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ON TALKING ABOUT ONE'S FRIENDS.



A Fortunate Flaw.

One of the sweetest women I know, who is gifted (or, tempted) with a very keen sense of humor and a witty tongue, simply cannot refrain from witty but sharp comments on any one group of friends to any other group. It is one of the few flaws that keep an otherwise lovely character human and lovable, so one can easily forgive it in her but it is not always so forgivable.

And then there are the people who love to discuss their friends' foibles with other friends in an isn't-it-too-bad-when-she-is-such-a-nice-girl-that-it-ceters, way. They seem to feel that they have done justice to the bond of friendship by that method of beginning, but the resume of faults that follows the "but" is pretty sure to outweigh the faint praise of that beginning at least ten to one.

The German Fleet Revolt

A carefully recorded impression of the mutiny in the German High Sea fleet on October 29 and 30, 1918, is published in the "Deutsche Wehr," a Berlin military review. The author of it is Lieutenant-Commander Pflanzsch, of the battleship "Thuringen," who has related, with the minuteness of one accustomed to logkeeping, the events on board his ship. The article is summarized in the London "Times."

He describes how, on the night of October 29th, the entire fleet lying in the Schilling Road received the order to prepare for sea. In accordance with the usual practice, a boat was called away to fetch the secret orders from the flagship. This envisaged night operations with light vessels against that part of the British fleet which was operating on the Belgian coast. But, of course, this was not then known to either officers or men in the "Thuringen."

The boat's crew did not respond to the summons, and it was with difficulty that the boat was got away. Next morning a great part of the crew refused to turn out and remained in their hammocks. About 8 o'clock came the order to put to sea, but the crew refused to carry it out and shut themselves in the forward battery, where they began to sing. The commander then gave the order, "Muster by divisions," to be piped; even then the ship's company was only got to the deck by personal appeals and orders on the part of the officers.

In the circumstances the order to put to sea was postponed, little weather being given as the ostensible reason. The day's duty was got through in an atmosphere of suspense, and when in the evening the order came to get ready for sea the mutiny broke out.

The officers waited impatiently to see what steps would be taken by the authorities. After the midday meal the signal was given from the flagship to be ready for sea at a certain time. The order had hardly reached the captain when the mutineers again gathered forward and barricaded themselves in the battery. All exits were then covered by the officers. At the same moment a steamer from Wilhelmshaven brought alongside a company of marines, old and tired men and these men were at once posted about the ship. Then the captain, with some of the officers, threw open the doors leading to the fore battery and ordered the men to come up on deck.

His order was greeted with howls from the mutineers. Meanwhile two torpedo boats had come alongside and brought the squadron chief on board. A third torpedo boat lay cleared for action, with guns loaded and the gun crews standing by, two hundred yards away. A submarine also approached and prepared for action. Then on the battleship "Heligoland," five hundred yards from the "Thuringen," the crew swarmed on deck and turned the casement guns on the submarine.

Finally, the order came to unload, and the dangerous moment passed. In one respect it was only apparently dangerous, since the mutineers on the "Heligoland" had not a single shell. The "Thuringen's" mutineers next offered to negotiate with the captain, who demanded unconditional surrender. They refused, and the squadron commander issued the order, "Resistance will be broken by force." The after deck was cleared and the torpedo boat received instructions where to put its shots into the ship.

At that moment a seaman who had remained loyal undertook to persuade

What sort of things do you say about your friends?

There are some people who, even when they like someone very much, cannot seem to refrain from talking about him or her when with other friends in a way they most certainly would not talk before the friend's face.

Another method is employed by a certain type of person who does not like to say unkind things of his friends but is not averse to having other people imply they are not perfect. I have heard this type of person lead other people on to discuss those whom he calls his friends, and while he did not assent or, himself, contribute to the discussion, you could somehow feel that he took pleasure in it.

I suppose the reason we like to discuss other people's faults is that we seem to feel self-righteousness in contemplating other people's unlikabilities—why, goodness knows, because so-and-so is "selfish" and "close" does not make us any more generous, but we seem to feel that it does.

The Most Interesting Things in the World.

Of course it isn't human nature not to talk about one's friends sometimes. People are the most interesting things in the world and our friends are the people most interesting to us. But to talk them over in a kindly, friendly fashion is one thing, and to talk with malice, with sarcasm, with injustice, is quite another.

And remember, when you are talking about one friend to another, you are revealing your own character and perhaps giving him a warning of what he may expect.

MY RIGHTS.

I do not lie awake at night, until the clammy dawn, in terror lest my sacred rights should be infringed upon. My neighbors are a pleasant lot, their conduct always good, and no one's slugged in all our neighborhood. Each one assumes the other gent is fair and decent scots, and so no one has rights, or for that matter, rights. Yes, after we go our way, and never have a row, and I lead Smith a bale of hay, and he lends me his cow. And I could change this atmosphere of peace and its delights, and make discordant things appear, if jealous of my rights. For Johnson's hens at times arrive and scratch up all my greens; But better have our concord thrive than raise a crop of greens. And Biddie's dog sits by my gate and bays the moon awhile; but better his awake till late than miss the Biddie smile. And Hawkins plays an alto horn that jars things in my flat; but he's all right, and I would scorn to punch his head for that. And when I sing "Sweet Belle Mahone," as I am prone to do, no rocks or bricks at me are thrown, the parlor window through. The other's faults we all forget, and talk of "rights" with tact, and no one's ever offered yet to read the riot act.

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"To walk properly," he said, "the feet should be kept absolutely parallel. The more the heel was raised, the more the foot tended to turn in, and reasonable high heels were very excellent things. Low heels were all right for children or for adults with a perfect foot, but, unfortunately, no foot was perfect."

"I advise, unhesitatingly," he said, "the use of high heels. I do not mean by that the silly 3 1/2 to 4 inch Louis heel, with its curved mechanical shape and inefficient support. The height of the heel for remedial purposes should not exceed 2 1/2 inches, and in the house shoes should not be less than 1 1/2 inches. In cases of overstrained feet, slippers must be avoided. Boots and training, and not heredity, were to blame for many disabilities such as flat feet, too arched feet, clawed toes, hammer toes, corns and bunions."



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