

SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.



THE ATTIC OF YESTERYEAR.

What are the attics of yesteryear and what is being done with the things that used to be stored in them?

You sometimes hear people wondering whether the furniture of to-day will ever be collected as antiques. It seems incredible that anyone should want to collect it, though no more incredible than the present craze for the pressed glass of 50 years ago. But even if we stretch our imagination and try to convince ourselves that a hundred years from now someone will want to furnish his house with furniture from the living rooms of to-day, we must admit he will have an awful hard time finding any, if attics disappear at the rate they have been disappearing for the last 30 years.

A Feeble Flavorless Substitute.

In some of the first apartments there were storerooms, a feeble flavorless substitute for the old attic, but how seldom any room can be spared for a storeroom in these days of crowded living accommodations. A friend of mine is living in a city in a four room apartment. Her two children have the one bedroom, and she and her husband sleep in the living room. They looked round hopefully for a larger apartment at the same money they are paying. There was no such

thing to be found. In that city apartments rent according to the number of rooms. It would mean \$20 added to their rent for one more room! Imagine keeping a storeroom in a place like that!

The Chairs With the Broken Leg.

Of course when people have less storage space they must keep fewer things hanging around, and as a woman I appreciate the simplification of life. In the old days we did not throw things away as soon as they ceased to be actively useful. The chair with one broken leg, though not quite worth fixing was still too good to be thrown away, so up into the attic it went to gather dust for 20 years or so. The Nubian girl's head that was something one could not live without at 12, came down from the wall when one took fine arts at 20, and travelled up attic to sit in the lap of the chair of the broken leg. Bundles of old letters and mementoes—the dance order, the menu, the programme of the amateur

play—finally overflowed our bureau drawers and were stowed away in boxes under the eaves. Trunks filled with clothes too much out of style to wear and too good to be given or thrown away stood against the chimney and under the skylight.

To-day the pressure of small space forces us to be more sensible about such things and all that is not actually useful is crowded out of the house into the second hand shop or the ash can or the charity bag.

Common Sense But Not So Much Fun.

And as a sensible person who knows how seldom anything came out of the attic to be put to use again, and as a housekeeper who knows what a job it is to clean out such glory holes and how heavy they lie on the heart if they are uncleaned, I realize that this is common sense and progress.

But as a lover of romance and as a descendant of the child who once spent many happy hours playing in our attic (especially on stormy days when the rain made music on the roof) I mourn for the attic of yesteryear, and pity the child of to-morrow who will never find trunks of old clothes to dress up in and piles of old magazines to browse over, who will never when he grows up have the thrill of dragging down antiques from the attic to help furnish his home, or of retrieving bundles of old letters and reading in them the romance of a past generation.

Moscow Plots in Turkey

Bolshevik intrigues against Turkey are revealed in police documents published to-day regarding the recent Kurdish revolt.

Conspirators reported that the Bolsheviks had made "very favourable offers" to the revolutionary committee

concerning the liberation of Kurdistan. Certain members urged acceptance, but the head of the Kurdish Association refused to collaborate with "the sworn enemies of religion and nationality."

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WALT MATON

"He was a splendid neighbor," the pastor said to-day, extolling Silas Sabre, who lately passed away. "He had no talents glowing, no great renown he drew, but in his to-and-froing he found some good to do; when men were in disaster he'd come and play their soil; he always had a plaster when some one had a boil. If men were pale and drooping beneath misfortune's stings, old Silas came kerwhopping with healing in his wings. But here's the greatest glory in Silas Sabre's crown: He listened to no story that ran a neighbor down. Once, summoned to a marriage, to make two lovers one, I pushed my choo-choo carriage as fast as she could run. A speed cop overtook me and summoned me to court, and all my friends forsook me and called me timhorn sport! A parson pinched for speeding! Was ever such a crime? Men hoped they'd seeme weeding the jail yard for a time. And sundry grouchy deacons insisted I resign, for parsons should be beacons to keep the good in line. But good old Silas Sabre, he was a sight to see, when he went forth to labor with those who roamed free! Then all the grumbling flivvered, canned was the harsh remark, and I was thus delivered from trouble dire and dark. To be a neighbor splendid! What better praise is there, now that his life is ended, his history laid bare?"

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Car Brake Tests

M.P. on Accidents Caused by Unpunctual Women.

A deputation of M.P.s, headed by Commander Kenworthy (Lib. Central Hull), urged upon the Home Secretary at the House of Commons the necessity for the strict enforcement of the motor speed limit.

Great stress was laid on the danger of motorists who drive quickly over cross-roads, and periodic tests of skill for drivers and tests of braking power on heavy vehicles were advocated.

Capt. Brass, who previously led a deputation of motorists M.P.s in suggestions for improving the present system of trapping by the police, is also in favour of tests of the braking powers of all cars, and of uniformed policemen on dangerous cross-roads to ensure careful driving.

Sir Gerald Strickland expressed the view that many accidents were caused by unpunctual women, who urged their chauffeurs to hurry so as to make up their own lost time.

The Situation in China

On the shores of the Pacific Ocean, and especially in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, Communist agitation, playing upon local conditions, has led to outbreaks that threaten to render acute a dangerous aspect of the Far Eastern situation. The outbreaks seem to have been inspired in part by anti-Japanese feeling in China—a feeling which may draw some encouragement from recent activities on the part of the American fleet. The American Government is stated to desire the convocation of a new conference to consider the Chinese outlook as soon as the Nine-Power Treaty, which was concluded at Washington in February, 1922, has been its object. For instance, language attributed to the new American Ambassador in London on the subject of Germany and of the union of Germany with Austria, has made an unfortunate impression. However much his previous residence in Berlin may have inclined him to take a German rather than an Allied

standpoint, it would be regrettable were he not to understand that there are two sides to every question, and that the bulk of public opinion in this country is emphatically not pro-German in the sense of wishing to close its eyes to German shortcomings; though it is pro-German and Pro-European in the sense of desiring frank and friendly co-operation with and between European nations, Allied and ex-enemy alike, for the advancement of peace and security. As the late Dr. Page discovered, an understanding of English views and instincts has to be acquired by patient observation and by sustained intercourse with all classes of Englishmen. Nothing is easier than for a foreign diplomatist, who may come here with a predisposition in favour of this policy or that, to take it for granted that the feelings of England are what he may wish them to be. Matters, as between Great Britain and France, and Great Britain, France, and Germany, have now been placed upon a footing that promises fruitful developments; and the real friends of Germany are those who seek to persuade her that the firmness of Franco-British policy is by no means disjoined from a fundamental friendliness and a desire to bring Germany back on an equal footing into the family of European nations.

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Racial War Feared, Says Missionary

HOBOKEN, N.J., June 27.—(United News)—The world is overshadowed by a war between the races, involving practically all nations, according to the Rev. Dr. John McWilliam, of Toronto, for the last 33 years a missionary in Hang Chow, China.

Dr. McWilliam, who left China two months ago, for a leave of several months, arrived in the United States Friday and expressed grave concern at the situation in the Orient.

The present situation is the most serious since the Boxer rebellion and more menacing even than that, said the missionary. "We who have lived in China and do not have to depend on cable reports to understand the situation, are keenly aware that the progress of civilization is menaced by a 'war of races.'"

"That something must be done at once, is the consensus of opinion among foreigners in China to-day."

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Man Was Never Monkey or Ape

DECLARES NOTED VANCOUVER SCIENTIST.

PORTLAND, Oregon, June 22.—(A.P.)—That man never was either monkey or ape and that assumptions to this effect are erroneous and foolish was the declaration of Dr. Charles Hill-Tout, of Vancouver, B.C., Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, lecturer and author, in his address to the naturalist division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, now in session here.

"We have indisputable records of man which go back before the time of the ape," said Dr. Hill-Tout. "Probably both ape and man came from some former ancestor in the phylogenetic series further back. It is true that we may say that man has ape-like characteristics but it is equally true that the ape has man-like characteristics which does not mean much unless interpreted correctly. In fact, nearly all living organisms have points of common likeness."

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