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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

WHAT IS A HAPPY DISPOSITION?



What do we mean by a happy disposition? We tell into a discussion of that the other day when someone spoke of a friend as having a happy disposition, and someone else said she had seen him when he was in a very nervous and depressed mood.

Do we mean a gay disposition or a contented disposition?

Gaiety Not Always Happiness.

If we mean the gay disposition, the kind that makes many jokes, that is full of pep and spirit, I think we must as well take the black mood for granted. For the gay disposition is practically never the even disposition. It is pretty sure to be mercurial, now carrying you along with its gaiety and its high spirits, and now sunk in the depths of discouragement and depression.

The possessor of the gay disposition is generally known to those outside his or her family as having a happy disposition because they are less apt to see him in his down times, but his level of happiness may be no higher than that of the person with the less gay but more even disposition.

Often, too, I think people with the

gay disposition, though they give happiness, do not share it themselves. Their gaiety is just nervous energy, its heat they radiate but do not feel.

Hard To Say.

Perhaps the contented disposition is really the happiest. Or is it? To be dissatisfied is to be unhappy, so surely to be satisfied is to be happy? Yet if you are dissatisfied that means that you have wants to gratify and when you gratify them that gives you happiness. But only for a little while. Then you are dissatisfied and unhappy again. Whereas if you have the contented disposition you are not always reaching out. You are happy with what you have. I suppose the true answer is that it's a matter of lights and shadows. You can't get the high lights without some of the shadows of contrast. And you have to decide which you want most, even brightness, or high lights and shadows. Or rather your disposition has to decide for you.

There's one thing about a contented disposition that you must make up your mind to. It is not associated with driving force. I know a woman who complains because her husband hasn't a contented disposition. She wishes he had that easy going, contented disposition that makes her best friend's husband such a delightful companion. Nevertheless she is proud of her husband's business success and I think would be unwilling to surrender the ease and luxury it has brought her. And his dissatisfied forward-reaching disposition is largely what has made him successful.

No Care And No Shift.

Do you remember the old fable of the king who was told that if he could wear the shirt of a man who was perfectly happy he would be cured of his melancholia? He sent his courtiers out to find such a man. They finally found him but he proved to be a homeless wanderer who had nothing and wanted nothing. Incidentally, he had no shirt. So the king was not cured. Now that man may have been a great joy to himself, but I have my doubts if his family considered him an asset.

New Europe Will Arise From Parley

FACE CERTAIN TO BENEFIT GERMAN, IS HERR STRESEMANN'S BELIEF.

Locarno, Switzerland, Oct. 17.—Exchanging congratulations over the most successful of post-war conferences, in which old enemies met as equals and each nation was benefited and satisfied, Europe statesmen, who yesterday initiated the treaty of Locarno, are indulging in a round of

ceremonial dinners before leaving for their homes.

The Germans, with thoughts of revenge cast behind them, and the way open to new credits and industrial rehabilitation, are leaving to-night. The French, who at last have a pledge of security, and the British, who have laid a new foundation for trade with Europe, go to-morrow.

"That harmony was achieved on such a broad basis in the construction of all the treaties, even the delicate Polish-German convention, came as a surprise to all the participants in the deliberations."

"We were carried off our feet, and seemed pushed forward to success by some mysterious constructive force," was the way one of the delegates described the situation. Dr. Stresemann, the German foreign minister, joined M. Briand, France's foreign minister. In declaring that Locarno must mark the beginning of a new era in the peaceful development of the lives of nations, based on mutual confidence and good will.

"A new Europe must arise from Locarno," said Briand. Then, referring to Germany and France, he added: "Between our two countries there remain indications of the friction of misunderstanding. The pact signed to-day must be a balm for these wounds. All difficulties must pass away."

With reference to Briand's occupation of the Rhine, M. Briand said that



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Classic Education

This slight sketch is the outcome of a desire to probe to the bottom a prejudice which surely is a detriment to the cause of progress. I refer to the antagonistic attitude which does actually exist in the minds of most people as to the value of a classical course in our schools.

The term classical is used rather loosely and one is tempted to express the belief that by far the greater number of folks who are so intense in their opportunity to the higher education quite fail to grasp the purpose and meaning of the classics as a course, and as a result there seems little use in contending against them. The bulk of whom are to be found among those who in their own early days suffered through the handicap of limited educational facilities and who, though they wish to secure for their children the best that is going in education, yet are ready on all occasions to criticize the methods and personalities of those to whom they entrust the training of their sons and daughters. As to this innovation which we term the higher education one would like to reason out just what the term implies, and find a definition such as the Headmaster of one of our schools would employ, were he asked by some honest enquirer to give a solid reason in support of the classics as a scholastic course. His reply would in effect be something like this.

The chief aim of a classical course is to foster in youth a love for the best work of the greatest minds of our oldest civilizations, and to impress upon the minds of students that culture is only another word for development, which may well be upon quite different lines than we have been used to study. And indeed one might easily add surely the Headmaster of any school is well qualified to decide on his own authority what subjects are of most benefit to his pupils as a course of study, although, indeed the man in the street may hold pronouncedly opposite views. However, the result of each educational year is to break down the barriers between education and industry, and industry and commerce.

In the Greece of the ancients there are names which even to this day stand out like jewels defying the ravages of time; and these men were noted as much for their accuracy as for their profundity of learning. Among these great men exactness of detail and thoroughness was as their mainspring of action. Youth and intelligence are the only gifts worth having, and one may conclude with the words of the great Horace, "make the best of youth's little hour, and take small inconveniences with a smile." To this one would like to add be faithful to your employer and see to it that you will be considered worthy to sign a bigger receipt for your salary each year, and so one closes, fearing lest one's enthusiasm may lead one to occupy too much space dealing with a subject which has of late been so ably dealt with by rather distinguished educationalists. And indeed one is sometimes tempted to ask rather gloomily, is the game worth the candle?

FRANCES HANHAM.

Just Folks.

By EDGAR GUEST.

SUCCESS.

I could stand to lose my money, I could smile a little bit if I'd made a stroke for glory and had fallen short of it. I could come to see and chuckle over losses I have had. If at last I am successful as the father of a lad.

Life has many ways to travel, and it's difficult to choose. And the joys we pray so hard for seem Success that's told in money, any banker's clerk can add. But God may judge the father by the failure of the lad.

When at last my time is ended, that I'm poor I shall not mind. If there's something to be proud of in the son I leave behind, I can say I wasn't clever, wise men thought my judgment bad. But I didn't fail the youngster in the father that he had.

Success lies not in fortune, not in pomp or power, or place. And the things men boast the most of may at last be their disgrace. So I hold my foremost duty, above everything I plan. Is to try to be successful as the father of a man.

All Frenchmen wanted to see appeasement, and he was certain that they would lead to trustful co-operation. It was certain that when all outstanding questions were settled Germany and France could labor in common in all spheres to realize the ideal of a Europe achieving its destiny in remaining faithful to all that its civilization and nobility represented.

Previously Dr. Stresemann said: "We assume responsibility for insisting because we are convinced that only by the path of peaceful neighborly life can the development of states and peoples be secured. We assume the responsibility because we are justified in believing the political result of these agreements will benefit the German people, alleviating the conditions of their political life."

War on Winged Death

STAMPING OUT THE MOSQUITO PERIL.

The recent opening by Sir Ronald Ross, the great authority on tropical diseases, of the new British Mosquito Control Institute, on Hayling Island, Hampshire, has shed light on a remarkable undertaking.

For some time past there have been carried on in the island, researches and experiments that may go far towards stemming the mosquito plague not only in this country, but in those tropical regions where it is an unrelenting menace to human health and life.

Five years ago, a Hayling Island resident, Dr. J. F. Marshall, now Director of the Institute, determined to combat a serious plague of mosquitoes that occurred in the locality. The insects bred in stagnant pools and ditches, and Dr. Marshall found that the best time for dealing with them was in the larva stage—that is, before they took to the air as fully-fledged insects.

Oil Film Facts.

With the help of a small army of residents, among them a number of school children, Dr. Marshall caused to be deposited on the surface of pools and ditches a film of oil, which prevented the larva from rising for air. In this way the plague was stamped out, and to-day a mosquito is seldom seen in the district.

At that time it was concluded that the film of oil brought about suffocation of the insects by excluding the air. Recently, however, it has been found that what happens is that the oil destroys a certain fatty substance that normally prevents water from entering the larva's breathing organs, so that the insect is actually drowned. The point is one of interest to scientists; all that the layman need note is that the oil film "does the trick."

A Blood Parasite.

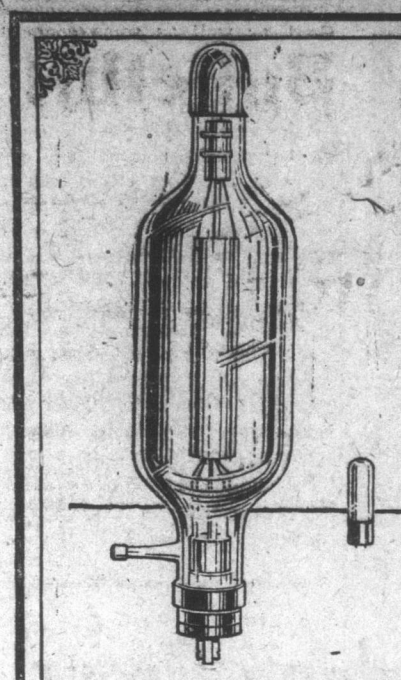
It was not until the middle of last century that insects were proved to be carriers of disease. In 1880 Dr. Laveran made the important discovery that malarial fever is caused by a minute parasite in the blood. The disease had been connected from the very earliest times with stagnant pools, but it was not until the 'nineties, when Sir Ronald Ross was carrying out his epoch-making researches, that the mosquito was definitely found to be the deadly intermediary.

Following this, Colonel Gorgas, of the United States Army Medical Service, went to the Panama Canal zone with orders to combat the mosquito plague that was ravaging the country for many miles around, and resulting in the death of hundreds of people and almost complete paralysis of the work on the canal.

Colonel Gorgas's men sprayed with paraffin oil every pool and every damp spot they could find, until in a few weeks the only cases of malaria in the canal region were those contracted before war was declared on the pests that caused them.

Heroes Of Science.

Another kind of mosquito, happily rare in this country, is that which carries the germ of yellow fever, one of the most terrible of all diseases.



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The fact that every one emerged in good health showed that the fever is not transmitted from human being to human being, as had been supposed.

Wear a Flanders Poppy on Remembrance Day.
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Chicago Bares a Black Mail Ring

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Operations of a blackmail ring, which, preying alike on bootleggers, gamblers and reputable business men, has obtained thousands of dollars, have been disclosed in a joint investigation of the police and federal agents.

One attempt, with Louis Smith, proprietor of an automobile supply store as its intended victim, seemingly was designed to increase the defense fund of Albert Anselmi and Joe Salice, gangsters, on trial for killing two policemen.

Smith was given the choice of bringing \$5,000 to a rendezvous or suffering death for himself and his family. With detectives, he took a bogus package to the place named. The threatening letter to him, said the money would be used to save Anselmi and Salice from the noose.

Two wealthy bootleggers have met the blackmailers' demands and fled, says the Herald and Examiner to-day. Dan Perry, wounded recently by assassins who escaped, made settlement and fled to Florida. While another bootlegger, whose profits are placed by the newspaper at \$100,000 in the last few months, paid

\$70,000 and went to Canada.

Two men who attempted to extort money from wealthy parents by threatening harm to their children were given maximum sentences in Criminal Court yesterday. Herbert Cotman, organizer of the plot, was given from one to twenty years in the penitentiary and Richard Reno, who carried the threatening letters, was sentenced to a year and fined \$100.

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