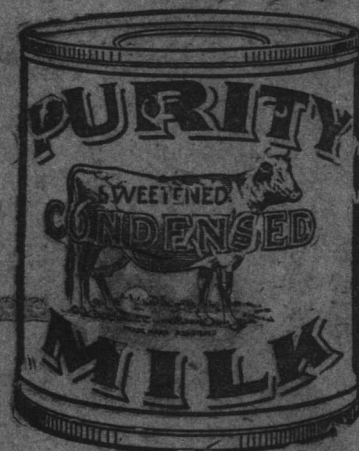


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## SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

### THE VIEWPOINT CHANGES.

"A person is always startled when he hears himself earnestly called old for the first time."—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

What a different point of view on the matter of old age we do get as we approach ever nearer to that rapidly retreating status!

When we were very small any one who was grown up was on the road to old age. Our fathers and mothers, who as we look back we perceive to have been somewhere between 30 and 35; our teacher who was just out of normal school and consequently did feel almost as old as we thought her; our Aunt Mary who must have been over 40—all of these we lumped together in one group as middle-aged people. Grandmother, to be sure (who must have been all of 55), seemed in a class by herself, incredibly ancient, but we looked on the rest as well past their youth.

### We Don't Feel Different.

And by and by we went to high school and graduated and felt older and more world weary than we ever have since, and then went out into the world and grew young again, and presently we found ourselves passing the way stations of 20 and 25 and 30 and 35, and still not associating any thought of age with ourselves.

Other folks might grow old. We knew that. We saw it happening all around us. But we didn't feel any different inside from what we had always felt—surely no change could be taking place in us.

### "The Girls"

I remember when I heard a woman of 60, who had gone back to a high school reunion, tell about what "the girls" did that day. "What girls?"

said I, thinking she must be referring to some younger class in the same school. "Why, my dear, all the girls I went to school with," she said. She saw nothing odd about that term. I thought it very amusing at the time. It seems to be growing a bit less so as the years slide by and I still hear myself saying "the girls" when referring to my friends.

Of course I'm not 50 yet, nor anywhere near it, but there was a time when I didn't think I was anywhere near 30—and then suddenly I was 30. And I don't seem to feel any less like saying "the girls" of my friends and my older sisters' friends than I ever did.

Almost as startling as hearing yourself called old for the first time must be the first time you start to refer to some event in your childhood, passed to place it and then say: "Let me see, that was 25 years ago." What would you have thought in your childhood of any grown-up who referred to some event in his experience as happening 25 years ago? You would have thought him ripe for the reaper, wouldn't you?

### Let's Not Think of That.

Another little tale along this line which may duplicate itself in your experience is this. I met, the other day, a girl who went to the grammar school with me. She had just been back to our home town and had seen several of our school mates. "And they looked so old," she said, "I was perfectly astonished. I think it must be because they have stagnated there and never had much change."

Plainly it never occurred to her that they were all growing older together. But I, in looking at her, had the same shock she had had in looking at them. And what did she think when she looked at me? But let's not think too much about that.

### THRIFTLESS.



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"Alas for my neighbor! He blows in the moon he gets for his labor out there in the sun. He works like a beaver, I stare at his smokes, with a back-saw a d clearer he whacks up the oak; he digs in the ditch, he wrestles with stone, and all of his riches are uselessly blown. He's stalwart and able, he's never been sick; his health seems a fable to that sort of luck. He's toiling and slaving in sunshine and rain; the notion of saving gives him a blue pain. He's stacking the stovewood in rank upon rank; if only that cove would put plunks in the bank! Some day he'll be older and losing his grip, with pains in his shoulder and more in his hip, with kinks in each muscle and cricks in his back, too weary to lustre, the stovewood to stack. And thenceforward, for instance, the fire, will fill him with shivers and make him kerchoo. Ah, then he'll be leaning against an elm stump, and wailing and weeping that he was a chump. He ranked with the slackers who blow every dime; he'll think of the smackers he burned in his prime. And I will be sitting somewhere within reach, with morals befitting and efforts to preach. Oh, neighbor, you're going to pitfall and gin! Oh, neighbor, quit blowing the pluckers in!"

### Household Notes.

Hollandaise sauce should be served with a moussé of salmon and truffles. Toast points, parsley and lemon are attractive garnishes for fried chicken. Blood oranges and strawberries make an attractive and appetizing cocktail.

Tomato omelet is an appetizing dish with which to start a spring morning. Shredded sweet red peppers make an attractive garnish for hearts of palm salad.

### Deep Seas Dissolve Skeletons.

The Water There Is Under Tremendous Pressure.

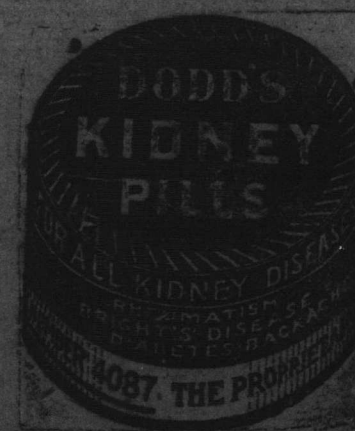
Never once, when a ship has conducted dredging operations on the deep-sea floor, have the bones of men been brought to the surface.

When the dredges have been gathering up specimens from the ocean bed no massive bones of whales have been brought to the surface from a depth of three or four miles. The ear-bones alone have been brought up, and in the case of sharks' remains nothing more than the teeth.

Where, then, have these bones gone? Why is it that only the ear-bones and teeth are to be found of the countless skeletons of whales and sharks that have died and sunk through the miles of water to the bottom?

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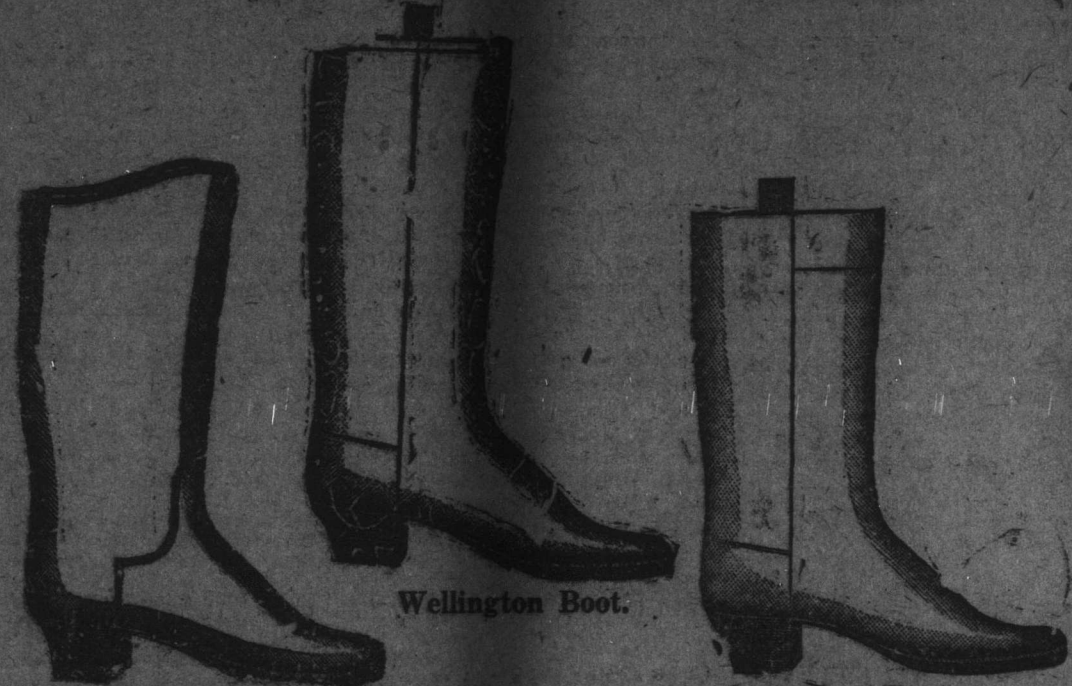
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fore the shell had sunk three miles, it would be completely dissolved.

This dissolving would be completed in less than a dozen days, in other words, just the time it took to sink that distance, for a light shell sinks through sea at a rate of about one mile in four days.

Long before a dead whale were to sink to the greater depths its flesh would be devoured by sea creatures, and only the skeleton would ever touch the bottom, where, with the exception of those earbones that are sometimes dredged up, it would be rapidly dissolved.

### Things to Remember.

Hot starch should be made with soapy water, which will give a gloss to the linen and prevent the iron sticking to the surface.

To prevent a rug turning up at the corners, sew at each one a dress-maker's leaden weight.

To prevent a small picture from slipping "off the straight," put the cord over the back, so that the picture faced the wall; get it quite straight, and then turn it over to the right side. A loop will have been formed over the back, and will keep the picture in position.

Fly-maria can be removed from gilt frames by lightly sponging with benz-

onol. Dry carefully with a chamois leather after cleaning.

Windows can be cleaned in the sun with water, say a quart, to which a small piece of whiting and a teaspoonful of paraffin have been added. Rub on the window. See that it is dry before you polish with a clean, soft duster.

Clean mahogany furniture once a month by wiping with a cloth wrung out of soapy water, and polish quickly with a soft duster. This produces a high polish on which fingermarks will not show.

When cleaning a range or grate, make a pad of cloth and rub soot from the flues or back of the grate on all the greasy parts before black-leading. This removes the grease and produces a fine polish.

To mend a hole in a rug place a piece of canvas rather larger than the hole at the back of the rug and, with some coarse wool to match the leading colours, darn them from underneath to the top, leaving little loops on the right side.

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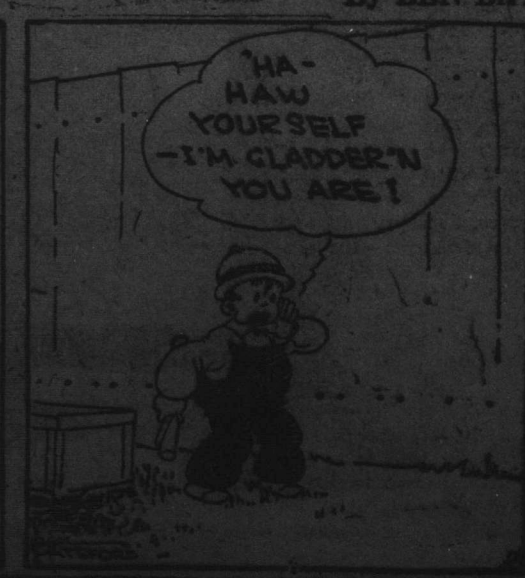
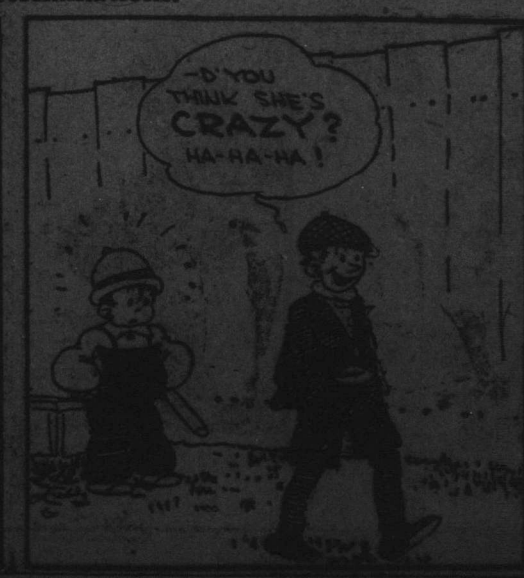
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