

Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

THE MOST WONDERFUL THING IN THE WORLD.



At a little table near mine in the restaurant the other evening, sat two young people some where in their early twenties.

There was a table for two, and a rather small one at that, and yet they seemed to find it too large, for they continually leaned across it toward each other as if drawn together by some unseen but powerful force.

As, of course, they were.

The Time a Woman Loves Best.

For, as you may have guessed by this time, of those two people one was male and the other female. And to judge from appearances, they were in that exquisite stage of a mutual attraction which comes just before it settles down into a formal engagement.

One could hardly help hearing what they said to each other as the tables were placed close together, and for the most part their conversation was of the simplest. And yet whenever either spoke, if it were only to ask for the salt, the other glowed at the sound of the voice and leaned forward to catch every word, as if he or she had heard some wonderful bit of wit or wisdom.

It almost seemed to me as if I could see the golden glory that hovered about these young folks.

You Could Really See That Light.

No glow of sunset or sunrise was ever more golden or more beautiful than the light that lay on their faces.

And once again, as it sometimes has before, it came over me what a

wonderful time this is when there comes to a heart "the visitation of that power which creates all things anew; when a single tone of one voice can make the heart bound and the most trivial circumstance associated with one form is put in the amber of memory."

It is the most wonderful thing in the world and it comes alike to the poorest and to the richest. The rich may not buy with all their millions anything that equals this glory.

Just Ordinary Nice Young People.

Nor does one need to be especially beautiful or noteworthy in any way to be the center of such a nimbus. These two young people appeared perfectly ordinary to me—nice, but in no way noteworthy—and yet I knew that each to the other shone out from all the rest of the world. Each would find a gathering commonplace and tiresome until the other joined it and touched it with the glory and distinction of his presence.

"Never in after life," writes Ellen Key, "has the world such marvelous glories as when the first dream of love has swallowed up all contours in its opalescent mists of sunrise."

And then, alas, she adds, "But never do we so easily go astray. It may happen that the lifting of the mists will disclose the most beautiful landscape. But there are more chances that the craft one has steered in the fog, will end in one of many shipwrecks."

I don't want to believe her, do you?

And even if she is right, one is steering an unknown course anyway. Who knows that one would steer it any more surely in the hard clear light of common day? I don't feel sure that one would, and I for one am glad that the Creator of all things saw fit to let us live even briefly in the world of "opalescent mists."

Expensive Methods.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—Within the last three days we have been visited with one of the heaviest falls of snow that we have had for many years, and as there has been many theories expressed as to the best means of getting our streets put in a passable condition, and Mr. Silverlock, so I understand, has taken up the new and novel idea of bringing the whippet tank in play for the purpose of doing the trick, which if he should succeed will save quite a lot of expense to the Council, as the present mode of doing the work is a very expensive proposition.

Besides it is really disgusting to see the slow means of removing the snow from Water Street under the present arrangements with horses and boxes which hold about 3 or 4 hundredweight of snow, going at a snail's gallop to dump the so-called loads into the waters of the harbor. Why not give the cleaning of the snow out on contract, the same as is done in most countries, then the Council would know exactly what it would cost, where under the present system they (the Council) are all at sea as to the expense entailed therein. I venture to say if contracts were asked for, to remove the snow off Water Street or any other street for that matter, it would cost about half the money and Water Street would be cleaned of snow in mighty quick time. Anyway it is an experiment worth trying for once at least and not have the public wondering what this thing and the other thing with no beneficial results. I say give the contracts a trial, then we will know what we are talking about regarding contracts. Mr. Smallwood's suggestion in the Daily Star was, to my mind, a good one, but then again we would have quite a job to get our people to take kindly to that suggestion. Thanking you for space in your valuable paper. I am, sir,

Yours sincerely,

SUGGESTION.

St. John's, Feb. 10, 1921.

Where Will It End?

Yesterday's "Royal Gazette" contains the interesting information that "Hills Balsam and Honey" and "Brown's Bronchial Elixir" have been banned under the Prohibition Act. As we know the habitual dope drinkers can take down anything from boot polish to liquid court plaster, if this banning of dopes continues we may soon have to do without even some of the ordinary articles in daily use. Although it might please the small boy to be able to go without polishing his boots, the "knu" is bound to be upset at the thought of losing his favourite hair pomade, and it is quite within the bounds of possibility that ere long, both may go.

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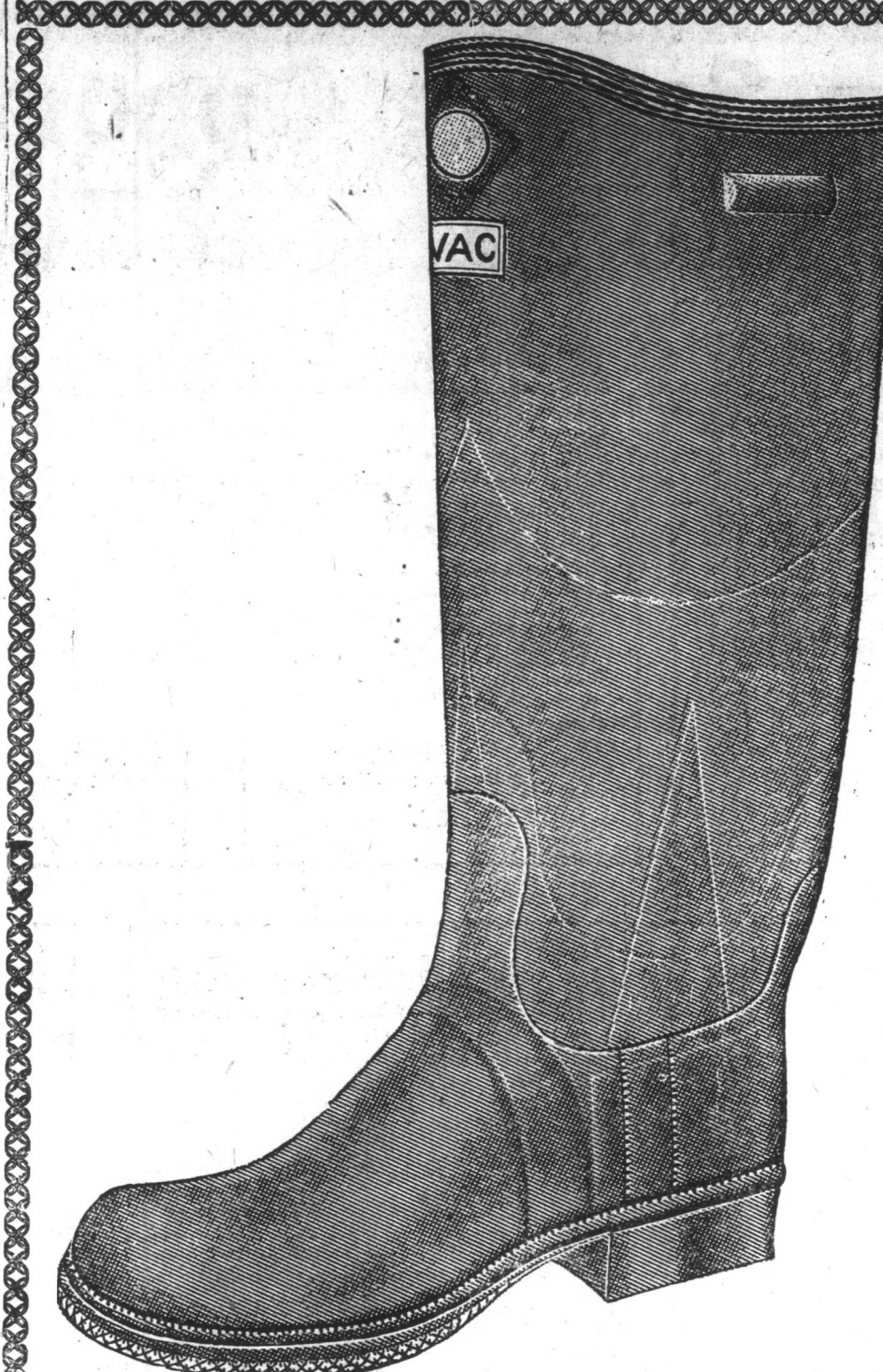
to Civic Purposes.

"Peace Hath Her Victories."

The whippet tank which has been so much in the public eye of late, thanks to the publicity given it by the City Fathers, was yesterday, after consuming nearly a cask of gasoline and the patience of the mechanics engaged on getting it in working order, moved to Silverlock's garage, New Gower St. For some hours of the morning it was stalled opposite the new Bank of Commerce and the police were in their element, keeping the unruly crowd of sightseers in order. It is likely that a pilot plow will be attached to "our" tank to-day, and citizens will be given an opportunity of seeing it levelling snow instead of Germans. Everybody is looking forward to seeing it mount a snow bank and it is to be hoped they will not be disappointed to-day.

Discoverer's Lot Not Pleasant.

Those were stormy times. The annals of discovery are a monotonous story of plot and counterplot, of mutiny and uprising, treason, murder and sudden death. Magellan, faced internal dissensions, as did Columbus; he punished certain rebellious ones by marooning them in a hostile land, as Sebastian Cabot did some ten years later on the coast of Brazil; a score of times his own crew would have sent him adrift, as did that of Henry Hudson, some two hundred years afterward. And Magellan labored under the added handicap that he commanded. Himself a Portuguese, sailing



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The following letter was received by Dr. Grenfell from Sir Edgar R. Bowring:—

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DOMINION OF NEWFOUNDLAND
HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
55 Victoria Street,
Westminster, S.W.1.

January 6, 1921.

My Dear Grenfell—Yours of 15th ult. reached me a few days ago and I was very glad indeed to know that you were doing so well on your Canadian American tour both financially and patriotically. You may rest assured that anything that I can do or say to help the great work you are engaged in at the present time and for its continuance will be said and done gladly and willingly for no one has had greater opportunity of observing from the beginning what it has all meant for Newfoundland and Labrador. And now to show my appreciation in a practical form I am instructing my firm in St. John's to pay the sum of five thousand dollars on my account to the Hon. Robert Watson, who I understand represents you there. Again expressing my admiration for the work of the Grenfell mission and with best wishes for its future.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) EDGAR R. BOWRING.

In connection with the above, Dr. Grenfell writes that the fund has reached \$500,000 and that he has gone to California to further the scheme. It will interest our readers to learn that at a recent meeting of the directors, Mr. Charles Watson, of Toronto, was appointed General Manager of the Association at the St. John's office. Mr. Watson has been manager of one of the departments of Messrs. Eaton and Toronto. He is expected to take up his duties this month.

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LEWELYN CLUB LECTURE.—To-night at 8 o'clock Rev. Dr. Jones will lecture to the Lewelyn Club, at the Canon Wood Hall. The Rev. Lecturer's subject for to-night will be—"Historical Fools." All men invited.

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WILL COME HERE DIRECT.—S.S. Kyle arrived at Louisburg at 10.30 a.m. yesterday after a good run across the Straits. As the cross country service is now held up, the ship, which left Louisburg at noon to-day, is coming here direct.

ANNUAL SMOKER.—The annual smoker of the Marine Engineers' Association will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in the Blue Puttee Hall, and a good time is anticipated by the members.

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Rev. R. J. Power, M.A.

Honorary Chaplain R.N. and M.M.

At the closing service of his four years ministry at Avenue Road Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on January 23, the Rev. Robert J. Power, M.A., was appointed an Honorary Chaplain to the Royal Naval and Merchant Marine Institutes upon his removal to St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, Newfoundland. The ceremony was carried out by Rev. Alfred Hall, Dominion Representative and Senior Chaplain for Canada of the British and Foreign Sailors Society, assisted by ex-Warrant Officer E. H. Carvell.

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