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SIDETALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

THE ARITHMETIC OF LIFE.

"It has been well said that the difference between a man's habitual rudeness and habitual politeness is probably as great a difference as he will ever be able to make in the sum of human happiness. And the arithmetic of life consists in adding to or subtracting from the pleasurable moments of mortality."

I don't suppose a day goes by but what some writer tells us what is the greatest cause of unhappiness in married life.

I believe I have triumphantly uncovered the Greatest Cause more than once and I probably shall again.

So do not try to trip me up by recalling past utterances when I tell you with all the fervor of to-day's belief that I think there is no greater cloud to blot out the sunshine of married life and make it gray and drab than the confirmed and uncontrolled habit of irritability.

The Most Annoying Trait.

"He had the most annoying traits you can think of," says one of George Elliot's characters. "One of them was to think that everything that happened to him was my fault."

And again George Elliot comments: "A man out of temper does not wait for proofs before feeling toward all things animate and inanimate as if they were in a conspiracy against him, but at once thrashes his horse or kicks his dog in consequence."

She might well have added "or lashes out at his wife."

You will notice that I said above the confirmed and uncontrolled habit of irritability.

I picked out those words with care. That is Different.

For I am not speaking of the occasional irritability that is the result of

overworked nerves or of exhaustion. We are all liable to such explosions. I mean just what I say, the fixed habit of irritability which its possessor does not make any constant effort to control.

If there were any way that the men who have this habit could have brought before their eyes some reckoning of the happiness they destroy, I think most of them would be absolutely appalled.

I believe there are many larger sins—larger in the world reckons the size of sins, for I wouldn't be a bit surprised if the reckoning in the Big Ledger is very different from earth's reckoning—that do not cause half so much unhappiness as this uncontrolled habit of irritability.

Won't Let Them Be Happy.

Many a man who is generous to his family in a material way is unbelievably selfish to them in this matter of refusing to let them be happy when he is around.

And then he wonders why, after all he has done for them, his wife and children do not seem to love him as they love each other.

I see, as I read this over, that I have imputed the sin of irritability to the male partners of the marriage. My typewriter did that for me, but I think it knew what it was about. I shall doubtless be asked: "Do women never spoil the happiness of married life by irritability?" I'll answer now. Sometimes, but nowhere near so often as men. And to-morrow I will say something about the woman's position in this matter of irritability.

Ships Fight With Ice.

MEGANTIC HAD TO CUT HER WAY THROUGH.

On the Canadian and Newfoundland sides of the Atlantic there is more ice, loose and floating, in bays and fields, than there has been for nearly a quarter of a century. Capt. G. Berry, commander of the White Star liner Megantic, which arrived in Liverpool, this week, from Montreal and Quebec, as well as his officers, confirms the statement.

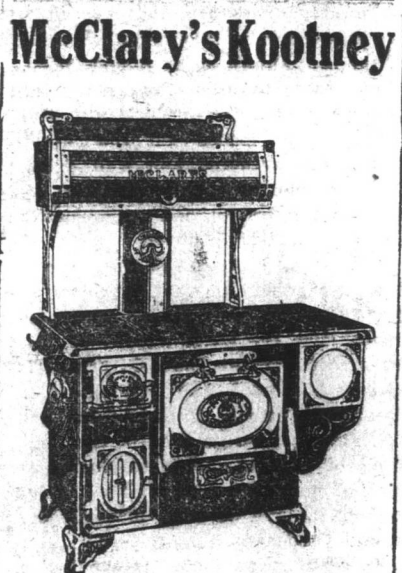
Speaking of the voyage of the Megantic, which began at Montreal on May 19th, Captain Berry said the first ice was encountered on Monday, May 21st, at 44° 42' N. and 62° 51' W. close packed ice 48.39 N. and 62.46 W. loose scattered ice continued from 48.39 N. and 60.36 W., to a position 13 miles west of Cape Anguille, on the West Coast of Nfld. and thence to a position in 47.39 N. and 59.31 W., where the ice was cleared. They encountered loose ice again in 47.21 N. and 59.31 W. After passing Cape Race they sighted one berg at 49.7 N. and 64.43 W. Captain Berry said the ice in the vicinity he had mentioned was usually away by the end of March. It was altogether exceptional to find such conditions as he had described in the Cabot Straits.

Saw Ship Caught.

On the voyage, said one of the Megantic's officers, they passed a ship fast in the ice round St. Paul's Rock in the Cabot Straits that had been there for two or three days. The voyage out from Liverpool was worse than the run home. As they were going out they were literally pushing through thousands of acres of what could best be described as frozen snow. Some of this ice was ten feet thick, and some even more. They had to go dead slow and cut their way through it. The recollection of the officers of the Megantic from what they had read in official records, and actually experienced themselves, was that it was about twenty to twenty-five years since such ice was met with in the Cabot Straits as late as the end of May. Asked to assign a cause for this, one of the Megantic's officers attributed it to the lateness of the Canadian winter. They did not, he said, get any really hard winter on the Canadian side until about January, and the consequence was that the ice was very late in breaking away—Liverpool Post.

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