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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

WHAT'S A GOOD SHORT STORY?

What do you look for when you pick up a short story? Reader Friend? I demand of the short story that it shall amuse and interest me, and give me an hour's forgetful hour's forgetfulness of the cares and responsibilities of the lives of all of us. It may be a story of adventure in distant lands, or an everyday story of people who walk of life or a pretty story in which that part of my nature which loves a lover, or an innocent delight—but all of it is that it shall be cleverly and convincingly human. It shall furnish me recreation.

Says He's An Authority.

I believe, is the general attitude of most people toward the short story. To-day I have been over a compilation of short stories by a man who purports to be an authority on their merits. His test criterion in a story is that it shall be a living truth. When the many hundreds he has written the past year, he selects the stories of "supreme merit," the plots include the morbid and the ravings of an insane man, the ravings of a scarlet woman, the ravings of a self-proclaimed

They Lead in Divorce.

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Thomas, of California, has a report, giving statistics which show that America easily leads the world in divorces, beating even Japan, which recently was issuing divorces with the greatest celerity. According to the "Chicago Tribune" correspondent, the report that divorces in America have increased at the rate of one every minute, the annual total being about 160,000.

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Ellis Island Victims.

HITTEE COMPLAINTS BY THE RETURNED: SCOTTISH LADY'S THREE WEEKS IN HER CLOTHES.

All that Sir Auckland Geddes has to say about the undesirable features of Ellis Island, as reported in the "News of the World" last week, is corroborated by Scottish emigrants who have returned to the Clyde after rejection by the United States authorities. A young Glasgow woman stated that she went to America as a second-class passenger on the S.S. Cameronia, and upon arrival was detained for three weeks at Ellis Island. The conditions as to bedding and feeding were very bad. Huddled among 2,000 people, mostly foreigners, and all promiscuously intermixed, she and others were forced to sleep within caged recesses like prisoners. Bad though they were, these circumstances might have been endured, but the attention and sanitary conditions were so very bad that words could scarcely describe the sufferings. The beds were entirely without mattresses or coverings, and for three weeks this young woman never had her clothes off. The food was so bad and nauseating that she could not eat it, and was obliged to lay in fresh provisions at exorbitant prices. Another would-be male emigrant, who has returned to Glasgow, penniless, stranded, and in distress, had experiences of the same sort. "Words could not exaggerate the awful conditions," he declared. "Sir Auckland Geddes has not overestimated anything, indeed, to my mind, he has expressed it very gently. The food was so very bad that I could not possibly eat it, and I was compelled to buy all my food from outside. I spent all the money I had, and am now penniless in Glasgow."—News of the World.

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Crawl on all Fours.

PROFESSOR TO EMULATE WAYS OF PRIMITIVE MAN.

New York.—Darwin's theory of the "reversion to type," is about to receive practical demonstration in America. In preparation for a crawl on all fours over 100 miles, Dr. J. T. House, Professor of Literature at the Nebraska State School, Omaha, went the third mile the other day by way of experiment, and expressed himself certain that the major feat can be accomplished. The professor, who is greatly beloved by the students, wants to show that man, albeit he has progressed spiritually during the ages, still retains the primitive ability to crawl, live on all fours, and forage as he goes. The professor, when he starts the 100 miles in June next, will eat berries, roots, field mice, and a dog, which he will catch, kill and cook en route. A hundred years ago an old trapper named Hugh Glass, to whom a monument was recently erected at Omaha, was wounded by a bear and crawled on his two hands and one knee—the other knee being wounded, couldn't be used—100 miles to the relief station; and the professor holds that anything a man could do, such a short time relatively, a man can do to-day. Glass also killed and cooked a dog on the way, and suffered no ill effects.

A judge on a certain circuit was accustomed to doze during the speeches of counsel. On one occasion counsel was addressing him on the subject of certain town commissioners' rights to obtain water from a river, water being scarce at the time. During his speech he made use of the words, "But, my lord, we must have water—we must have water." Whereupon the judge woke up, exclaiming, "Well, just a little; I like it fairly strong."

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Well, well, if you are going to cry Of course, I'll put the volume by. And here's my watch for you once more. Take it and throw it on the floor. I guess you're right in every case. A baby always rules the place.

Mysterious Scourge.

Four Die in Family in Three Days—Home Infested by Black Flies.

One after another four children in a family living in the Kirkdale district of Liverpool died within three days under puzzling circumstances. In every case the symptoms were similar, but the cause of the illness is unexplained. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lunt, live in Hadcock Street, and have had a family of 13. The trouble began when the five months old baby, Jane, was taken ill with violent vomiting. The next day she had fits and soon afterwards she died. Later, four other children, Christina, Henry, William and Agnes, were taken ill. Christina and Henry were the next to die. The fourth victim, William, aged 6, succumbed in the infirmary. All had the same symptoms. The fifth child attacked by the illness did not develop such dangerous symptoms. At the opening of the inquest the bereaved mother gave evidence, but the only indication she could give of the possible cause of the illness was her statement that there was a stable at the back of the house full of flies. She mentioned that the rest of the family, including two older children and the parents, had the same food, but had not been taken ill. Jane, the youngest, was fed by the mother herself. The coroner adjourned the inquest until September 12. In the meantime a bacteriological examination will be held. Mrs. Lunt's home, when visited, was found to be infested by black masses of flies.



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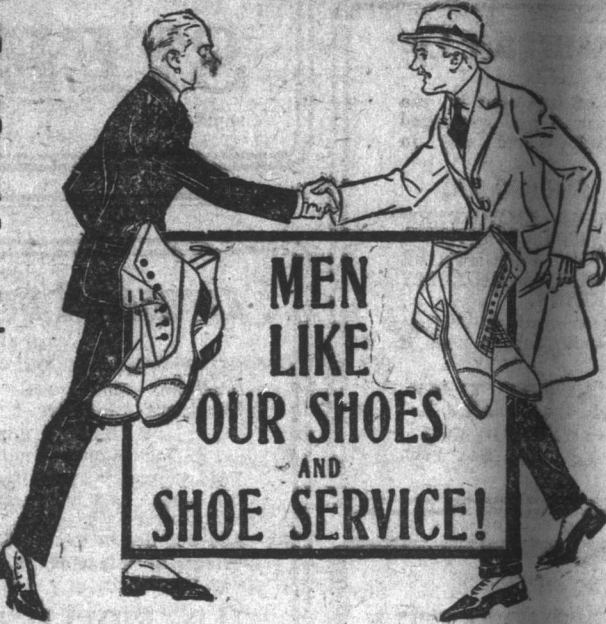
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