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The Irrelevant Sex.

BY RUTH CAMERON.



At a home where I sometimes visit, all table conversation is punctuated well nigh to extinction by the house-mother's well meant interruptions. No matter what anyone--guest or member of the family--may be saying, he is likely to be interrupted, or at least answered by "Now, do have some more pudding." "James, why don't you give Mrs. C. some more potatoes?" etc., etc. There is no doubt whatever that this good woman's intentions are the best in the world, but her attention most emphatically is not, and the two really need not be incompatible. In a very clever essay on the danger of being too good a housewife, a modern writer explains the feminine habit of irrelevance thus: "Realizing that there is no hour in the twenty-four when the boiler may not burst, the little ones maim themselves, or tradesmen present hypothetical bills, she soon learns that she must either abandon the home in some greater or less particular, or give up all forms of concentrated thought. . . . She usually chooses the latter alternative. This explains her strangely vague and intermittent attention. This is why she touches even the subject of ordinary conversation as lightly as a humming bird, which knows, if humming birds do know such things, that any moment it may go to wiping away to its cellar or its medicine chest. . . . You drop into tea. The silver is bright, the food delicious, yet your hostess sees not you, but the dent in the tea-kettle; hears not you but the voice of a strange man in the kitchen. . . . I think we all have known this type of woman; perhaps we have visited her; perhaps we sit across the table from her; perhaps we even sit in her chair. How about it?"

Ruth Cameron

MAN AND THE SOIL.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, author of the Common Sense Medical Adviser, says, "why does not the farmer treat his own body as he treats the land he cultivates. He puts back into the soil what he takes out in crops, or the land would grow poor. The farmer should put back into his body the vital elements exhausted by labor, or by ill-health induced by some chronic disease." Further, he says, "the great value of any Dietetic Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is in its vitalizing power. It gives strength to the stomach and purify to the blood. It is like the phosphates which supply nature with the substances that build up the crops. The far-reaching action of is due to its effect on the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. Diseases that begin in the stomach are cured through the stomach. A bilious spell is simply the result of an effort made by the liver to catch up when over-worked and exhausted. I have found the 'Discovery' to be unsurpassed as a liver regulator and rich blood-maker."

New Process for Heat.

LEEDS CHEMISTS' DISCOVERY.

Says That it Will Cut Gas Consumption in Two and Make Steam Power Cheap.

London, May 8.—The most important effects upon technical and domestic heating are expected from developments in gaseous combustion, which have just been detailed by William Arthur Bone, professor of Applied Chemistry at Leeds University, as the result of prolonged research and experiment.

The new process which is already in operation in an industrial way in Leeds, is based on the combustion of gases after coming in contact with incandescent solids.

Professor Bone's technical statement amounts briefly to this: that coal gas or vaporized oil applied to red hot porous solid under the new method produces an intense glowing flameless wall of fire, which gives a

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Prince of Wales To Visit Toulon.

Paris, May 14.—The Prince of Wales who has been staying for some time here with the Marquis de Breteuil, intend to leave for the great French naval station at Toulon, on June 19, and will embark on board the French Dreadnought Danton, the flagship of Vice-Admiral Augustin Bou de la Peyrere.

The Prince will spend three days on board the battleship witnessing the evolutions of the French fleet in the Mediterranean. These are to be carried out under the direction of Admiral la Peyrere, former Minister of Marine.

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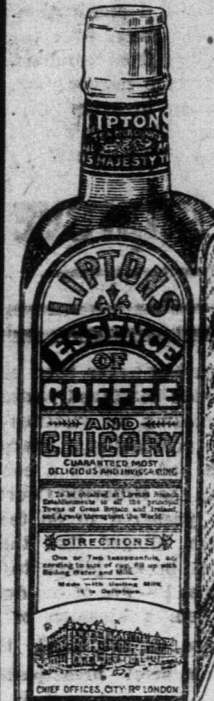
BY H. L. RANN.



The dress suit is one of the three most useful things in the world. The other two are the North and South poles. Owing to a cruel social custom which says what a man shall wear and when he shall wear it, the closets of this country are congested with the mule remains of full dress suits which haven't had enough exercise to keep them from bagging at the knees. There is nothing more dispiriting to a man of correct tastes than to have to grope himself into a dress suit which was coined before he lost his waist-line and gives him a very paraboloid and apologetic look. It is astonishing how fast a silk-lined dress suit will shrink when it is not disturbed by anybody for two or three years. We have a perfectly good dress suit which is just at the age when it ought to be most vigorous, made by a tailor who was so pleased with the fit that he threw in a shoe horn, and now, after the passage of a few brief aeons, nobody who is unwilling to be melted down and poured in could possibly get into it. After a dress suit has been used on two or three festive occasions like a K. P. dance or a bar-becue, it tightens up under the arm-pits until the adjustment won't vary 1-1000 of an inch. This kind of a suit is the most treacherous article of dress a man can wear, as it is liable to give way in a hasty and unceremonious manner, covering him with confusion and safety pins. Very few men look radiantly happy in a dress suit, as they are kept busy parting the coat tails with one hand and subduing an insurgent shirt front with the other. The dress suit is always accompanied by a pair of white kid gloves which in some instances resembles the wrapper on a boneless ham, and also by the collapsible plug hat, which springs shut with a low \$8 gurgle. The tuxedo is an expurgated edition of the dress suit, and is worn by young men who object to pawing wildly to the rear whenever they sit down.

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