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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

THE ROMANCE OF THE OFFICE BUILDING.



Don't you think a large office building in one of our big cities is a wonderful place? When you have occasion to pass through the halls of such a building, don't you like to glance, as you pass, at the signs on the doors, and realise the multitude of interests that, spreading out all over the countryside, have their centres in this acre or half acre of the world.

Walk With Me Down the Corridor.
Walk with me, for instance, down

the corridor of a typical office building in any one of our large cities. First we pass the office of an artisan well known company. Its activities are known not how many hundreds of miles away, but the brain that controls and sells the product is functioning behind those glass doors. Next comes a teachers agency and next the headquarters of the Eastern Granite Co. Monuments and then the local agency of a tooth-brush that prophylactically brushes the teeth of a nation. Go back, looking at the doors on the other side and we find the selling agency of a big garment factory, a ship insurance firm, a talking machine company's headquarters of a cotton broker, the headquarters of a

wholesale importing firm, and the purveyors of pleatings and buttons for women's clothes.

Pass the elevator and go around the corner and you shall find a dozen more activities as varied, all reaching tentacles out into the lives of thousands of men, focussing interests that reach into the far corners of the earth, representing a civilization of infinite complexity and infinite ramifications. And these two corridors that we have travelled together are but a tenth of the space on this floor, and this floor but one of ten (or perhaps 20 or 30) in this building.

The Centre of 10,000 Lives.

Do you wonder that I think an office building is a wonderful place—if you stop to sense it? Not just as an office building but as a centering of all these vast activities?

It makes one realize the complexities of modern civilization as nothing else can. Here are several hundred people, not one actually producing anything with his hands, yet each one necessary (with perhaps a few unimportant exceptions) to the warp and woof of the work of producing things and then getting them distributed to the people who want them.

Could You Yank It Out?

I am not one of those people who think that our present economic system is ideal and that no one ought to talk of altering it. Far, far from it. But I have come to realize how infinitely delicate and complex it is and how slowly any change must be wrought if we are not to do unappealing hurt to everyone.

The office building with its complicated and carefully planned construction is a perfect symbol of the towering structure of modern civilization. The plan of the building may not be ideal while people are working in it; you cannot yank out the ground floor or make some similar change without unappealing catastrophe.

For Coughs or Colds take Stafford's Phoratorne, it will cure.—Jan 4, 11

German Paper Money a Quarter Trillion.

GOVERNMENT REALIZES THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO CONTROL PRINTING PRESSES.

The government has emphasized the necessity of Premier Lloyd George's proposals in regard to limiting the issue of paper money by printing the Reichsbank statement for the end of the year, showing an increase of almost five billion marks in circulation during the final week and a grand total which lacks only a few millions of 122,000,000,000 marks.

The note circulation, which was about 70,000,000,000 at the close of 1920, therefore has almost doubled during the year. The amount of discounted Treasury bills in the Reichsbank hands has more than doubled during the year, the government's unsecured indebtedness to the bank being more than 122,000,000,000 marks, compared with sixty billions at the close of 1920. The bank's holdings of the government's paper increased in the final year more than 15,000,000,000 marks, part representing direct government borrowings for that period, the rest in Treasury certificates, which private holders unlocked for the Reichsbank to raise cash for their own requirements. The total amount of this floating debt in the Reichsbank and private hands is approaching perilously near a quarter of a trillion marks, if such astronomical figures have any meaning to the reader. The precise amount will be revealed in a few days, when the treasury statement of receipts and expenditures will be published.

The only Eyesight Specialist named Trappnell doing business in Newfoundland to-day is KARL S. TRAPNELL, 307 Water Street (upstairs, next door to Kodak Store).—Jan 16, 11

DANGER OF JUST LETTING A COLD RUN ITS COURSE

Public Warned to Beware of a Three Days' Cough and Break It Up Before It's Too Late, by Taking Asprolox, the new Scientific Discovery.

Money Refunded If Asprolox Fails to Bring Relief.

Leading authorities are using every effort to arouse the public to the danger of letting common colds just run their course, for it is definitely known that many serious lung complications such as pneumonia, grippe, etc., develop from colds that hang on persistently.

Colds are curable and preventable, and Asprolox provides the safest, surest and quickest, as well as the most practical, treatment for colds yet discovered.

Asprolox is almost magical in its effect. The first dose usually stops the tendency to sneezing and coughing, and relieves the feeling of discomfort, and the second and third doses usually suffice to stop the progress of a cold altogether.

The wonderful efficiency of Asprolox is best shown by the fact that all druggists are instructed to refund money where it fails to give satisfactory results. feb 9, 14, 16

Semi-Tropical Britain.

How many people know that there is one part of Great Britain where neither snow nor frost are ever seen or known at Christmas time. How many folk are aware that there is one spot in the British Islands where, as a general rule, you may walk out under the warm sun on December 25 each year, and see semi-tropical plants growing and looking well, whilst the rest of Britain is cold, frozen, and perhaps under thick layers of snow?

For the Scilly Isles, just off the Coast of Cornwall—where the daffodils and other bulb-flowers come from in such profusion in earliest spring—have such a genial and equable climate that they practically know nothing of snow or frost; on them the warm sun is often beaming at Christmas, whereas it may be bitterly cold in London and freezing hard in Birmingham.

At Treco the residence of the "Lord-Proprietor of the Islands," as Major Dorrien-Smith is called officially, you may walk through the famous extensive semi-tropical gardens on a winter's day and see hundreds of plants, bushes, and great trees from places like Chili, India, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, growing, flourishing, and often budding, just as if they were at home in the hotter regions of the earth, just as if England were a spot boasting a climate as suitable for them as their own native one!

The climate and outlook in the Scillys at this season is usually more comparable to that of some islands off Australia, were it not for the strong winds that rage now and then, as a sequel to the Atlantic gales, during the six months between October and March.

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The Improved Tasteless Preparation of an Extract of Cod Liver Oil

Especially Recommended for Persistent Coughs, Bronchitis, Anemia

A Spendid Tonic for Delicate Women and Children

Prepared by DA & R. LAWRENCE CO., Manufacturing Chemists, Montreal

When a district can boast an average temperature of 50 degrees through the winter, and of 60 degrees through the summer, as Scilly can, such an equable climate makes for success when growing delicate and foreign trees and plants in a way which other British places can only envy and marvel at.

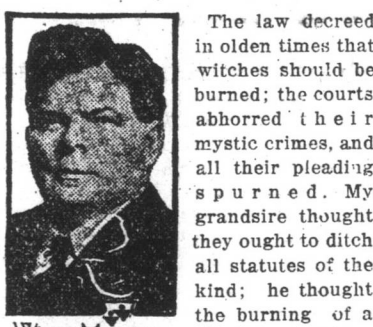
Those gardens at Treco, through which so many thousands of folk walk with delight each summer, are a perpetual source of interest and surprise. Here may be found blooming in full glory New Zealand trees which, like the Indian banyan, send down from their high branches aerial shoots till these reach the ground, where they again take root and form new trees! Here are date-palms from the Cape, with its long yellow flowers; the Madeira tree lily-of-the-valley; the Tasmanian pepper-tree, with its red stem; the yew tree from Chili; the white iris, Robinsonian, from the Pacific Isles; also the Nepal palm; the banana tree from Algeria; and probably, most surprising of all, the desert-palm from the Sahara.

You have to stay in Scilly from about December 1 to March to understand how wonderful and astonishing the great flower-harvest of earlier spring really is. You have to see the peasantry there wading in fields of yellow daffys, even in the first week of February, or lost in an amazing array of Madonna lilies whilst frost may still be gripping the rest of England, to see them sending down rough roads of the various islands cart after cart packed with glowing floral masses, so as to catch the morning boat to England, if you want to fully comprehend what this incredible winter harvest means to the good folk of Scilly.

The Rink Management regret very much that they cannot hire the Prince's Rink for any further Mercantile matches or practices until the League Hockey Matches are completed. This is found necessary owing to ice conditions.

P. E. OUTERBRIDGE, Sec.-Treasurer.

RESPECTING THE LAW.



The law decreed in olden times that witches should be burned; the courts abhorred the heinous crime, and all their pleading spurned. My grandfathers thought they ought to ditch all statutes of the kind; he thought the burning of a witch was not a sport refined. "But while such laws are in the book," my grandfathers used to sigh, "around us daily we must look, for witches we may fry." Was there a beldame anywhere, who owned a cat or snake, my grandfathers traced her to her lair, and tied her to the stake. He said, "The law must be obeyed while men for justice seek, and though I hate to burn a jade, I burn one every week. I doubt if witches really work much evil and distress, although they're roasted by the kirk, and by the law and press. But it is not for me to say what laws are right or wrong; I've built a roaring fire to-day, so, witches, come along." The law he doubted was repealed long since, as fierce and vain; old women now may go afield, with black cats in their train. And if some acrobatic dame can on a broomstick ride, the people will applaud her game, and point to her with pride. The law that's evil or absurd will from the volume fade; but while it is the nation's word, let's see that it's obeyed.

The 3-E.E.E. Footwear

For Smart Women

3-E.E.E., the new and much sought after footwear for smart women is sure to be first favorite for the coming Spring and Summer, and is already on sale over the counter at the Royal Stores, Ltd., Messrs. Parker & Monroe's, Knowling's and Ayre & Sons, Ltd.

Attached is a list of some of the various models in 3-E.E.E., detailed descriptions of which will be given in this space from time to time.

The 3-E.E.E. footwear is made by ARCHIBALD BROS., LTD., Harbor Grace.

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MUTT AND JEFF—

MY WORD! LOOK WHO'S GETTING KIDDED NOW!

—By Bud Fisher.



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CHEAP FUEL EVERYBODY.

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