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The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



"Yes, she certainly is the homeliest woman I ever knew," ran on my kindly and voluble neighbor. "Why, she hasn't one attractive feature."

Now, I don't know the woman she was so sweetly describing, and yet I'm ready to make a goodly wager that that last statement wasn't true.

For never yet have I known a person so homely that you couldn't find some attractive feature if you knew how to look for it.

And I don't mean just some one feature that was pleasing in comparison to the general ugliness, but some really attractive one.

A very wise little girl taught me to realize that truth. She was visiting at my home when an old woman who is quite famous in our community for her thoroughgoing homeliness, came to help with the house-cleaning.

She has a few grey hairs, an unbelievably narrow nose, sharp features, an ill-shaped mouth and a loosely hung, angular figure.

She was in the room where we were for a few moments, and when she went out I saw Elinor's eyes following her.

Now, Elinor is supposed to be very artistic, and I took the look for artistic pain at the woman's homeliness.

"She is a very smart woman for her age if she isn't very good looking," I defended my helper.

But as it happened she didn't need defense.

"Is she?" answered Elinor. "Well, I'll tell you something else about her. She's got the most perfectly modeled ears of anyone I ever saw. That's what I was looking at."

The next time the lady of the mop and broom came into the room I looked, and true enough her ears were really beautiful.

Don't say, "Oh, that may be true in this case, but I know someone who simply hasn't a redeeming feature."

I don't believe you ever looked. I don't believe you have any idea what her ears look like, or really know that she hasn't a nice throat, prettily shaped hands, a well modeled head, or some similar attractive feature.

I was stating my conviction on the subject to a girl the other day and she said promptly, "That may be true sometimes, but I know a woman, etc."

I said, "My dear, the next time you see her, look her over as carefully as if you would have to be put into prison if you didn't find some attractive feature, and if you don't find one I'll give you a box of your favorite caramels."

The next time I met her she admitted with a laugh that her terrible example had really very finely shaped hands and nails.

You don't know how interesting it is to look for these little perfections not only in very homely people but in all your less obviously attractive friends.

Try it the next time you find yourself setting down some one in your mind as exceptionally plain.

And, by the way, be sure not to forget to mention your findings in that place where the knowledge of them will do the most good.

Ruth Cameron

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Fads and Fashions.

Straw roses are seen on straw hats. One sees many bows of net and tulle.

The short coat is an established fact.

The blouse of serge to match the skirt is new.

The fad of the moment in Paris is a monogram bag.

In the street costume the dominant feature is simplicity.

A shirtwaist fastens into delightful varied lines this spring.

There is a renewed emphasis toward all things Japanese in trimming.

There is a decided tendency toward the rough straws in the spring millinery.

The scarfs to match the gown are now established notes of the season.

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T. P. O'Connor Tells About the British Political Situation

Chicago, April 20.—Mr. T. P. O'Connor cables the following to the Tribune:—

"As was bound to be the case sooner or later, the King is now freely brought into the struggle between the House of Commons and House of Lords. No party wants to do so, but in the end every party probably will have to do so. The King hates the whole business, and this was one of the many reasons why he so strenuously objected to the rejection of the Budget by the House of Lords last year.

"He is a very shrewd man, taught by the long years of apprenticeship he had before he came to the throne to understand thoroughly the people over whom he rules. He has a keen instinct of how ugly they can be when they get into a big fight, and he realizes that if he is compelled to take a side in a struggle so bitter as that between the Commons and the Lords, he is sure to get some very hard knocks.

Ministers in Quandry.

"It is a sign of the times that the Prince of Wales is coming down to either the one House of Parliament or the other more frequently than his father ever did before him. He evidently is trying to spell out the situation for himself, and everybody knows that he also is very anxious. The throne of England is much too pleasant a heritage to be subjected to any risks.

"On the other hand, the members of the Liberal Ministry are in no happier frame of mind about the position into which they are drifting. Many of them have no desire to embroil the throne in the conflict, for they believe the throne to be a necessary element of British institutions. They also shrink from even the appearance of doing anything which might seem wanting in taste or consideration to the King. And those who take a more cold blooded and less chivalrous view of the situation feel on the other hand that a quarrel with the King is bad electioneering.

Haldane and the King.

This state of mind creates one of the difficulties of the situation. What is going to happen when the House of Lords rejects or shelve the veto resolutions? What will Mr. Asquith then do? He is bound not to go on holding office unless he is able to tell the Liberals and the Irish that he has got from the King the means of carrying the veto resolutions into law. But can he, will he, ask the King to give the guarantees?

The general impression is that he will not do so, or that if he does ask for guarantees he will ask for them, as the popular phrase in private is, with his tongue in his cheek. Indeed, one of his own colleagues already has given the case away. It is an eloquent sign of the internal dissensions by which the Cabinet—as, indeed, with most Cabinets—is divided that Mr. Haldane, the War Minister, should have spent his few days' vacation at Easter time in trying to make things hot for his own colleagues and as easy as possible for the King. He has described the result of the last general elections as indecisive.

An Indecisive Verdict.

This is to give away the whole case. This is what the Tories have been contending. And except from the Tory point of view, the statement is not true. A majority of 120 votes, which is what the Ministry has, according to precedents of English history, is a big, even a huge majority. When Gladstone had it he was able to revolutionize half a dozen times. When Disraeli had it he was master for a while of the destinies of Europe. The only criticism of this huge majority which can be made is that it is not homogeneous—that is to say, that seventy-two of those who compose it are Irish Nationalists. But this is an argument that does not lie in the mouth of a home rule Liberal.

Why, then, did Haldane use such language? The purpose is plain: it is to save the King. How can Mr. Asquith go to the King and ask for guarantees to carry a resolution by the revolutionary method of creating 500 new Peers if the nation has only given an indecisive verdict in favor of the Ministry against the Peers?

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Dinner at Buckingham Palace.

HOW THEIR MAJESTIES ENTERTAIN IN LONDON.

A State banquet at Buckingham Palace is one of the most ceremonious functions at Court. The guests, apart from Royalties, are usually composed of diplomats, Ministers in office, Leaders of the Opposition, high officials of the Household, and perhaps some distinguished foreigners who may happen to be in London. From fifty to a hundred guests are invited to a State banquet, the invitations being issued by the Lord Chamberlain, in the form of a command, usually five days beforehand. A recipient of such an invitation need not answer it unless he is unavoidably prevented from accepting it, when of course an apology must be sent to the Lord Chamberlain.

Dinner is served in the State-dining-room at a quarter to nine, but all the guests are expected to be assembled by eight-thirty.

When a dinner guest arrives he is ushered first of all into a cloak-room by a groom of the chambers on the first floor, where he leaves his hat and coat, and is then shown into one of the large reception-rooms (usually the Green Drawing-room), where the guests await the arrival of their Majesties.

Two equies are present to receive the guests, who arrange the order in which they will go into dinner; this is a matter settled by the Master or Marshal of the Ceremonies, a copy of his instructions being given to each of the equeries.

A minute before a quarter to nine the King and Queen enter the room, the guests curtsying and bowing as they enter. Their Majesties then at once lead the way to the apartment where dinner is served.

At a large banquet the King and Queen sit at one table at the head of the room with any Royalties and members of the Diplomatic Corps who may happen to be present, and the remainder of the guests at separate tables ranged in rows below the Royal table. The tables are round and six sit at each. The floral decorations are a notable feature: in the centre of each table is a massive silver bowl filled with white flowers, and opposite each guest is a flower-holder containing a small bunch of very rare blooms, such as orchids or forced roses. These tables are all lighted by electric lights from overhead, which shed a soft glow through pink coloured shades.

At these State banquets the massive Georgian silver dinner service is used, and an exquisite service of clear crystal tumblers and wine glasses which has been immensely admired by those visitors to Buckingham Palace who can appreciate their rare beauty. There is by the way, no gold dinner service in the possession of the King, although the celebrated service at Windsor Castle has been frequently so described. The late Sir Arthur Ellis once informed the writer that the service in question contained only a few gold pieces and was made in reality of silver gilt. It is, as a matter of fact, very doubtful if any person in this country possesses a gold dinner service, though several are reputed to do so.

A copy of the dinner and wine menu framed in silver is placed before each guest. On one occasion a distinguished French scientist, who was asked to dine at Buckingham Palace on the occasion of a great State banquet, informed the guests at the table at which he sat that he was making a collection of autographed menu cards, and asked them if they would sign his menu, a request that was readily granted by all at the table. Their Majesties subsequently heard of the incident, and graciously offered to add their signatures to the card—an offer that was, of course, most gratefully accepted by their guest.

A distinguished foreigner invited to a State banquet always sits at a table with some members of the Royal Household, and an equerry is specially instructed to look after him and to see that he is made perfectly at ease. The Royal servants are in full Court livery and are in charge of the Chief Groom of the Chambers, who does not wait at table himself, but merely sees that his subordinates carry out their duties properly; four servants are allotted to each table. A State banquet is rather a long affair and lasts usually two hours. On such occasions the guests generally take their departure at the conclusion of the banquet, after their Majesties have left the room.

If the King and Queen wish their guests to remain after dinner, each is informed of their Majesties' desire through an equerry. In such circumstances the guests follow the King and Queen when they rise after dinner into one of the State reception-rooms, where they remain usually for half an hour until their Majesties retire to their personal apartments.

At ordinary dinner parties at Buckingham Palace, which are regularly given throughout the season, less ceremony is observed, the guests sitting at the same table with the King and Queen. Dinner is served in one of the smaller rooms and never lasts longer than an hour.

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