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The Saddest of the Year.

By RUTH CAMERON.

"The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year."—Bryant.



RUTH CAMERON

March and April are unsatisfactory months.

Take in the first place the physical aspect of those months. I think March is far more apt to be dreary than its complement—November and October much more certain to be alluring than April. There is an unsatisfactoriness about March and April either for work or play. They are not suitable for either winter or summer sports; they are not even specially good for walking. There is the spring lassitude in the air and most probably a spring muddiness under foot. October is par excellence the month for walking, either for walking trips or for tramps through the home country. Some of the richest memories of my life are long, happy walks through October woods. April is supposed to be the time when the Red Gods call one out on the open road, but I always hear their call most plainly in October.

Spring Rather Than Autumn Accents The Passing Of Youth.

In the second place, October and November do not, for some reason, fill me with a sense of the passing of youth, so much as March and April. October and November suggest age, but they suggest it in a beautiful, comforting way. They are the months of mellowness and fruition. They are beautiful, they are peaceful, they are satisfying. They are a harmonious part of the orderly progression of life. They do not makemerepresent the inevitable coming of the quieter years; they

make me more ready to understand and acquiesce.

Spring Brings Back So Many Memories.

Spring on the other hand, is a continual reminder of vanished childhood and early youth. Certain events in the coming of the spring always bring back my childhood to me with a painful poignancy. One is the first night that we eat supper without a light, another the first evening we go out on the verandah after supper (I call it supper in memory of the days when it was that). On such a night I can always see the boy next door coming across the lawn to find if I have finished supper so that we may all have a game of ball. (He has not been the boy next door for many years and there is an apartment house in place of the lawn). Another is the day I gather the first bunch of pussy willows.

Little things all, but what an ache of longing for the days that are no more, what a poignant sense of the emptiness of the vacant chair they can create in my heart!

Is it sometimes so with others? Or am I perversely unique in my definition of the melancholy days? I wonder.

To whom it may concern: This is to certify that I have used MINARD'S LINIMENT myself as well as prescribed it in my practice where a liniment was required and have never failed to get the desired effect.

C. A. KING, M.D.

Milady's Boudoir.

ERADICATING WRINKLES.

One may eradicate wrinkles by systematic massage. It should not be difficult for one to remove all traces of them, but the treatments must be very regular and persistent or they will return again. Every night apply hot cloths to your face until the pores are well opened. Then cover the skin with a good cold cream and you are ready for the treatment. First massage the muscles of the cheek just in front of the upper half of the ear, using the three fingers of both hands. Rub out-

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Orders now booking for the following goods just to hand and to arrive to-day:

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rible ordeal, but perhaps I'm only doing my bit—who knows but what, thanks to what I'm going through this afternoon, some soldier may avoid catching pneumonia because of the thingamajig made out of this yarn?"

And again he plunged into the furious feminine maelstrom, to be beaten, battered and bruised about for another hour. But perseverance won, and he emerged at last, weak, but triumphant, with a skein of the precious violet yarn. That evening it took him forty minutes to tell his wife what he had suffered.

"It's too bad, Ambush, too bad," commiserated Mrs. Peeve, "but I am sure little Cutie will appreciate it."

"Why?" whispered Mr. Peeve, his brain reeling.

"Cutie—the poor cat has such refined tastes that she hasn't been able to enjoy her milk, ever since her little violet dolly that I used to put her saucer on got lost, so I'm making her another just exactly the same shade."

Mr. Peeve staggered blindly out of the house, and that night, for the first time in their married life, he came home drunk.

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We have received another shipment of these popular portable heating stoves in three sizes which we are selling at \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50.

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SPRING OCCUPATIONS.

In the spring the voter's fancy turns to thoughts of garden ease, and he's sowing Hubbard squashes when he isn't shaving grass. He is planting seed potatoes with a fervor all his own, and he soaks the neighbors' chickens with a dornick or a stone, crying loudly in his anguish, in a grief of no avail, that the dingdonged hens and roosters should be pinched and put in jail. In the spring the wife and mother says the house is a disgrace, and she thinks no human being should be found in such a place. "It must have a thorough cleaning," she is handing out the dope; and she boils a tub of water and she buys a ton of soap. Then such scrubbing and such washing and such polishing of chairs, while tired father eats supper half way down the cellar stairs; there are soap suds in the hall, and the soapy water's splashing over ceiling, floor and wall; mother's cleaning up the shanty, there is no admittance now, and tired father and the children use the stable, with the cow. In the spring the poet twitters of the robin and the wren, when he should extol the merits of the empire building hen. In the spring the boys go fishing, to the brooklet in the vale, and, returning, bring a minnow, telling how they hooked a whale.

Every Saturday evening after 7 o'clock, Choice Ends of Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Pork will be sold at cost. ELLIS & CO., LTD., 203 Water Street.—nov29,17

Our Daily Story.

DOING HIS BIT.

Ambush Peeve walked into Ichabod Isaacs' Infinite Department Store and drew the little scrap of violet yarn from his pocket.

"Seems a kind of a silly thing for a full grown man to do," he muttered, "but as long as my wife seems to want it so badly, I might as well match it for her."

And for an hour he was waited, shoved, knocked and pushed from counter to counter and from floor to floor, a solitary masculine spar in a madly tossing sea of women, and still the bit of violet yarn was unmatched.

Finally, exhausted, he leaned against a stack of pummsies for women, to rest his weary battered frame and tired, trodden-upon feet.

"Oh, well," he thought, "it's a ter-

Your Boys and Girls.

Many mothers do not realize that they are not only responsible for the health and general welfare of their children, but for their good looks as well. As nothing detracts from the expression of the face than bad teeth, it is the duty of the parents to see that good ones are cultivated in the mouths of their children.

Decay destroys more teeth than all other diseases of the mouth. Therefore, an ounce of prevention in caring for the teeth, as well as in other matters, is worth a pound of cure. Mothers, whose children have poor teeth, often lay it to inherited tendencies, but dental experts all agree that it is not so much the quality of the teeth, as their environment which causes them to decay.

Then, too, the teeth need exercise to make them strong, just as much as do the muscles. Consequently, the constant use of liquid and soft food will give the teeth so little to do that, from the inexorable law of disuse they will suffer decay.

Give Million to Red Cross

OF GREAT BRITAIN.

New York, March 27—An appropriation of \$1,193,125 as an additional contribution to the British Red Cross was announced by the war council of the American Red Cross here yesterday. The original contribution to the British Red Cross, amounting to nearly a million dollars, was made last October.

A Century Ago.

The year 1818 was one of the dull, flattest, and least eventful in our long history. Nothing happened that left any permanent mark upon the country. Everything was at a low ebb. The coming of peace after the crowning victory of Waterloo, so far from bringing immediate prosperity, seemed to have brought worse misery than war.

Green, in his "History of the English People," says: "Society was disturbed by the great changes of employment consequent on a sudden return to peace after twenty years of war, and by the disbanding of the immense forces employed on sea and land." Another historian says: "With peace came a sudden revulsion from the artificial prosperity produced by the war. The national expenditure was cut down, prices fell, the demand for labor diminished, and those who kept their employments had to admit to smaller wages."

In the course of 1818, the third year after Waterloo, fearful poverty and distress prevailed.

Wise statesmanship may avert many of these evils after the present world-war, but as one reads these extracts from historians the similarity to present conditions is striking and menacing.



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OPERATIONS REVIEWED.

After several days of comparative activity along the battle front in the west, bitter fighting has been resumed along the western sector of the salient, in the lines of the Entente Allies. Attacks by the Germans against the British and French, are limited to have yielded some gains to the invaders in the critical sectors at the east of the City of Arras. The fighting according to latest reports has been heaviest in the neighborhood of Hamel, where the British were forced back slightly, and in the triangle formed by the Rivers Luce and Avre. Further to the south, where the French were forced to give ground, nothing is known as to the results of the battles in these sectors, but the fact that they have been in a degree successful, would seem to indicate that the Germans have succeeded in bringing up some of their heavy cannon and divisions with which to continue their attempts to capture Amiens. Reports from the British and French fronts have mentioned heavy rains, which would mean that the Germans have been working under a severe handicap in bringing up guns, ammunition and supplies to the front. The battle field over which the Allies have retired was left in a devastated condition. The lull in the fighting for the past few days, was probably caused by the inability of the Teutons to move their heavy supply trains over these roads, together with the necessity of reorganizing their shattered divisions, which bore the brunt of the fighting, after they had passed the first field of fire of their heavier guns. The British, since taking Aytte south of Arras, have resumed their offensive operations as far as reported in London, but the German official says that four attacks on the Entente forces against the heights southwest of Moreuil were repulsed with heavy losses. There are reports of fighting except outposts along the French front in the Oise River. There have been heavy artillery bombardments of British positions on the Menin Road, and Passchendaele, and eastward to Ypres. According to London, yet, however, there is nothing to shadow an effort by the Germans to attack there, as everything is well fortified lines, and high ground held by the British, but it is probable that a serious attempt to break through will be made in that sector. On the French front, before Hamels and Verdun, raiding operations have been carried out by the French, which have been successful. The French report very heavy artillery engagements north of Mont Didier, a sector which has witnessed sav- age fighting, and where the Germans were failed in their efforts to advance towards the Paris-Amiens railway. This has been reported from the Italian front and it is not likely that attack has been launched there by Austrians who have gathered an enormous army for a possible drive into the plains of northern Italy. Driven to take measures for their defence, the Armenians have organised an army and have recaptured several points in the neighborhood of the landing of German troops in the city. The landing of German troops in Finland is apparently going forward, reports stating that 40,000 men have arrived at Hangö, a former port on the extreme western tip of the Finnish Peninsula. There has been no official reply to the "black kite," sent up by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister. Newspaper comment, which may be considered as showing a trend of opinion in the Allied intelligences, is unanimous in rejecting the idea of peace under his conditions, and it is probable this will be dictated by Government spokesmen in Allied countries.

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