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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron



there is any social art more a success valuable t h a n the capacity to look around and sound surprised and impressed.

who has the most delightful w a y of saying: "Did you ever" that ever

When you show her your new dress and tell her what a bargain it was, she says: "Did you ever," and you feel as if you were a most extraordinarily

When you tell her about the almost automobile accident you were in, she says: "Did you ever," and you feel as

And You Feel So Impatient.

gossip which your unenthusiastic rounding of eyes that goes with it. friend would receive with only mild interest, she hangs on your every word and says: "Did you ever," at the end, and you feel very impatient to

telephone when something nice or in- her real interest. And I suppose i

In one of the recent plays the hero- ly.

"Aren't You WONderful!" Now "did you ever" and the kindred phrases are the neuter equivalent of "aren't you wonderful." They can be used with both sexes.

"Really" and "no, you don't mean it" are two of these kindred phrases that give one the feeling that pussy has (presumably) when she is strok-

I have caught myself getting ready

to purr at that: "No, you don't mean it" when, as I stopped to think, I realized that the speaker couldn't possibly doubt if I meant it and that it was really an absurd thing to say. If I were teaching in a finishing school it seems to me one of the tricks

I should teach the pupils I was trying to finish in the social arts would When you tell her the latest bit of just the proper inflection and proper

I have not come at the heart of the matter. My popular friend who says "Did you ever" does something more Do I need to tell you that she is one than say it. She means it. To this if the most popular women I know? extent at least she has behind it a The kind that people always like to genuine, lively, friendly interest in have along on any party, the kind you and the rest of the world. She whose coming as a week-end guest is may not really mean that she considsomething to look forward to, the ers your bargain remarkable, or your kind you immediately call up on the escape unique, but she does express is that to which we respond so warm-

ine who has not been a notable suc- 'So if I were a teacher in that finishcess with men is taught by the suc- ing school I should have to teach my cessful artist a line that never fails. pupils to feel interest as well as to

Bettering Schools

(Los Angeles Times.)

various parts of the State and it will not be long before our youngsters will make them feel they are playing resume the salutary exercise of im- game instead of laboring to perform pressionable minds that have been an enforced duty. ent upon equally salutary play for a of which careworn mothers look forward as to a blessed relief.

To the normal boy or girl school is teachers who knew how to make the tional disgrace. work interesting. In former times when school teaching was a poorly naid profession it seldom attracted to it persons who could earn good salaries in other fields. Here and there would be found a highly intelligent teacher who, through stress of circumstances, had had recourse to creation when not busy with her wrong road. The author has already show:nerve trying toil in school. As for the, travelled through Europe. men, they were not tempted to teach when they could get double the pay in other occupations. A man teacher was generally one who had failed in

Now it is different. The present salaries of school teachers look good to many bright young city men as well as to many women who, though not normal school graduates, can do a little brushing up in the different studies, pass the present rather stiff examinations and soon be earning a fair salary. The pay is still less than what some of them might receive in good office positions, but there is not the element of uncertainty in job hunting, for in school work there is to be seen one profession that is not overcrowded, at least not by the desirable teachers who display keen intellect and engaging personality for which county school superintendents and boards of education are now on

"So far as our teachers are con cerned," says one superintendent,

We know we can get good teachers at the present rate of compensation and we will no longer put up with medi-The school bells are ringing again ocre ones. Other things being equal, these bright summer mornings in we prefer those who can make school work attractive to the children-to

period which the children consider who wishes to retain faith in our nanone too long but to the termination tional regeneration—and faith we must have—this is good news. By thus raising the standard of our teachers and making school a more not the humdrum, lifeless sort of thing tempting place to be in we may in a it was only a few years ago, when few years make a big dent in that roll ceptional to find classes taught by at once a national curse and a na-

WITH DONKEY AND CART.

Belfast the other day, received a hr. 49min. pedagogic work as a last resort. The novel visitor, Mr. Harold Speakman, The vessels average speed thus lives of these, particularly if they an author and artist from New Jer-

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The weather was fine during the enwere full of desperate shifts and world with a donkey and cart, and baffling straits. After doing her own sleeps in a tent. "I am walking all sewing, washing, cooking and other the way," he explained, "and use sea being encountered. On the first house drudgery, a woman teacher the cart for carrying my luggage, could not reasonably be expected to paints and canvas. In 800 miles my exhibit as much patience or keen donkey has only refused to go for-

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Average speed (westbound) 26.06 knots Best day's run (eastbound) 614 miles Best day's run (westbound) 676 miles Fastest eastward passage 4d. 13hr.

These records were set up some 14 years ago, before the vessel was con-

imé the distances were calculated between New York and Queenstown, at Southampton for overhaul, bu and not between Ambrose Channel engineer's strike resulted in the age just completed constitutes the work being entrusted to French Mauretania's 300th crossing of the ters, with the assistance of a num Atlantic, and she has steamed well of skilled British engineers who advised New York of the time of his over a million miles in the passenger taken across specially to work of service and carried more than 400,000 turbine blading. Her voyage a

her career. Furthermore, she is the her career. Taken in tow by fiv utes earlier than the time he gave only Atlantic vessel that for 27 con- erful tugs, she met such hea secutive runs, in all seasons and all that she was in danger of being three successive eastward trips last knots. The Mauretania, built on the steam back to sea until the year there was a difference of only Tyne by Messrs. Swan, Hunter and made it safe to enter port. The five minutes in the time taken for the Wigham Richardson, made her maiden sage from Southampton to Cher voyage in November, 1907, and had al- occupied 55 hours. ready created several records when the war diverted her energies from those of a passenger vessel to a trooper and hospital ship. In 1922 she was

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