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### Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

#### TO MOVE OR NOT TO MOVE.



RUTH CAMERON

A woman I know is anxious to move because she has found a house that she thinks will suit her better than her present home. Her husband is much opposed to the idea. He says they have moved three times in the last four years, and he wants to settle down in a neighborhood and be identified with its activities.

I think that is a praiseworthy feeling, don't you?

There is a distinct satisfaction in living for a long period in one place. You can gain distinction by living in one place.

If you live 20 or 30 or 40 years in one place and are a good citizen and take even a humble part in the affairs of the community, you will come to stand for something in the minds of your fellow citizens, even if you are not particularly brilliant and successful.

But if you move from one neighborhood to another, from one suburb to another, from one city to another, every few years, you will have to leave a strong personality, or be in some way an outstanding figure, to impress yourself on these constantly changing associates.

Of course, it goes without saying that moving is a costly business and unnecessary moves are an almost wicked destruction of economic wealth. It isn't only the cost of the moving van (high enough, goodness knows); it's the wear and tear on furniture, and the expense of new hangings and so forth which the new home absolutely demands.

#### The High Cost of Moving.

Even in a vastly simpler day, Benjamin Franklin declared that two moves are as bad as a fire. (When I first read that I thought of my Methodist minister grandfather whose forced moves netted him the equivalent of a fire every two or four years. No wonder my grandmother had young!) Of course I do not mean to exalt the man or woman who will not move when there is some excellent reason for doing so, but clings obstinately to a locality with a cat-like devotion.

The husband of a friend of mine was to spend an hour and a half getting from his home in the suburb to

his business. When they took that home, his business was near the station through which he entered the city, and it took him only three-quarters of an hour to make the trip. His business location has changed and he wants to find a home in a more convenient place. His wife is unwilling, being one of those "cat-like" people. I call that downright unreasonable.

#### The Wife Ought to Have the Larger Say.

Again I am proud of my other grandfather because, at the age of 67, when many men have lost their initiative, he decided that the suburb of Boston in which he had lived for 50 years, was getting too cluttered and moved further into what was then the country, to spend his old age.

Moving for a good reason is one thing. Moving restlessly about because one is never satisfied where one is, is another.

Just one word of warning. I think husbands ought, if possible, to let wives have the larger voice in this matter of choosing and changing a home—first, because the house is the wife's shop or office or factory and its inconveniences are hers; secondly, because she is in the home five times as long as he.

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#### Kitchener's Attitude.

One cannot help thinking that this wonderful magnanimity on the part of the Allies—and particularly on the part of France—would have rejoiced the heart of Lord Kitchener had he been here to witness it.

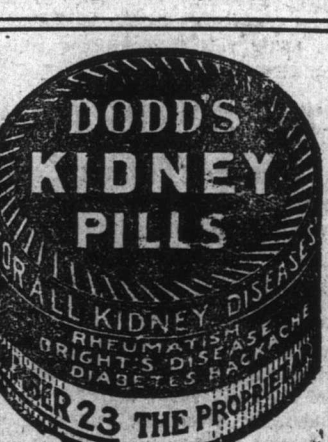
At the conclusion of the Boer war, it may be recalled, this great soldier was, in striking contrast to the politicians both in this country and in South Africa, all for a policy and conciliation. Indeed, as soon as it had definitely been settled that the Boer Republics must lose their independence his almost efforts were directed towards obtaining terms which the Boers could honourably accept.

For a soldier, Kitchener's attitude was a surprising one, but his standpoint was a very simple one. The two Republics were to come within the British Empire—just as Germany is to come now within the League of Nations—and he believed that they would be a most valuable element in its composition. He was, therefore, convinced that neither legalism nor war passion should stand in the way of peace. Indeed, if he had had his way, the war might have been ended twelve months before it was.

It is interesting to recall to-day that the point on which the earlier negotiations in regard to South Africa broke down was the question of an amnesty for the Natal and Cape rebels. Louis Botha was ready to agree that the rebels should be disfranchised, but since they had risen to aid the Boer Republics he would not consent that they should be exposed to the rigors of the law for treason. Lord Kitchener was with him, but Lord Milner carried the day, and so Kitchener was left to declare "we are now carrying the war on to put two or three hundred Dutchmen in prison at the end of it. It seems to me absurd and wrong."

According to Sir George Arthur, his biographer, Lord Kitchener was wont to remark, "I think I shall be of some real use when peace comes. I have little fear as to our final victory, but many fears as to our making a good peace."

How thankful we should all be that the Kitchener rather than the Milner spirit has so far pervaded the Conference!—Glasgow Weekly Herald.



#### WHETHER OR NO.



LORD KITCHENER

There'll be a panic soon or late, and things will creak and bust; how happy then the prudent skate who's salted down the dust. Financial prophets all agree that present things can't last; fate's brewing soup for you and me, and soon we'll stand aghast. It may be that the seers are wrong, for prophets sometimes fail, and life may be a grand sweet song, and men may still have kale. But as for me, I take no chance, and when I have a bone, I do not down the main street prance, to see it spent and blown. I take it to the banker's vault, a modern vault and fine, and watch him put it down in salt, with other bucks of mine. And if the panic men foresee should come to fill its date, it will not put a crimp in me, or my gad smiles abate. Each payday with a certain sum, down to the bank I tread; and if the panic doesn't come, I'm just that much ahead.

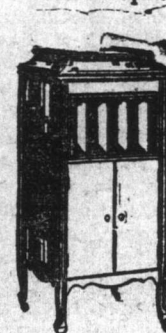
At a dinner in Edinburgh, Baron Kikuchi, Principal in Tokio University, was a guest. An Englishman present told the story of a Scotsman who went to his dentist with an aching tooth, and was asked if he would have gas. He replied that he would, but he should like to count his money first. Everybody laughed but the Baron. A Scotsman attempted to explain the joke as the alleged foible of his race. The Baron remained impassive. Others tried, but the Baron said: "I do not understand." Finally, he stopped the explanations. "Gentlemen," he said, "you do not understand what I do not understand." His listeners gave rapt attention. "What I do not understand," he went on, "is not why the Scotsman said what he did, but how any Scotsman should not know, at any time, without having to count it, how much money he had in his pocket."

#### What He Did Not Understand.

Not An Acorn.  
(From the Sample Case.)  
When James A. Garfield was President of Hiram College, a man brought up his son to be entered as a student. He wanted the boy to take a course shorter than the regular one. "My son can never take all those studies," said the father. "He wants to get through more quickly. Can't you arrange it for him?"  
"Oh, yes," said Mr. Garfield. "He can take a shorter course; it all depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak He takes a hundred years. He takes only two months to make a squash."

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By Gene Byrnes

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(From The Toronto Globe.)

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Had ship's anchor fall on my knee and leg, and knee swelled up, and for six days I could not move it or get help. I then started to use MINARD'S LINIMENT, and two bottles relieved me.

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