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Independence in the Home.

By RUTH CAMERON.



her widowed sister.

"Isn't that fine?" cried one of the

matrons.

"I'm so glad," said the other.

And then, being young people with

an unusual sense of humor, they all

began to laugh at their own frank-

ness.

"I suppose we ought to be ashamed

of ourselves for talking this way,"

said the young woman who had an-

nounced the "good news." "But what's

the use? We all feel that way and we

might as well admit it. And I know

it isn't because we dislike our mothers-

-in-law, either. I'm sure mine is a

dear. She can't do enough for us and

I'd as lief so much rather not have

anyone in our little house except

David and the baby and me. Isn't it

queer? I'm ashamed of myself some-

times, but I just can't help feeling

that way.

Do you think this woman had any-

thing to be ashamed of? I don't.

She was merely expressing the uni-

versal desire for independence of life.

"Of course if the mother-in-law had

needed a home, it would have been her

duty to give it and give graciously.

And knowing her, I feel sure that she

would have done so. But I don't

blame her, nor the other women for

being glad that they could preserve

the unity of the family and their own

independence.

I believe that every human being,

or group of human beings, should have

all the independence possible without

infringing upon the rights and privi-

leges of others.

I believe that if we all allowed each

other more independence we should be

happier.

For instance, I think children are

far better off when they are allowed

all the independence of action com-

patible with the rights of the rest of

the family and their own best inter-

ests. If possible, a child should have

a room which belongs entirely to him

and be king within that room. He

should be allowed to arrange it to

suit himself, and should be respon-

sible for its condition. The rest of

the family should respect his rights by

knocking before entering.

Again, I think husbands and wives

are far happier together when each

allows the other a large measure of

independence. A great deal of unhap-

piness is caused by assuming that

husbands and wives must live exactly

the same things and spend all their

leisure time together. Now two peo-

ple may love each other most tender-

ly, and yet each enjoy certain things

which the other does not. The con-

ventional assumption in such cases is

that one or both must be sacrificed to

a unity of interests. Why should any-

one be sacrificed? Why shouldn't the

husband read and the wife play cards

with their neighbours for an hour or

two, if he likes best to read and she

to play bridge? They will still have

plenty of time to be together and will

probably enjoy that time much more.

Chains are burdensome things even

when they bind us to those we love.

We all enjoy independence and by

that token we ought to be willing

to give it to others.

Ruth Cameron

LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, October 29th, 1913.

MORE DRESS REGULATIONS.

At the Royal party to be given to
those who present wedding gifts in
connection with the forthcoming wed-
ding of Prince Arthur of Connaught
and the Duchess of Fife the prescrip-
tion of wearing apparel is to be ordinary
evening dress, with white waistcoats
and trousers. The party is being
given by the King, and in ordinary
circumstances what is called "frock
dress" would be worn, meaning even-
ing dress with knee-breeches and
silk stockings. The first cards pre-
scribed this but subsequently other
cards were sent out. The change is
made no doubt in consideration of
the fact that the invitations on this
occasion extend beyond the range of
those usually attending functions
where frock dress is worn, and no
doubt a good many persons will be
grateful for being spared a needless
expense. Originally frock dress was

worn only at Marlborough House, in
the days when King George was
Prince of Wales. In 1887, during the
Jubilee, at a time when there were
several ruling Sovereigns in London,
Lord Rosebery gave a party at which
frock dress was worn. In the reign
of King Edward and during the pre-
sent reign it has always been worn
at dinners given by the King and
Queen at Buckingham Palace, and it
is also worn by the host at a dinner
where the King and Queen are pre-
sent. The order that white waist-
coats are to be worn is an innovation.
On the subject of waistcoats King
Edward was very particular. No of-
ficer of the Royal Household was ever
permitted to wear one during a period
of mourning. White waistcoats on
this occasion are intended to indicate
the fact that this is a wedding party.

ANOTHER ROYAL ROMANCE.

In connection with the visit to this
country of the Archduke Francis
Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Aus-
tria-Hungary, which is to take place
next month a romance is recalled of
rather unusual type in the Austrian
Royal House, as the wife of the Arch-
duke, Princess Hohenberg, was neither
a singer nor an actress, nor even a
lady-in-waiting of the Austrian

Court, but an ordinary young girl of

extremely good family going into

Viennese society. Countess Chotek

was a very pretty, distinguished-look-

ing girl, but the same might have been

said of dozens of her friends and re-

lations, and she might never have

emerged from their ranks had it not

happened that she and her family

spent a winter at Montreux, where

the Archduke was also spending some

time. There was at the time a very

exclusive Austrian and Polish

society wintering at Montreux. It

was also a very gay one, and for a

time the inclusion in its ranks of so

exalted a personage as the Archduke

was regarded by the younger mem-
bers as rather a trial, for, with the
best will in the world not to spoil fun,
a Royal personage sometimes has a too
formal effect on any circle he joins.

By degrees, however, it was observ-

ed that Countess Sophie Chotek and
the Archduke appeared to have done
a very human and simple thing—they
had fallen in love with each other.

There were obstacles, of course, but
it is a paradox that in Austria, the
most exclusive of all countries, Roy-
al "mesalliances" occur more fre-
quently than elsewhere, and the Em-
peror's consent was obtained in due

course. The marriage, which is, of
course, morganatic, took place in
1900, when the Countess Sophie was
raised to the rank of Princess Hohen-
berg.

A NEW INTERNATIONAL UNDER-

STANDING.

The visit of the French President

to Madrid may or may not result in
a Franco-Spanish alliance. Probab-
ly we shall never know exactly what
the arrangement is. I notice that the
French papers are speaking of the
Franco-Spanish "Entente Cordiale"—
that is to say something indetermi-
nate between the specific understand-
ing ("entente") and an out-and-out
alliance. The upshot of it will be
that Spain enters the somewhat mys-
terious grouping known as the "Tri-
ple Entente" which will now presum-
ably become the "Quadruple En-
tente." France in this case would
gain several important strategical
advantages. She would be able to
transfer her troops from the Pyrene-
es to the eastern frontier. She
would have virtually a land route to
her North African empire. On her
side, Spain would receive French as-
sistance in the pacification and de-
velopment of the Spanish zone in
Morocco. Undoubtedly there would
be some sort of military and naval
convention probably unwritten or
certainly secret.

COMPLIMENTS FOR CANADA.

In the selection of new names for
the four vessels which are to main-
tain their Canadian-West Indian ser-
vice, the Royal Mail Steam Packet
Company have paid a compliment to
the Dominion. The Goth is to be the
Caraque, the Gaelic the Cobegula,
the Carmarthenshire the Chaleur,
and the Pembroke the Chignecto.
Carque is an inlet of the Bay of
Chaleur in New Brunswick; Cobegula
is a bay in Nova Scotia, connecting
with the Bay of Fundy by Minas
Channel. The origin of Chaleur has
been indicated. Chignecto is an in-
let of the Bay of Fundy. The Goth
and the Gaelic were until lately uni-
tes of the Union-Castle fleet. All four
of the vessels which are intended for
the new service were built at Bel-
fast by Harland & Wolff.

THE WAR AND PEACE OUTLOOK.

Even yet it is very difficult to de-
cide the probabilities of the issue of
a war between Turkey and Greece at
this juncture. In the past two Bal-
kan wars the even balance of chan-
ces as estimated before hostilities be-
gan were immediately dispensed by
the fortune of war. There is, indeed,
no standard by which you may gauge
success and failure in modern war
upon pre-conceived calculations. The
whole world knows that this time
last year the Turks were totally un-
prepared and inefficient, and that the
Bulgarians were at least well train-
ed and organized. Yet the astound-
ing list of casualties published by
Bulgaria recently, shows what may
be the cost of defeating even an in-
efficient enemy. Greece and Turkey
are not, professionally speaking, ex-
hausted armies. At least they are
only exhausted in that armies long
in the field have a great disinclina-
tion to continue fighting. Yet it has
to be remembered that the Turkish
armies have now had the organiza-
tion and the training that the origi-
nally lacked, while the Greeks have
not the reserve of partially trained
troops to fall back upon which was
at the disposal of the Ottoman Gen-
eral Staff. The pity is that Europe
cannot find a formula to stop the
whole thing.

JEWELLERED SHOES.

The desire to wear jewels in
strange places appears to have grown
tremendously amongst our fashion-
able people in recent years. Jewell-
ed heels are the latest eccentricity.
There is a big show of them at this
year's shoe and leather fair at the
Agricultural Hall, London. They are
French heels, high and with a waist;
are made of wood beautifully color-
ed; and are adorned with elaborate
designs in jewellers' work which can
be attached to any shoe, and cost

perhaps three or four times as much

as the shoe itself. Admiring the

exquisite colored glazing of these

heels, I discovered that the coating

is not invariably lacquer or enamel,

but that occasionally celluloid is us-

ed. Celluloid is, of course, a highly

inflammable substance, and should

certainly not be used for this pur-

pose. Fashion has also revived shoe

buckles, and some are shown of very

great merit. One firm has an exhibi-

tion of court shoes ranging from

the plain unbuckled, black leather

shoe of the American Ambassador

and the court shoe of a clergyman,

with its simple silver buckle, to that

of a member of the Royal Household,

with its highly elaborate buckle of

gold.

The Battenburgs have always been

a peculiar family here, and I notice

that among the candidates for mem-
bership of the Royal Automobile
Club now awaiting election are Prin-
cess Leopold and Maurice of Batten-
burg. The younger Prince has only
reached the age limit of mem-
bership, and the circumstance em-
phasizes the fact that Princess Hen-
ry, of Battenburg's younger sons
have now to be reckoned as inter-
esting recruits to the social life of
the capital. The prolonged periods
of residence abroad which were ne-
cessitated in the case of prince Leo-
pold by indifferent health, have had
the effect of establishing his physi-
que. He is fully competent to dis-
charge his military duties, and his
younger brother also is devoting
himself to the profession to which
their father gave his life.



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