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The Buying Intoxication.

By RUTH CAMERON.



A staid and rather reserved neighbor of mine astonished me when I met him on the street the other day by telling me enthusiastically and at length about a beautiful fur top which he had just bought at a great bargain.

Of course there was nothing astonishing in his buying it. The surprising thing was that he who had never before spoken to me except on an impersonal, conventional subject, should confide this personal detail to me. Couldn't he have been "under the weather?" I hear someone suspecting.

No, my friend, he's not that kind. He wasn't intoxicated, at least not in the common sense of the word. In the less common sense he was intoxicated with the delight of buying.

Can't you recognize from your own experience that there is such an intoxication and haven't you often seen people under its influence?

A Feminine Form of Spree.

Men are less frequently affected that way than women, partly because they buy less, partly because it's a feminine form of excitement.

I met a quiet little friend of mine on the trolley the other day. Her cheeks were flushed, her eyes shining, she talked fluently and well. It was evident that she had been stimulated out of herself by some experience, and sure enough, it soon came to the surface. She had just bought a new suit. And actually a glass of wine couldn't have roused and stimulated and elated her any more than the excitement of buying that suit.

Clothes a Powerful Intoxicant.

Any fairly important purchase fills us with some of this elation and excitement, but the purchase of clothes seems to have an especially powerful effect. The desire to look well is one of the primitive passions. It seems to go even deeper than human nature and has its roots in the universal laws of the all nature. Some one has said, "There is a comfort in being well dressed which religion cannot give." An irreverent overstatement, of course, but with a grain of truth tucked away in the husk.

Of course, like all intoxications, the elation of buying is apt to leave us rather depressed when it passes away, and that is a good time to look the realities in the face and remember that after all "things" aren't the bigger part of life.

Ruth Cameron

AUSTRALIA HAS OVER MILLION MEN AVAILABLE FOR WAR.

London, March 4.—The Australian Commonwealth statistician has furnished figures to show the number of men available in Australia, according to the Defence Act.

Allowing 20 per cent, as the proportion that might be omitted as medically or otherwise unfit, and dividing the men into five classes, the result is as shown in the following table. Class I includes all unmarried men of 18 years and upwards, but under 35; Class II, from 35 to 45 years (unmarried); Class III, 18 to 35 years (married); Class IV, 35 to 45 (married); and Class V, 45 to 60.

Total 1,414,209

Medals and Crosses.

The institution by the King on Jan. 1st of a new Army decoration for service in the field—the Military Cross—is a reminder that almost exactly fifty-eight years have elapsed since the first and most famous of these special service decorations—the Victoria Cross—first came into being; it having been instituted by the Royal Warrant of the 26th of January, 1856, at the close of the Crimean War.

The innovation was not regarded at all favorably by the veteran generals and commanders of those days. Officers and men had done their duty for duty's sake well and truly in days gone by, they argued; why, then, this new-fangled fad of decorating soldiers for what, after all, soldiers were expected to do.

Such objections, were, however, short-lived, and to-day it is, of course the most highly-prized, because the rarest, of all similar decorations. How rare it may be gathered from the fact that whereas only about a score of Victoria Crosses have been won so far during the present war, the awards of Distinguished Service Orders and Distinguished Conduct Medals, the decorations which come next in value and rarity to the Cross, have amounted to between two and three hundred.

The Distinguished Service Order, it may be mentioned, was instituted only so comparatively recently as 1886, it being considered that many deeds which only just missed the extremely high standard set for the Victoria Cross, were yet worthy of some sort of special recognition. The recipient of it is entitled to the letters D.S.O. after his name, a prize which is lacking in the case of the new Military Cross. The Distinguished Service Order, it may be mentioned, can only be won by officers, the corresponding reward in the case of those of lower rank being the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

This latter was instituted in 1862, and took the place of the old Meritorious Service Medal, which had previously been issued as a reward for distinguished gallantry. It carries with it a gratuity of £20, paid on discharge, or an increase of pension of 50 per cent.

The Victoria Cross carries, in the case of private soldiers or non-commissioned officers, a special pension of £10 a year, and this, by a comparatively recent regulation, may be increased to £50 if the holder is incapacitated from work at any time. In our Indian Army the corresponding decoration to the Victoria Cross was the Order of Merit, a small eight-pointed star of gold. At the Delhi Durbar, however, it was announced that in future native officers and men would be eligible for the V.C., and it is to be presumed, therefore that the Order of Merit has been superseded.

Lord Roberts was the first to break from the old tradition of round silver medals, by recommending the grant of a small bronze star to the troops who marched with him to Kandahar. The other two are the Khedive's bronze star for the Egyptian campaign of 1882-83, and that for the second Ashanti War of 1896-97.

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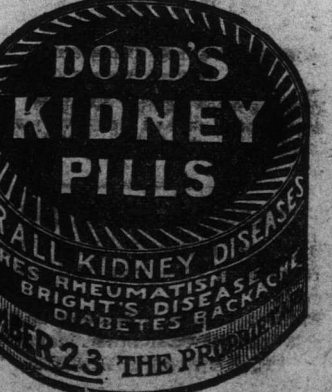
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It is a good thing to train baby to lie on his stomach when sleeping, but one of the most important needs to consider, when letting him sleep this way, is the pillow. Really he should have none but, if any is used, let it be the thinnest of hair pillows. When putting him down in this way, allow his head to turn to one side. In a short while he will be quiet and he will sleep much longer in this position.

When he awakens he will prop himself on his elbows and the benefit to his shoulders and back will be remarkable. It not only strengthens the muscles but he will be turning his head and holding it quite independently within a few days.

He will soon prefer this position to any other, and the result will be, later on, a well carried head and straight shoulders. Lying on his stomach is also much better for his eyes as he can turn his head freely when he wants to look at something, instead of being able only to strain the delicate muscles when he wants to see something beside or back of him.



MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GAIN GET IN COWS.

EDUCATION.

By GEORGE FITCH,
Author of "At Good Old Siwash."

Education consists of stocking the memory with a large collection of valuable facts so neatly arranged that they can be taken out in a minute's notice.

This is a very difficult task. It takes almost twenty years to acquire a complete and well-catalogued stock of knowledge. And even then it consists only of well chosen samples from all the different lines which have been produced in the last 5,000 years.

Many a man has collected knowledge for sixty ears and has still been compelled to order vast quantities of necessary facts from the catalogue each day.

When the young man has finished laying in the staple lines at the high school he goes to college where an enormous collection of fancy education is dispensed at very low rates. Here he may remain for four years buying stocks of Latin, Greek, Hebrew, archaeology, phonology, cosmology, biology, psycho-sociology, histology, neo-Platonology and other costly complications with the utmost recklessness.

Some young men have unlimited shelf-room for this sort of stuff, and when they have been graduated go on through life accumulating new and alarming lines of knowledge. But many students fill all available shelves in their memory in their sophomore year and pile the rest of the stuff on the floor.

This is a great mistake. Nothing is sadder than to see an earnest young man wading wearily through 98765 poorly catalogued facts in the effort to find a little mislaid information in the art of holding an eighteen-dollar-a-week job.

He becomes confused and discouraged not to mention dusty in the process. When we see such a young man trying to sell a bill of groceries with a complete working knowledge of the style principles of Walter Pater, we are constrained to believe that he has overbought at the education shop.

He is over-stocked and under-catalogued. His mental front door is blocked with unpacked goods, and his every-day lines of knowledge are buried in the coal cellar under a fine new consignment of ancient history.

Knowledge is a great thing, but the art of arranging and using it is far greater. We should fill our shelves with the best available knowledge, and until we have learned our stock and have completed our invoice, we should waive further salesmen sternly away.

POINT TO ENEMY'S DOWNFALL.

The change in the tone of the German Press, which has lost its cocksureness of victory and now admits the uncertainty of the final outcome; the fatal breath of misgiving which is declared to be affecting the juggleries of the Imperial Treasury; such speeches as that in which Admiral Koster threw overboard the whole idea of disputing the command of the sea in a fleet action; the exaggerated violence of Germany's attack upon our Russian Allies and of her declaration of a submarine war on merchant vessels, which is looked upon as a sort of effort of despair—all these portents, as well as the palpable weakness of Germany's Allies, are accepted as indicating a speedy downfall.—London Daily Mail.

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Notes on Patricia PLACENTIA

CHAPTER XXIII.

In due time our good ship reached Placentia, and amidst rain and storm the passengers left the shelter of the ship and sought the comfort of the hotel. The ship having been delayed so long, there was quite a crowd at the hotel all anxiously waiting to get away to the westward. But had to wait another day and then the ships began their regular course again. Placentia proper is a full interest and history that only can hardly remain there, twenty-four hours without exploring some of the romantic spots or climbing some of the historic heights; and so there some of the company who faced storm and tramped around and made research into the records of the past.

During our ramble we noticed a very small house located within the trenches of Fort Frederick. The house is very miniature, and no doubt it is very old, and one would think it too small for occupation, but seeing by the smoke from the chimney that it was really occupied, we approached it to interview the occupants. The gentleman of the house, seeing us coming, no doubt wondered who we were, and perhaps thought we were spies; especially as the war was so wet, and we had been tramping around the mounds and trenches of the Fort. The gentleman in question proved to be a native of France, spoke English fairly well. He gave us much information about the town, and told us that when he came to France many years ago, he brought with him a book containing the entire history of Placentia when it was a French possession. From his conversation we judged that he had a thorough knowledge of the town, both from a local and historic standpoint, and that he had studied the book very carefully. He said the book contained plans, sketches, and drawings of the Forts of Placentia at the time of Louis XIV. and that it was a very rare book.

On further enquiry from him, he told us that some years ago when the Grace the late Archbishop Henry, before he was Archbishop, visited Placentia, that he showed the book to the Bishop, and then made him a present of it. "The book truly is not have fallen into better hands," he said, "all our readers so well know that the late Archbishop was fully versed in the whole history of Placentia, and the book in question no doubt was a great help in his researches and preparations upon the old French capital. It seems rather a strange coincidence that a man should come from France and bring such a book with him, and settle within one of the principal Forts, and live in such a small house, and live there so long and in comparative obscurity without some special

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