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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

I CAN'T AFFORD IT.



I can't afford it. How most of us hate to say these words in regard to money! Some people, in fact, never do say them outright, but always have some other reason which they advance with the ostrich like notion that it will hide the real reason. Generally they fool nobody but themselves.

Courage and Common Sense.

I love to hear a person say "I can't afford it." I am always filled with admiration for his courage and common sense. But when I wrote those words at the top of the page I was thinking of another kind of "I can't afford it" than the financial one. I mean the health "I can't afford it."

I think people are almost as loath to say that as the other. And not only do they say it, but they don't even realize it. Health extravagance is just as common as money extravagance, just as foolish, just as disastrous and much less generally recognized.

"This Once."

It is so easy to be extravagant of one's health in both big and little ways without realizing how much harm one is doing. I am supposed to use glasses to read with. Every now and then I find myself sitting down without my glasses, not wanting to get up and look for them, and saying to myself: "Oh, it won't do any harm this once." But the little "this once" health extravagance are like the small money extravagance, they run up to a surprisingly big total, and after several such bits of self-indulgence my eyes are aching.

Eating too much or too little is a health extravagance that people who are inclined to err in either direction ought to say: "I can't afford it" about. I think the person who is too thin ought to make as determined an effort to get the extra food he or she probably needs into him, as the person who is too fat ought to make to keep the extra food he doesn't need out of him.

Which Do You Do?

An ice cream soda or sundae at just the time when it will spoil one's appetite for dinner.

Carpentier off Perch as French Idol.

SYMPATHY WITH BATTLING SIKI.

(By William Bird.)

(The Siki case has driven all thoughts of international affairs from the minds of the French people according to Mr. Bird, who declares that there is in existence, a feeling throughout France that the Senegalese has been the victim of the conspiracy.)

Paris, Dec. 13.—(Special copyright Cable Dispatch to the Standard and Consolidated Press. All rights reserved.)—All thoughts of international complications have fled from the minds of the French people. The case of Siki, is to-day the chief subject of discussion throughout the nation.

Even the trip of the Premier to London, and the depressing news from the Lausanne Conference attracts little attention. The front pages of the newspapers are filled with reports of the allegations for and against Siki. In the cafes nothing else is talked of. Street fights as a result of the fruitless debates are frequent.

COMMISSION TO ACT.

The French boxing federation has promised that it will make a complete investigation, allegations that the fight was a "frame up" in which the black man, after agreeing to quit for a money consideration, decided that he had the prowess to win and went ahead and double crossed Carpentier and the latter's supporters.

There is little question that the vast majority of French believe that Siki has told the truth and if the decision of the boxing federation is against him they still will believe that it has joined the cabal against the former soldier. Sportsmen who have followed Carpentier's career closely since the beginning and who in the past kept silent, now rather frankly agree that he has been carefully groomed to provide France with a champion who would promote pugilism in France.

"GUNBOAT" SMITH BOUT.

Some of them say most of Carpentier's fights were fixed including that with "Gunboat" Smith in 1914, when insiders knew the Frenchman was to lose by a foul. It so happened, however, that moving pictures failed to show any foul in the sixth round.

Whether there is any truth in this or not it is a certainty that Carpentier's position as a popular idol is permanently lost, no matter what the findings of the Federation are.

Dry-Docking a Liner.

On all shipping spectacles, none is so impressive as that of a modern ocean leviathan in dry dock, says the "Daily Mail." On these occasions she is seen as a whole, an awe-inspiring structure of magnificent curves with all her under-water mysteries revealed.

On the appointed day, at the top of a tide the pilot goes aboard to take charge during the few hundred yards "voyage" from the "wet" to the "dry" dock.

Tugged out into the swinging ground, the liner's nose is headed for

the dry dock, which, perhaps, may show on the gauge 36 ft. of water to the ship's draught of 32. But as the blocks are several feet above the floor of the dock, this means that the liner's keel will just glide over them. Astern, eight powerful tugs will be "nosing" her straight, and as soon as the bow has reached the calson gate great fat ropes, reaching to the farther end of the dock, are taken aboard.

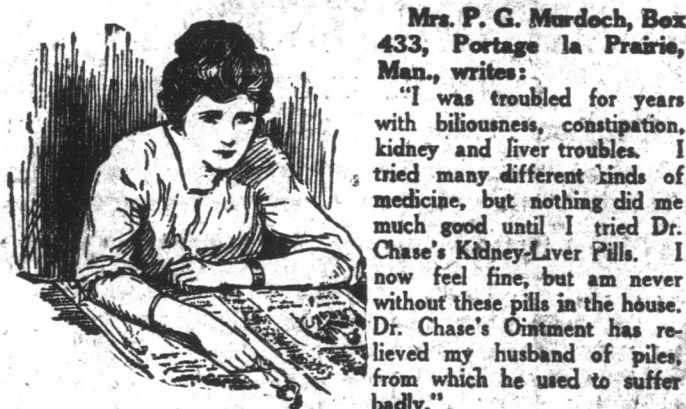
Inch by inch, her bow winches haul the ship in. As the widest part glides through the dock entrance only narrow slits of daylight are visible on either side and an anxious knot of marine chiefs stand there, hoping that her enormous crushing weight will not touch the masonry.

Presently the towering prow, with the slight momentum of 50,000 tons behind, reaches the "fender" of wooden baulks at the dock end. There is a scrunching sound, the whole ship gives a heave and then stops—dead in the centre of the dock, even to a chalk line. But it is a tight fit, for only by putting the rudder hard over can the dock gate be shut.

A good dinner deserves a good cigarette, a bad dinner needs one. Let your choice be CUB.

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ANYWAY, JEFF'S KIND TO HIS MOTHER.

By Bud Fisher

