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She Taught Him a Lesson.

By RUTH CAMERON.

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I heard a very funny thing the other day.

The woman who said it didn't know it was funny.

Which of course made it all the funnier.

She was showing me some of the Christmas presents she had bought. One was a very quiet, dark blue necktie.

"That," she said, "is for Fred's brother. I hope that will show him what a necktie really should be like. I wish you could see the ones he gives Fred, they are simply atrocious, purples and reds and greens."

"He Always Wears That Kind Himself."

"Perhaps that's the kind he likes," I suggested.

"I suppose they are," she admitted, "he always wears that kind himself. But he has no business to give that kind to Fred. He must know that Fred never wears bright ties."

And she folded the tie and laid it back in the box with an air of self righteousness that was very funny.

She Never Realized She was Doing It, Too.

Plainly the idea that she was doing exactly what her brother-in-law had been doing, giving what she liked instead of what he liked, never occurred to her.

Perhaps she felt she was uplifting him by teaching him better taste.

But I cannot say that that seems to me to be a good ingredient for the Christmas spirit.

Of course I can see that one wants one's gifts to express oneself in some degree.

What You Like Or What You Ought To Like.

But I believe that thought for the recipient should come first and thought for onself second.

And if the two ideals are so far apart that they simply can't be reconciled, well what better rule could you have for Christmas giving than the golden rule.

Which would rather have your friends give you, the things you like or the things they think you ought to like?

Enough said.

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Every husband is an orderly being, and if let alone would know where to place his finger on his last summer's socks. At the close of the season he places them in the lower left-hand drawer of his Chiffonier, but when he goes to look for them the following spring he will probably run into a collection of weather beaten nightshirts. Some wives even go so far as to fill their husbands's Chiffoniers with the nucleus of a hair switch, decrepit corset covers and broken down silk hose, and then expect him to dress for a 6:30 dinner in twelve minutes by the watch.

When one considers the disadvantages under which the American husband labors, in attempting to present a neat and bewitching appearance, it is wonderful to note his patience and forgiving spirit. Every closet in the house is filled with petticoats, bronze boots and auto coats, and if a man wants to change his pants he has to paw over ten or twelve layers of dress goods. How many divorces have been caused by this treatment will never be revealed until the judgment day.

The Chiffonier is an ornament in any home, but it should have a padlock on ever drawer.

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50 cases 1's Tall Extra Pineapple.
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550 cases Asstd. Tinned Fruits—Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Plums.
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Lord Lansdowne's Mistake.

New York Tribue: The American people have struck hands with the British in this war because they have believed the essential honesty of what has ben said by British ministers and British leaders from the outset of the war. Lord Lansdowne has injured the cause of the Allies in the United States. He has injured the friends of Great Britain. He has weakened the hands of President Wilson. He has encouraged those who are employing the tactics of the Bolsheviki in Washington and elsewhere. All of this he may have done with a high patriotic purpose, but at least there should be no blinking the facts.

KNITTING WOMEN.

WALT MASON

I always liked to talk with girls, both married and unwed, for they were quick to pot the pearls of wisdom that I shed. And if I told an anecdote, full of amusing chaff, there'd come from every female throat the gladdest sort of laugh. Anon I'd read a sonnet fine that I had lately writ, and women liked this stunt of mine so well they'd throw a fit. But now I tell my yarns in vain, in vain recite my pomes; the girls have knitting on the brain, in all our native homes. They're knitting, knitting, all the day, and when I spring my spiel, I hear some busy woman say, "This sock is mostly heel." To entertain the knitting dames, I quote an epic rich; and, interrupting, one exclaims, "Gee whiz! I've dropped a stitch!" I tell of springs of ancient lore, from which I've often drunk, and says the woman by the door, "This yarn's extremely punk." The idle things of idle times have gone their divers ways; who cares a hoot for quips or rhymes, in these fierce wartime days? In vain the tall stuffed prophet stands, with skill to charm the birds; the girls have knitting in their hand, and have no time for words.

Women of Ancient Colony

Doing Much Work for the Soldiers.

Mrs. Kemp, wife of Capt. Kemp, of the s.s. Louisburg, has arrived in the city from St. John's Nfld., and is at present a guest at the Sydney Hotel. Mrs. Kemp, who has been visiting relatives and friends in St. John's for the past five weeks, say the war work being done among the women there is marvelous. The organization is splendid, every branch of the work, all over the colony, coming under the head of the Patroitic society, with headquarters at St. John's. The women have given up everything and are devoting themselves entirely to war work, nothing overlapping, nothing going wrong and always plenty to send to their troops overseas. Mrs. Kemp expects to remain in Sydney for the next five weeks.—Record.

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The Food Problem Discussed.

There was a large audience of women at the Casino Theatre last night to hear the food problem discussed. Hon. P. T. McGrath presided and accompanying him on the platform were His Excellency the Administrator, Sir W. H. Horwood, Hon. Dr. Lloyd, Acting Premier, Mayor Gosling and H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G. The chairman pointed out the necessity of conserving wheat on this side of the Atlantic, as the soldiers in France must be supplied. Quoting the words of Food Controller Hanna, of Canada, more corn must be eaten during the next year or there is going to be a famine at the front. The seriousness of such a contingency he thought it needless to dilate upon. He wished to confute the idea abroad that the United States can feed the world. The States can only grow enough for their own consumption and the people there have adopted meatless Tuesdays and wheatless Wednesdays. Hotels and restaurants have been restricted in their supplies, over 8 millions of people have signed the food conservation pledge, wheat is fixed at $2.20 a bushel whereby flour can be sold at $11 or $12 a barrel, or 25c. profit on a barrel and millers are allowed 50c. per ton on the by-products. Loaves are sold from 1 to 4 lbs. in hotels, etc., at fixed prices. Canada will adopt this policy at the New Year. The situation regarding pork, bacon and other meats was serious and he illustrated this point by stating that thirty millions of hogs less were raised in Europe since the war began, of which number only one-third was raised in Canada. In emphasizing the need for food conservation in this country, he designated anything bordering on waste or extravagance a serious crime. In bringing about and fostering rigid economy the various branches of the W.P.A. and the different churches will assist. Food economy sermons will be asked to be preached the last Sunday of the year, as was done in the States in October last. In trying to get the desired results the help of the women was most desirable and absolutely necessary and the best way they can help is by substituting the use of fish for meat and potatoes for flour as much as possible, thereby aiding the men of our regiment and Naval Reserve.

Sir William Horwood, Administrator, followed. He stated that we were dependent on the States and Canada for our food; all that we produce ourselves is fish and a comparatively small amount of vegetables. Sir William said the most we can expect from these outside Governments is to treat us as well as they would their own people, hence it behoves us to practice as much economy as these people do. He dealt with the serious outcome, due to waste and extravagance. Canada and the States owe us nothing, except what little we are entitled to as an ally. He strongly advocated economy and reiterated that it was our bounden duty to economize, as we will feel the high prices less by restricting our supplies. The speaker believed the outports would follow our example as they did in all patriotic matters. By our economizing the troops will have their full supplies and after all, he said, it was only a question of self-restraint and self-denial in a slight degree.

Mayor Gosling spoke from an experience of a lifetime in studying the world's markets in foodstuffs. He pointed out that on the outbreak of war prices advanced and scarcities existed. In peace time it was possible for the human race barely to support itself, so that the down hill slide is apparent with war, as we are not producing but destroying and to add to this the soldier in the field required more food than at home. While the first years of the war showed excellent wheat crops there was a shortage of 500 million bushels in the combined Canadian and W. S. wheat markets in 1916 as compared with the previous year, while the 1917 crop is not much better. The Australian and Argentine crops were exceptionally good but the tonnage is lacking to remove it to market. Even if the best expectations are realized there will be a shortage of 200 million bushels of the required amount and the question is, where is it to come from? As an encouragement to farmers to grow more wheat the W. S. Government has guaranteed a rate of $2 a bushel. Had the prices not been fixed on flour but allowed to be sold on the old system of supply and demand flour would now be $30 a barrel. We should realize the seriousness of the position and conserve our food supply by curtailing our appetites and treat a barrel of flour as if it cost $30.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., showed that the real food controllers were the women, who by their economy can greatly assist in winning the war. The U. S and Canadian Governments were about to curtail our flour supply but on our circumstances being placed before them allowed us an extension of time till May, provided we co-operate in the saving movement. After that date they would not guarantee anything further. It is up to us to conserve what we have.

Hon. Dr. Lloyd, Acting Premier, pointed out that the side which loses the war will be the one that starves first. Mr. Hoover, the American Food Controller, has made it clear that only what is saved in the winter can be sent to the soldiers. Tea parties were described as not only improper but a crime and misdemeanor. The saving of wheat means the saving of men in the trenches. This should be plainly understood; we should stretch our food supply as the shortage is bound to come. Every effort is being made to produce food, which is a question of staving off starvation. Shortage of shipping was responsible for the set back in Italy, which could not get sufficient coal to keep the munition plants working. Economizing means less demand on shipping, as if the food is not eaten the vessels are not required to carry it and can be used for other work.

The following resolution, proposed by Mrs. Benedict and seconded by Mrs. R. A. Squires, was unanimously passed:—

"Recolved, that this meeting of the women of St. John's pledges itself to co-operate with the Board of Food Control to carry out the policy embodied in the addresses delievered this evening and authorizes the W. P. A. to assist in forwarding the movement."

After the chairman had thanked the ladies for their hearty support the meeting closed.

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