatisfaction taint that happiness?

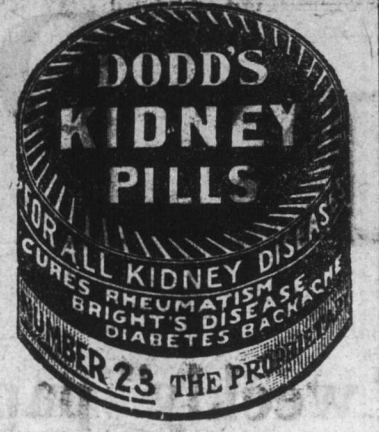
Some day when there is a vacant chair will you have to say, "Oh, if I had only been happier when I could have!"

And then you people who have one or two vacant chairs, who can't be as cloudlessly happy as you used to be, are you being as happy as you can be with what you have left? You look back on "the day before" with longing. Do you realize that you may sometime look back on these present days with equal longing? Are you making the most of them?

You don't like to be reminded of such dismal possibilities, you say.

Forgive me. I know it is time enough to feel sorrow when it comes. But don't you think my suggestion is a wise one?

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Dr. G. N. Murphy has resumed practice. - Jan 11, 11

DOING STREET DUTY.—Sergeant Cleary lately doing duty as guard at the lockup has now been put on the street duty list.

STAFFORD'S Liniment can be used both internally and externally—11c. a bottle.

GOING TO SYDNEY.—A large number of passengers went out by the Express last evening. They were chiefly labourers returning to Sydney to resume work.

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SEARCH FOR SHEBEENS.—The police were out yesterday seeking for shebeens. They visited several places where they suspected that liquor was being sold, but got nothing.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.—Oct 24, 11.

FIELD-SPENCER ASSOCIATION.—Grand Ball, British Hall, January 18th, at 9 o'clock. Tickets: Double, \$4; Gent's, \$2.50; Lady's, \$1.50, from members of the Committee or at Gray & Goodland's.—Jan 14, 16, 18.

TROUTING SEASON IN.—Yesterday the 14th inst. the trouting season began and quite a number went off Saturday evening to the several ponds and streams near the city to fish, while a number also left by train Saturday evening to go to ponds along the line.

ATTENTION IS CALLED to the Music Sale now on at our store. 20pc. discount on all Folio and Sheet Music during January month. Cash only. CHESLEY WOODS, Pianos & Organs, 911.

BROKE GAME LAWS.—Friday last two men could be seen trouting through the ice at Secret Gullies on the South Side Hill. Several who passed that way saw them fishing, which is a glaring infraction of the game laws, and if their names were disclosed to the authorities they would be severely punished.

Electric Restorer for Men Phosphorus restores the body's vitality to its proper level; restores the brain and restores the system. Refuse all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold at 25c. per box, or two for 50c. Mailed to any address. The Seabell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

BRUCE PASSENGERS.—The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 7:25 a.m. yesterday. Her passengers were J. W. N. Johnstone, J. M. and Mrs. Kent, J. Yarn, S. D. Crawford, H. E. Hefferman, E. Yetman, A. J. Sinnott, E. R. Dooker, W. R. McPherson, Dr. H. F. Donahue, H. Prenter and 40 fr. steerage.

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MARCONI APPARATUS DAMAGED.—Tuesday morning on her way from Philadelphia to this port, a sea which swept on board the Mongolian struck a box which held some of the Marconi apparatus, which was on the port side of the deck, and damaged it considerably. Repairs, however, were quickly effected.

SMASHED THE GLASS.—In his boarding house on Alexander Street, at an early hour yesterday morning, a man who had imbibed too freely Saturday night, kicked up a row and began tossing the furniture about. He ended by smashing several panes of glass in the windows of the residence when the police were called and brought him to the lockup.

Had Eczema In Both Legs Remarkable cure of Chronic Eczema by use of DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT.

You could scarcely imagine a more severe test of this ointment than the cure of Mrs. Clark secured here. For twenty years she suffered all the tortures of this terrible disease and tried in vain the prescriptions of doctors and the cures commonly recommended.

Mr. Fred W. Clark, Petworth, Ont., writes: "My mother had Eczema in both legs for about 20 years and suffered from the dreadful itching, stinging sensations which can never be described. She doctored and tried everything for it but got no relief until she used Dr. Chase's Ointment which was recommended to her by a friend. She found that this brought relief and by continuing its use has been cured of Eczema. I do not think any one could have this horrible disease any worse than she did and can't recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment as a thorough cure for Eczema."

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Women's Secrets

There is one man in the United States who has perhaps heard more women's secrets than any other man or woman in the country. These secrets are not secrets of guilt or shame, but the secrets of suffering, and they have been confided to Dr. R. V. Pierce in the hope and expectation of advice and help. That few of these women have been disappointed in their expectations is proved by the fact that ninety-eight per cent. of all women treated by Dr. Pierce have been absolutely and altogether cured. Such a record would be remarkable if the cases treated were numbered by hundreds only. But when that record applies to the treatment of more than half a million women, in a practice of over 40 years, it is phenomenal, and entitles Dr. Pierce to the gratitude of women, as the first of specialists in the treatment of women's diseases.

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Items of Interest

Hoskey, the aviator, who was killed, was a fatalist. He believed that when his time came to die he would die, no matter where he was or what he was doing. He talked of this so much to his mother that she came to believe the same as he did. This accounts much for his fearlessness and the resignation of his mother.

Henry Crandall, an aged philanthropist of Glens Falls, N.Y., has started a boys' saving club by dividing \$2,500 among 100 boys. Each member starting with \$25 must earn \$37.50, when Mr. Crandall will give him the balance to make a bank account of \$100. If the 100 boys succeed in earning the required amount, Mr. Crandall will give to them, in the aggregate, \$6,250. Only boys between 12 and 16 years can belong to the club.

The obituary columns of the Belfast papers in one day recorded the deaths of three Ulster centenarians—namely, William Wark, Winterhill, County Down, who celebrated his hundredth birthday last September; Miss Margaret Kelly, Donegal Town, aged 106, and Felix O'Boyle, Drumkeevin, County Antrim, aged 103; the funerals taking place almost simultaneously in their respective districts.

The customary gifts of venison, beef, and mutton to the poor and the employees on the Duke of Bedford's estate at Woburn Sands, G. B., were made on Christmas Eve. The venison is bred in the park, and the sheep are home grown. Three tons and fifteen hundredweights of venison and mutton were distributed. The beef consisted of joints from Scottish short horned bullocks. Many other gifts were received by the villagers from the Duke and Duchess.

In compliance with his wish, the remains of John Long, a farm foreman at Rowley Hill, Saffron Walden, G. B., were recently borne to the grave in a farm wagon, drawn by four favorite horses. His employer and all the employees on the estate followed. Long had worked on the same farm and for the same family for fifty-six years, while among those who followed the coffin were six labourers who had been employed on the same estate between thirty-seven and forty-seven years.

Every fireman, particularly in a large city, faces death as a part of his routine. Of those who so faced it at Philadelphia and at Chicago, more than two score have fallen under its touch. The men are heroes. No soldier who falls in war is more a hero. These men worked cool-headedly, calmly, unflinching, knowing the danger they faced, working in discomfort, often in acute pain, uncheered by the excitement and display of war, or by the companionship of hundreds and thousands of their fellows. They fought to save, not to kill. Every emotion, as they grappled with the fire, was good.

Household Notes.

In building or remodeling a house, before the final boards are put on the pantry have it lined throughout with mosquito wire. It will make it forever mouseproof.

To clean gilt, try touching it up a little at a time with a camel's hair brush wet in alcohol. Don't let it dry, but rub off with a flannel, which should be changed frequently.

Never scrape cooking utensils of any kind. Clean them out as much as possible, fill with water and washing soda, cover and allow them to steam. They will then clean easily.

Before washing silk stockings, soak in borax water, then wash gently in tepid soapsuds. Don't wring, but squeeze out and after rinsing in several waters hang up to dry.

In cooking broilers all the juice is saved and much of the flavor otherwise lost is retained by completely brushing over the fowl with olive oil before submitting it to the flames.

When carpets are not to be taken up they can be greatly freshened by washing with water to which a little ammonia has been added—not over a tablespoonful.

Clothes will not dry out so quickly if sprinkled and packed in a tin bottle or the night before ironing day. They should be packed as light as possible and the top placed on the bottle.

Croissants for soup are most easily made by cutting stale bread about half an inch thick, cutting it thickly on both sides, cutting in half inch squares and baking in the oven until brown.

After washing woolen socks, dry them on frames to prevent them shrinking. They should be washed in warm suds of white soap with a

little borax added, but should not be rubbed on a board.

To keep an iron sink in good condition scrub it once or twice a week with soap and kerosene. Every night put a little chloride of lime over the strainer and pour through it a kettle of boiling water.

There is nothing better for cleaning copper utensils than hot vinegar, salt and milk. Take a cupful of warm milk, add a quarter of a cupful of hot vinegar and a tablespoonful of salt. Rub on hard with a flannel rag.

Paradise cement is ordinary fudge made with more than the usual amount of several kinds of nuts, ground very fine, and the white of an egg beaten light and incorporated after the mass has been stirred to a cream.

Thin and patience may be saved when putting cotton into quilts if the cotton is first rolled about an ordinary yardstick. Spread the cotton out on a large table or the floor, roll on the stick, then transfer to the quilt foundation and unroll.

Worn brooms or whisks may be dipped in hot water and the uneven edges trimmed with shears, and then dipped in cold water and all water shaken out. This makes the straw harder and the trimming makes the brush almost as good as new.

To clean straw matting put three pints of bean in two quarts of water and boil. When it is nearly cool, wash the matting with it and afterward dry it well with a clean cloth. Add a little salt to the water for white matting and vinegar for red.

Ploof of chicken livers is an excellent dish for luncheon. Boil the livers until tender and put in an open dish lined with rice. Put a layer of rice over the top and turn the mould out into the dish in which it is to be

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