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The Hardest Thing.

By RUTH CAMERON.

"Do the thing that's nearest
Though it's hard the while
Helping when you meet them
Lame dogs over stile."



RUTH CAMERON

Get it Off Your Mind.

You don't know (unless you have the habit) what a help it is to get the hardest task off your mind. It makes the rest of your tasks seem easier by contrast.

Also it is good discipline to make yourself do promptly a thing you dislike.

Also the impetus you have to get up carries you straight through your easier tasks with a rush.

Take a very humble instance.

I Hate To Brush Off The Crumbs.

I have the most inexplicable and deep seated dislike to one little household task connected with my dishes. I simply hate to brush the crumbs off the table.

I am always tempted to leave this task until after I have washed the dishes and gotten them ready to put away. If I do that, I am subconsciously dreading it while I wash and I am apt to be more lackadaisical, more prone to let things interrupt me. If, on the other hand I fling myself briskly at the task the minute I get

the last dish cleared off, and am conscious that I have a clean table, my dishes are apt to go much more briskly.

The same is true when I have anything difficult to write. If I leave it till the last, my whole day's work drags. If I do it briskly, while my morning courage is good, the whole day goes better.

Write The Hardest Letter First. I should think it would be so with a business man and the heap of de-
tails on his desk awaiting his attention.

Or with a teacher and the many problems of school discipline and routine to be faced.

Or with anyone who has any duties of any sort, which I suppose includes practically everybody. If you don't shut out those people who deliberately manufacture their duties and call them "social."

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"What should a young lady say when called on by a young man with a letter of introduction from an out of town friend? Is it proper to read it before him?" inquired Mona.

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THE HIRED GIRL.

The hired girl of the present day is a lone remnant of a once populous species which roamed from home to home at \$2 per week. Twenty-five years ago good, plain hired girls of serious purpose and complicated features could be rented at any hour of the day without making it necessary to mortgage a new, pin-oak upright piano. Life is becoming so complex, however, that to-day it is harder to find a hired girl who is willing to work for anything less than the wages of a master bricklayer than it is to locate a solvent American in Mexico.

In the effete and highly-cultured east, the hired girl has disappeared entirely from the haunts of man. The maid who dresses in silk poplin and a haughty mien has taken her place, and is giving general satisfaction in homes where the housework is not allowed to interfere with the moving picture show. If an uncouth westerner in Congress shoes should stray into an aristocratic home in Boston, Massachusetts, and address the maid as a hired girl, he would have to be shipped back to his relatives, showing a total lack of animation and front teeth. The Boston Transcript once accepted a Want ad. calling for a rugged, plain-visaged hired girl at \$12 per week for a family of two, with washing and ironing sent out and beds made on the second Tuesday of each month, and the editor has not been heard of since.

In the teeming and frost-bitten corn belt of the middle west, where fresh creamery butter is accepted as collateral on a promissory note, great inducements have to be held out in order to restrain a hired girl who intends to strike immediately prior to housecleaning time. Many a depressed husband, after a night of toil over the pool table, has found it necessary to build four fires, grind the coffee, set the table and officiate at the wringer, so that a biased and unfeeling hired girl may be conciliated with the at-

mosphere of the home. This is a very expensive form of conciliation, and leaves heartburnings and chillblains in its wake.

It must be admitted, however, that a neat, highly-muscled hired girl with four speeds forward and no reverse is worth her weight in gold, and usually gets it.

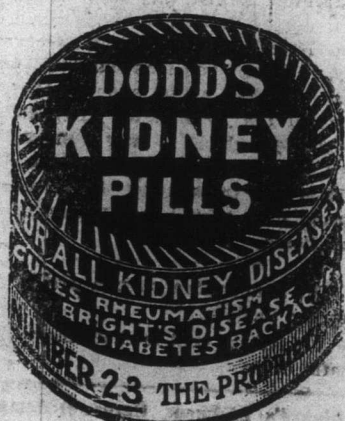
FREE SPEECH.

Free speech is certainly a blessing! Without it life would be distressing. It is a boon we long have cherished; for it our well known fathers perished. It is the rock on which this nation was built, to all men's admiration. While I am privileged to chatter, I'm gay, no odds; what is the matter. While I am roasting our statute makers and call them mutts and boobies and fakers, I'll stand for all the laws they're passing; my safety valve is harmless sassing. Free speech, sweet boom! We must not lose it, and therefore never should abuse it. Some gents, who wish to awe or dazzle, are working free speech to a frazzle; they hand out sentiments exotic, they're saying things unpatriotic; they're toiling like so many reemien to dish up comfort to the feamen. These skates, to whom tact is a stranger, will put our free speech graft in danger. Because of guys who've no discretion, no common sense in their possession, I may be pinched when I'm unrelenting a mild and harmless lien of spiling. So I maintain we should be stopping all venomous and rancid yawping.

Your Boys and Girls.

It would be an excellent thing if all people kept liquid soap in their bathrooms. In France it is considered bad form among well bred people to use another person's tooth brush. The soap should be held under the hot water for half a minute before using if it is a family cake but it is better to give each child his individual piece of soap. This will be a good opportunity to teach them economy also. Tell the children they must not let the soap lie in the water, because it will take father's money that is needed for something else. They will thus become interested and will co-operate in saving it.

If it happens that a child is obliged to use a cake of soap used by other people teach the little one that the soap must have a bath before and after using.



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War News

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

ROME, Nov.

The Italian official follows: On mountainous front from Asiago to the Piave River combats developed and are continuing. Yesterday the enemy kept our positions under intense fire and launched violent attacks. Our troops, supported by artillery, resisted everywhere with great courage and counter attacks with boldness, inflicting losses on the enemy and capturing prisoners. Positions remained in our hands. The Regina brigade, 9th and 10th regiments, fought with its usual valour. Melotta D'Avanti and on Monte at Monte Tondarecar, where successive attacks were repulsed. Monte Maroda a battalion of 1st showed firmness at the defensive of San Marino. In the Brontia enemy parties were driven back with heavy losses. At Monte Prasson party which had retired from Roncone made a counter attack. The enemy received reinforcements, and pushed the enemy who had followed close on its heels. During the withdrawal at Monte Corneille our troops with stubbornness and a determined effort of the enemy lasting in the afternoon until midnight. The troops massed north of Asiago, Gallio Wood, were bombarded by airplanes. On the plains intense artillery activity continued across the Piave River. From Strevio to Asiago some artillery firing is reported. There were local infantry actions in the Giuvicarie and Ledro Valleys. Yesterday and last night airplanes repeated their bombardment of enemy troops along the Piave lines and ways of access.

FLOOD GATES OPENED ON ITALY.

Italian Headquarters in North Italy, Nov. 16.—The flood gates of the Piave and Siles Rivers, north of Venice, have been opened by the engineers. The action of the flood in opening the flood gates of the Piave and Siles Rivers means an attempt to drown out the Austro-German forces which occupy the Lower Piave several days ago. Grisolera.

THE POPE APPEALS.

ROME, Nov. 16.

The Pope has asked the Governments of the Central Empires to direct their military authorities to stop the west of the Isonzo, to follow the rules of international law in respect to the lives and property of civilians and in protection of women and children, clergy, hospitals, churches, bishops, palaces and presbyteries. The Pontiff has also ordered the Papal Nuncio at Munich and Vienna, necessary, to appeal personally and directly to Emperor William and Emperor Charles to obtain the fulfilment of his wishes.

VENICE MAY NOT BE DEFENDED.

VENICE, Nov. 16.

Venice is almost empty, the population having been reduced from the usual 160,000 to 20,000. The city may not be defended in case of an assault in order to spare the monuments and art treasures.

IN PALESTINE.

LONDON, Nov. 16.

The British army which is fighting the Turks along the Palestine front have made further substantial gains, the War Office announced. The official statement follows: General Allenby reports that during yesterday our troops after slight resistance reached a line from Ramleh Ludd to some three miles south of Jaffa. In one part of the zone of operations an attack by Turkish regiment on New Ramleh mounted troops was beaten back by

