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Current Events

Toronto exhibition grounds are being put in shape, and winter quarters extended for the troops to be there during the

Six steamers, 4 British, 1 Dutch and 1 Norwegian, were sunk by 3 German sub-marines off the Nantucket Shoals, near Boston, on Oct. 8th.

A delegation of 300 citizens, representing all classes of society, waited on Sir Lomer Gouin and the members of the Provincial Cabinet of Quebec, on Oct. 4th, and urged that a law be passed to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Province.

The Entente Allies have informed the Dutch Government that any move towards peace on the part of Holland will he construed as a pro-German act.

Gen. Sir William Robertson, Chief of the Imperial Staff of Great Britain, stated in a recent speech that Britain is in urgent need of more men for her armies and munition factories.

There is no outstanding war news at time of going to press. Heavy shelling is reported from all along the British and French front. In the East a new phase of the war seems to be indicated by the invasion of Bulgaria, which began when, on Oct. 2nd, Roumanian forces crossed the Danube south of Bucharest. The Bulgarians opposed to the British forces are withdrawing along the Struma. Meanwhile the advance of the Italians into Southern Albania goes on without serious opposition. Everywhere there are gains, and the ultimate and complete victory of the Allies is regarded now as certain, but those in a position to speak with authority do not dare to say that the war will be completely over before

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Good Manners for Every Day.

BY M. A. MOORE.

The foundation of good-breeding, of good manners, of truest courtesy, must begin in the home, the place

where we, naturally perhaps, least recognize their claims.

It is in the home, above all other places, that the finest tact, another name for courtesy, is necessary, living as we do in closer contact, with less ceremony, and with greater familiarity than elsewhere and the strongest test of our

training comes into practice under these very natural conditions.

Few of us may ever be called upon to do more than one or two great things in our lives, but all of us are almost daily called upon for the smaller excripces. called upon for the smaller sacrifices, the disturbing trifles of life, and it is in the smaller courtesies of this same every-

day life that we are apt to fail. The truest courtesy comes from kindness of heart. All else is an outside veneer or polish, that shows its uncertain foundation. foundation under any form of disturbance

From a wide experience, I believe this matter to be one for the most earnest consideration, and a noted writer

well expresses it thus: "Good manners in the household are like oil on complicated machinery—like spread over rough and wounding waysbut they are more important than anything else in their strong influence on character. The result of a refined early life shows itself in all that a man or woman becomes."

All writers on "Social Customs,"
"Correct Ways" etc., seem to find it necessary to emphasize the guiding principles set forth by the use of a certain number of "do's and don't's" and long ago it was written that one might as well be out of the world as out of fashion.

When elderly people enter your home or your presence, always remain standing until they are seated. This attention may not always be appreciated, but that matters little. The time may come when we ourselves may be in a position to enjoy many of the small courtesies so often neglected to-day.

Children are taught fine manners quite as much by example as by precept, and "What a child receives in youth, it seldom falls to return at maturity; also remember that children are not only the life of the home but the hope of the future!"

The ease with which one member of a family, not always elderly, will appropriate a certain comfortable chair shows selfishness and discourtesy that

awaken sometimes disgust.

Never fail, be it early or late, to exchange the morning greetings, whether you feel just like it or not. It's a mystery to me why some, otherwise, courteous people always feel gross before best eople always feel cross before breakfast-and a still greater mystery, why

br. Holmes once truly wrote, "The whole essence of gentle breeding lies in the wish and the art to be agreeable. Good breeding is surface Christianity."

Cultivate fine table manners—they

are quite as necessary at home as in public. Carelessness in the observance of social customs at home will easily lead one into mistakes abroad, even when one "knows better."

Fashions change a little about table observances, but the general customs remain the same. One can note what others do, and "follow suit."

Do not begin the day by finding fault and criticising—always features of home life.

Do not be so anxious to talk as to constantly interrupt others who may be, and often are, better worth listening to.

Don't be selfish and exacting—don't fret, even when things go wrong don't be sullen—don't be a tease—one ill-bred person in an otherwise harmonious family can ruin the peace of the whole.

In other words,—don't be a nuisance. If you have not natural tact, cultivate it by thinking first about others, and last about yourself. We must remember that the "perservance of a courteous manner is the test of its sincerity.

Always knock before entering a room a closed door,-every human being has a right to a certain amount of

Always treat with especial courtesy one who is deaf, or suffering from any You may be giving a joy infirmity. that never will be forgotten.

Servants at home or abroad are human beings and appreciate kindly (not necessarily familiar) courtesies more, sometimes, than those of a higher station in

Always be truthful with them, and with children. They will soon lose faith in you, otherwise.

Never refuse to receive an apology. Courtesy requires that it be accepted. It is a sad comment upon our presentday system of education, that so little attention is paid to the cultivation of even the simplest rules of "Good Manners."

Correct Speech.

The home is not only the training school of manners, both good and bad, but also of the habit of correct speech A knowledge, easily obtainable, of the ordinary and simplest rules of grammar, if put into daily use, will prevent mis-

takes almost unpardonable.

It has been we'l, exceedingly well, written that "Self cultivation in the use of good English must chiefly come through speech. Whoever goes to his grave with bad English in his mouth has no one to blame but himself for the disagreeable taste, for, if faulty speech

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