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### On Finding People.

By RUTH CAMERON.



It is always a pleasure to find things. A little silver pin discovered in the mud at your feet delights you far more than it possibly could if it came to you in any other way. That one dollar bill which you found unconventionally fluttering about in the gutter gave you more happiness than two of the conventional kind in your bill folder.

Some people are always finding things. I knew a girl who found three pieces of money and a brooch pin in one week. The largest piece of money was a dime and the pin was brass, but she seemed to get a prodigious amount of pleasure and pride out of her faculty. Myself, I am not good at finding things. I cannot recall ever finding any piece of money larger than a nickel, and my other finds have been such utter impossibilities as battered brass hat pins and empty pocket books. I suppose someone must lose things and I suspect that is the part I play in this drama. However, that is not what I started to say. What I set out to announce is that while I am not lucky at finding things I consider myself extremely lucky at finding people.

What I do I mean by that?  
Well, suppose I illustrate.

The other day coming home in the trolley car from a gathering of women, circumstances obliged me to sit

with a woman whom I would not of myself have chosen for a companion. Doubtless she felt the same about me. She is a woman whom I have known slightly for many years, but have never attempted to know intimately because she always seemed as lifeless and aloof and uninteresting. Somehow—I don't at all know just how—I happened to touch a spring which made that woman open the book of her life and really talk to me. She told me how she worked in a shop, but had been struggling for years to get an education that would fit her for some more congenial employment. She told me how she worked night after night until midnight, after a long hard day behind the counter, how she stinted herself of good clothes to buy books, how she denied herself almost all social intercourse in order to have time for her work. So the lifelessness and the aloofness which made her unattractive to me were more than explained; and I had found a new woman.

Again, at an afternoon tea, in a few moments' conversation with a woman who had always seemed an uninteresting old fossil to me, the book Cranford was mentioned. She made a single understanding, illuminating comment about dear Miss Mattie, and instantly the old fossil had disappeared and I found a clever, witty woman.

As Stevenson says, "the greatest adventures are not those we go forth to see." Straight into our commonplace daily life comes many a high adventure of the soul, and not the least of these is—finding people.

*Ruth Cameron*

### Household Notes

Use cotton thread in mending kid gloves.

Most salt fish should be soaked overnight.

The typical French dish is always garnished.

Don't expect to have good cake with out fresh eggs.

A wooden spoon is best for creaming butter and fresh eggs.

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Corned beef should always be used soon after it is corned.

For taking out bloodstains, nothing is better than ammonia.

Never melt shortening for cakes unless the recipe so specifies.

Never slam the oven door when you have a cake in the oven.

There is a greater variety in salt and cured fish than in meats.

Never try to bake a delicate cake with other things in the oven.

Parsley and celery are an improvement, added to lamb stew.

Animal crackers coated with lard are good for children's parties.

Use the same kind of fat for greasing cake tins as that used in the cake.

When beating whites of eggs, keep them well in the center of the bowl.

Keep hands and feet warm, and the rest of the body will look out for itself.

Give cala lilla a drink of hot water now and then; it improves them wonderfully.

Attach baby cap strings to the cap by patent snaps if you would save constant ripping off.

Aggressive wall papers should never be allowed in any room; they are unrefined and ugly.

A shallow box full of sand kept in the garret will be a great resource for the children on rainy days.

The bouquet of herbs brings out the flavor of boiled mutton, cod or salmon as nothing else can.

The ideal French seasoning for a pot roast is a bouquet of parsley, chervil, basil or coriander.

The attic is far better than the cellar for storing canned fruits, jellies, seeds, roots, and so on.

### The Boss.

By GEORGE FITCH,  
Author of "At Good Old Stew."

The boss is a man who comes in at ten o'clock, and forgets to come back after lunch whenever the weather is decent enough for golf.

He is also the man who has nothing to do when he is in the office except keep two stenographers busy and raise a Mexican insurrection whenever someone makes a mistake.

The boss has a large roomy desk, with nothing on it except his feet; and whenever a friend comes in he closes the door and they go into executive session until the latest stories have been told.

The boss rolls down in the morning in his automobile and wears one of those overcoats with naturally curly collars. He gets such a big salary that if he had to carry it home in dollars it would break his back. But all he does is figure out how to keep the office a little busier. This makes him so tired that in June he goes to Europe with his family for the summer. This compels the assistant boss to do his work and the assistant boss thereby gets a fine rest.

The boss is a good-natured chap at long range, and it is fine to see him let out one of those big 45-waist-measure laughs whenever the president of the company comes in and tells him about his last fishing trip. But when you have to go in on the carpet before the boss and explain to him just why sales in your territory are slipping down, he is a cross between Nero and a Bengal tiger. Next to fancy dentistry, getting head by a big, fat, good-natured boss is about the most painful thing on earth. It must be fine to be a boss and sail blithely through life over the necks of the perspiring crowd, with no one above him to tell him that after next Saturday he will be at liberty to go out and jump off the dock so far as the company is concerned.

The boss is a necessary evil because if there wasn't one boss there would be a dozen, but our conservation congresses ought to figure out some way of making the boss work.

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He would merely add that no member who had experience of their meeting room under the old conditions could deny the improvement that had taken place since gas had been substituted for the electric light and the new system of heating and ventilation had been installed.—Dr. Reginald Dudgeon, before the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

I have in my mind's eye, at the moment, a hall which, in the old days, was lighted by gas, and in which a large audience could, with comfort, sit through an hour's lecture, or with pleasure through a three hours' dinner, but which with the march of civilization, had its illumination changed from gas to electricity, the latter being employed with all the latest refinements to effect the lighting under the best conditions, with the result that any large gathering within its walls leads to a state little short of asphyxiation.—Vivian B. Lewis, Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.—nov3,14

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