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By RUTH CAMERON.



There are some misfortunes that come into our lives utterly without warning. We are given no opportunity to prepare for them or avert them and cannot be blamed for not doing so. But there are a great many misfortunes, little and big, that only come to us after repeated warnings. If we would heed these warnings we might escape the misfortunes. And for not doing so we certainly are culpable.

A friend of mine dropped her eyeglasses the other evening. "There," she said, as she stooped to recover them, "that's the fourth time I've dropped those to-day. I hope they aren't broken. I ought to tighten that screw. I'll do it this minute."

But "this minute" was too late. As she spoke the words, she picked up the glasses and found both lenses badly cracked. According to her own admission, she had had three warnings and heeded none of them.

Another friend has just lost a handsome seal ring. It was very loose and again and again it slipped off while she was about her household. Once it was missing for several days and when it finally turned up, she said, "I must have that ring made smaller." This time she has lost it in the street and probably will never recover it. She is much grieved over the mishap and calls it her bad luck. Those who

know the circumstances call it something else. Just yesterday I caught myself committing this ridiculous folly. Three times during the forenoon I caught my foot in my skirt braid. Each time I thought, "I'm going to take this dress off in a little while. I'll fix it then." The second time I almost fell against the kitchen stove, and the third time only a tremendous effort kept me from falling the length of a flight of stairs. If I had fallen I certainly would have had only myself to blame.

Serious illness seldom comes without ample warning. Probably four illnesses out of five could be avoided if we would heed the body's danger signals.

Perhaps you think all this very trite and obvious, and yet, my friend, I wouldn't be at all surprised if in some way or other you, too, were running past some danger signal.

Your indifference is doubtless in some matter quite different from any of the instances I have mentioned, and that is why you do not at once recognize yourself in my mirror. But think a bit before you exonerate yourself. Are there no danger signals of any kind which you are running past at top speed?

Optimism of the right kind and degree is a beautiful quality. But an overgrown optimism which takes all kinds of foolish risks and refuses to heed any kind of danger signals, is as unhealthy and unsightly as any abnormal growth.

Ruth Cameron

Sir Hugh Graham On The Stand.

Quebec, Feb. 6.—This morning the committee of the legislative council probing the Montreal Mail graft allegations, was called upon to devote several hours to listening to a number of questions framed with a view to deciding the ownership of the Montreal Herald, the newspaper of which its late editor, Edward Beck, says he unsuccessfully offered the disclosures of the Burns' detectives before taking them to the Mail.

Mr. Beck, yesterday, declined to answer a question as to who the proprietor was, and Sir Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Montreal Star, was asked to attend and give evidence. A number of questions on the ownership point were put to Sir Hugh Graham by B. A. MacNab, for twenty-five years editor of the Montreal Star and now editor of the Mail, but the committee decided that Sir Hugh need not answer them because the matter was not pertinent to the problem being investigated.

To Summon Mr. Lemieux.
At the second session of the lower house committee, Armand Lavergne asked for a subpoena for Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, who introduced Mr. Carpenter to Mr. Mousseau. The committee acceded to Mr. Lavergne's request. Excitement was caused when it was learned to-day that Messrs. Biddinger and Misonoy, the Burns men, had left the city before the committee had finished with them.

It appears that somebody telephoned Mr. Biddinger at the Chateau Frontenac, and according to Mr. Appleby, another Burns detective, Appleby informed them that they were not required any more, and that they need not return to New York.

Mr. Belley asked for a vote on the chairman's ruling, and the committee sustained Mr. Chapais.

Sir Hugh Graham on the Stand.
Mr. Belley then asked Sir Hugh why he had refused to publish the revelations.

Sir Hugh intimated that he thought the point irrelevant, and the chairman agreed with him.

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Ed. Keyes, detectaphone stenographer for the Burns' agency, was talked through his notes referring to the reported conversation between Mr. Simpson and Achilles Bergelin, in which the former offered members of the council \$200, by Alms Geoffron, lawyer for Messrs. Berdard and Bergelin.

Alex. Phlebo, Burns' chauffeur, who listened on the detectaphone at the Chateau Frontenac, on January 13th, to an interview between Mr. Biddinger and Mr. Mousseau, was examined. The detective said he would give Mr. Mousseau \$400 for Mr. Devarranne. On January 14th, Mr. Mousseau returned the \$400, and asked for \$2,000 for Mr. Devarranne. Witness heard Mr. Maloney say he gave Mr. Mousseau the forty hundred back and \$600 besides for Mr. Mousseau, and promised the balance when the bill went through. Before it was done, he said G. B. Carpenter, the Gaspe lawyer,

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