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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

HOW TO CHOOSE A CONFIDANTE.

A man whom many people seem to like to confide in, told me this illuminating little story the other day.

"Another man I opened up his mind to me one night when we were sitting together and told me a whole lot of things. He wasn't the kind of man who usually gets confidential."

His Best Compliment.

"I never had a compliment," said he, "that pleased me more and never one that I had occasion to remember of."

"When you do find it a temptation," he asked, for he has the reputation of being exceedingly dishonest."

"There ever anyone who," he continued, "When you find things that would make people's eyes stick out, isn't it always a temptation to make them stick? Of course you don't do it. But I am not all of us could say 'Oh, yes' so calmly!"

The Commonest Temptation.

"All the temptations," I think the comedian connected with "that little number that kindeth a great fire" is the most universal, the most subtle, and the most irresistible. The temptation to betray a confidence, the temptation to hint that you have a confidence that you can't betray (and let's say half betray it), the temptation to make fun of people even when you like them (the sweetest, kindest woman I know has this one temptation to make her husband), the temptation to be clever at the expense of other things than cleverness, these are some of the many forms of tongue temptations to which most of us yield time or another."

Fast Bowling.

The ambition of amateur bowlers is speed, and a vast amount of energy is expended in attempting to deliver "scorchers."

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Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

COLD BOILED HAM.

The greatest friend of woman-kind forgot to leave his fame behind; To-day he fills a nameless grave. Despite the treasure which he gave. Unhonored and unused he lies. Perhaps at rest in Paradise. And yet his helpless slave I am. Whenever she serves me cold boiled ham.

The man who to the world first told That ham is edible when cold. Gave woman-kind a tip which she has followed up most eagerly. Here is a meal she can prepare With little fuss and little care. She needs but time enough to slam Upon the table cold boiled ham.

She need not hurry home from town To cook a meal, or change her gown. And should the bridge game drag a bit There is no need for her to quit. Long years ago some soul sublime Arranged a meal that takes no time. She will not serve roast beef or lamb. Tonight she'll give him cold boiled ham.

Oh, what a glorious boom he gave. This man who fills a nameless grave! All wives and mothers, near and far. To-day his grateful debtors are. Though thousands suffer now and then Who heed the woes of grumbling men. The supper's ready, come and cram— But first give thanks for cold boiled ham!

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR GARGENT IN COWS.

Phrases We Use

Every Day.

How many people know the origin of our common phrases, "mind your P's and Q's"?

In the old days it was the custom at the taverns and alehouses to chalk upon a board or wall each customer's account and these lists were ordered up under the initial letters of pints and quarts. Thus, when old Farmer Jones was overdoing his drinks a friend would tap him on the shoulder, and tell him to "mind your P's and Q's."

Another explanation of this queer expression is that it was a warning to printers who were liable to confuse the two letters in setting type. Printers are also said to have originated the expression "out of sorts," meaning they had certain "sorts" of letters missing.

"To scrape an acquaintance" is said to have originated from the Roman Emperor Hadrian. Going to the baths one day he saw an old soldier scraping himself with a tile. Feeling sorry at the man's reduced state he ordered washing materials and some money to be given to him.

Founded on Fiction. Soon after, on another visit to the baths, he found several other soldiers repeating the tile experiment in the hope of receiving something from their emperor.

Hadrian, however, guessed what they were after, and told them: "You had better scrape yourselves, my good fellows; you shall certainly not scrape acquaintance with me."

The word "antastaling" is said to have come down to us from the mythical story of Tantalus, who was condemned to suffer the eternal punishment of a burning thirst. He was up to his chin in water, but every time he bent to drink it flowed away. Above his head was a luscious bunch of grapes, which blew out of his reach each time he stretched out for the fruit. Thus our expression "antastaling" was originated.

Our expression "hobnob" probably comes from the days when beer was warmed on the "hob" of the hearth, and the cold beer placed on a small table called a "nob." Visitors were asked in consequence: "Will you hob or nob?"

Hence the meeting of people to drink beer became known as "hobnobbing," and our present meaning of the word can be easily traced from this.

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The Bar has always given freely to the ranks of literature, as is evidenced by the fact that, among others, Anthony Hope, Stanley Weyman, Rider Haggard, and Maurice Hewitt were also at one time barristers-at-law.

The Church, too, has at all times been generous in its contributions to literature. Well-known writers who are, or have been, ministers of religion, are Barrie Gould, S. R. Crockett, S. H. Hocking, Ian MacLaren, and C. W. C. Drury.

Robert Barr and Zangwill were schoolmasters; Hall Caine and Thomas Hardy, architects; Richard Le Gallienne, chartered accountant; Robert Hichens, musician; William le Queux, artist; A. E. W. Mason, actor; and Headon Hill and Egerton Christie, army officers. H. G. Wells started in life as a lithographer's assistant (subsequently going to the Royal College of Science).

W. W. Jacobs was once in the Savings Bank Department of the Post Office, and Pett Ridge was manager of the Foreign Parcels Department at Cannon Street Station. Jerome K. Jerome was by turns clerk, schoolmaster, and actor before he began to write. G. B. Shaw began to earn his living when he was only fifteen years old as clerk in the office of an Irish land-agent.

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