

our Debater.

fourteenth century, Mr. St. writes in praise of "Mr. the House of Commons": "four never has lost ever will lose touch with Commons. His hold on to it, has become more by becoming more does it service which can render: I could not elsewhere; and that is significant, because no one temper and equipment the ordinary House of rison.

ndic swordman, de- wise of battle; he loves pier in a tumult; him- rbed to, incapable of h by no means incap- the cheering, the laughter (even when all have an evident ex- him. Other people may s happier among the ees of the hereditary ver, I think, Mr. Bal- ll be wasted on it. The s suits excellently for nances of men like or Lord Curzon, ad- s, but, not to voice it e pontifical. I do nducting an argument ough the running fire nd interruption, ap- ent, which only brace e supple play of Mr. gence.

of dsworth.

Magazine" for an- genson tells an inter- Wordsworth, who Miss Harriet Mar- ide, in the house built and left out, chering of neighbors dsworth stood for a window contemplat- landscape outside, to the party and said, I congratulate you tial little domain, onderful, and it will e wisest thing you e life." He paused d the guests expect- on the uplifting on with Nature; but e fine gesture, con- erty will certainly e within the next

iniment cures Lumbago, Neural- es and Pains. For e.—Jan 22, 14

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ssion Church, Casey nion at 8 and 12 of the month, and . Other services, m.

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—Cathedral, at 2.45 ch at 2.45 p.m.

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ch.—Matins at 11;

ol-Chapel—Even- day School at 4 p.

oly Communion on in each month, at Sunday at 8 a.m. Evening ed 6.30 p.m. Daily at 8 a.m.; every 7.30, prayer, and stem ever Sunday e catechizing third eath at 4.30 p.m. (Gold Hill)—Holy Sunday, alternate Evening Prayer ach month, at 7 p. at 3.30 p.m.

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Rubbing It In.
By RUTH CAMERON.

Of all the undignified, useless, irritating tricks which grown-up children permit themselves I think there is none more undignified, more useless, more irritating than "rubbing it in."

I happen to know a family, one of whose members frequently indulges in this unpleasant trick. When any other member of the family circle makes some foolish mistake or is guilty of some trifling folly, this man not only teases the unfortunate one about his slip at the time, but also tucks it away in his memory cupboard to be brought out on every opportune and inopportune occasion and "rubbed in."

Once upon a time the mother of the family gave away to a tramp her husband's best coat instead of his old one,—as wives have been doing ever since wives and husbands and tramps existed. That was twenty-eight years ago. Since that time the story of her mistake has probably been told to two or three hundred people. For whenever anyone unwittingly touches a certain catch in that man's mind that story jumps to the surface just as automatically and unfailingly as the baby's jack-in-the-box. Or, rather, much more so. For the spring in the baby's jack-in-the-box sometimes gets broken—this one never does.

This is but a sample of his habit, but it will give you an idea of the way

he perpetrates all the little mistakes and follies of his unfortunate family. Another species of rubbing it in is that performed by the person who has been proved right.

Suppose you are the person who has been proved right. You have advocated a certain course of conduct; someone has argued against it and refused to take it. Circumstances have proved that your advice was right. What then? Will you bring the success of your course of conduct to the attention of the unbeliever and let the facts speak for themselves? Will you drop the seed in the soil and let it alone to take root?

Or will you keep referring to your triumph and reiterating, if not the actual phrase, at least the spirit of "I told you so"? Will you keep prod- ding the seed to make it grow?

Which?

Let me tell you a little fable. Once there was a person who was proved-right. When this person first announced his triumph to the man- who-had-thought-otherwise, the latter being reasonably open-minded, was convinced. Unfortunately the person-who-had-been-proved-right was not satisfied with this, but kept rubbing his triumph in. Finally the man-who-had-thought-otherwise couldn't stand it any longer and he rose up in his wrath and said, "I admitted you were right and I meant to do likewise in the future but this settles it. Too much 'rubbing it in' has soured my good intentions. I'd rather do my own way and be wrong than yours and be right."

As the moral of this fable is fairly obvious I won't "rub it in."

Ruth Cameron

Three Acres and a Cow.

Stories of Mr. Jesse Collings.

If there is one thing of which Mr. Jesse Collings, who has followed the example of his leader, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, and decided to retire from Parliament, the next general election, is more proud than another, it is that he is a son of the soil. His sympathy with the agricultural laborer is in his blood, and he has told, with considerable feeling, how his grandfather worked as a laborer at 8s. a week, while his mother, as a girl, earned 6d. a day on a country farm, and ultimately became the mother of eleven children.

Mr. Collings was devoted to his mother, and his remark, when he was made a Privy Councillor, to Professor Huxley, who was "kissing hands" at the same time, was characteristic of his simple and unaffected nature. "Oh," he said, "how I wish my poor mother, who was a laboring woman—a great, noble woman—and brought us all up in the right ways, had lived to see this day."

As a Devonshire lad, Mr. Jesse Collings experienced many of the hardships of agricultural life, and it is scarcely surprising, in view of those early experiences, that he afterwards spent the greater part of his life in endeavoring to improve the lot of the workers on the land.

Romance of Industry.

The story of how he migrated from Devonshire to the Midlands, and ul-

timately achieved fame and fortune, furnishes quite a romance.

"I remember him telling us," writes a Birmingham correspondent, "when he was enrolled as an honorary Freeman of the City in July, 1911, how, at nineteen, he was left fatherless and was obliged to fend for himself. 'Kind friends,' he said, 'who could not well afford it, lent me £5, and I decided to try my luck in the old city of Birmingham. Arriving at Lawley Street Station, which was then the terminus, I told the cabman to drive me to a cheap public-house. He took me to the Swan With Two Necks in Aston Street, which was then a small inn, but has since been rebuilt and enlarged. The charges were very low and suited my purse, and when I ultimately succeeded in obtaining a situation with Samuel Booth and Company, the hardware merchants of King Edward Road, Birmingham, at a salary of £40 per annum, I had the feelings of a Rothschild."

The Confusion of Jesse.

Mr. Collings, however, had some difficulty in finding over the first quarter before his salary became due, and he was obliged to have forwarded to him a draft for £3, which represented his life savings. When he went to the bank to get it cashed the cashier looked over it and exclaimed, "Jesse Collings! where is she?" to which he modestly replied, "Here she is, sir."

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This is not the only occasion, however, when some confusion has arisen in regard to Mr. Collings's name, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain has told the story of an amusing mistake which arose when his father and Mr. Collings went for a holiday on the Continent. Their movements were duly reported in the newspapers, one of which, however, got the names wrong, and some of Mr. Chamberlain's more Puritanical friends were scandalized to hear that he had gone off to the Continent with a certain "Jessie Collings" and no chaperon.

It was the cry, "Three Acres and a Cows, one of the most humorous, seen in our politics," which arose through an amendment to the Address on this subject, which Mr. Collings, then M.P. for Ipswich, moved in January, 1886, which turned out a Government. The amendment was carried by 331 to 252, and the first Salisbury Administration was thus overthrown.

Some people are under the impression that it was Mr. Collings himself who invented the phrase. It was really the outcome of a statement, however, made by Mr. Gladstone, who, speaking of Mr. Collings's amendment, referred to "something between small holdings and allotments, such as pasture for the cow."

The phrase "Three Acres and a Cow" has led to many amusing incidents, one of the most humorous, perhaps, being that in which the irrepressible Dr. Tanner was concerned. Mr. Collings was discussing a housing scheme for the East end of London, and was arguing that each building should be composed of three rooms, when Dr. Tanner evoked a roar of laughter by inquiring, "And where would you put the cow?"

A keen business man, it was not many years before Mr. Collings was head of the firm he had entered as a junior clerk, the name of which was ultimately changed to that of Collings and Wallace. It was when he found himself his own master that he entered at once into the business of politics, where his heart had always been, and it was his activity in the municipal work of the Midland city which brought him into close touch with Mr. Chamberlain in the seventies. The work they did together laid the foundation of that great bond of friendship and affection which exists between the two men who have done more for the improvement of Birmingham than any other two citizens who ever lived.

A Novelist's Singing Bird.

Mrs. Florence Barclay, the novelist, in an address at the Digheth Institute the other evening, produced a beautifully worked little box, made of silver and studded with over a hundred pearls, emeralds and rubies. When she touched a spring—the incident is described by Rosa Goodwin in the Birmingham Mail—the lid of the box jumped back, a silver bird popped out, and, with much realistic flapping of wings and craning of head, trilled forth a little song, with such a clear note that it was heard at the back of the hall. When the song was finished the bird dropped and the lid automatically fell.

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