The Evening Chit-Chat.

BY RUTH CAMERON.

If people could only stop wanting to possess things and do things just because other people want them, the world would be a very much simpler and happier place.

Half the dissatisfaction and unhappiness in the world comes from our lacking, not the things we really have a sane, normal desire for, but the things we want because we know other people want them.

If people were contented with the things they themselves really wanted, and didn't strive after the things they want because other people want them, there would be a great many more contented people in the world.

Are you wondering exactly what I mean by wanting things because other people want them.

Well, take the Harvard-Yale football game, for example.

Forty thousand people went to that game last fall. Tremendous prices were paid for tickets. According to newspaper statements, many single tickets brought $25, several pairs went for $100 or $150, and one man who was particularly anxious to have eight seats together paid $2,000 for the block.

Now, do you imagine that all the people who paid those enormous prices for tickets cared $50 or $75 or $250 worth just to see that football game.

Indeed they didn't. Some may have paid their money because they were that anxious to see the contest between Harvard and Yale, but I am ready to wager that there were a good many people who paid large money for tickets who would not have gone to the game if it had been free. And I am also pretty certain that at least one-quarter of the women who allowed their husbands or brothers or friends to pay so extravagantly for their tickets, permitted it, not because they were so devoted to the game of football, but simply and solely because they knew all their neighbours wanted to go.

If you don't believe that, let me tell you what a girl who travelled from Chicago to Boston just to be present at the great occasion said when I asked her if she were extravagantly fond of football.

"Oh, no; I don't care such a great deal about the game. To tell the truth, I don't understand it very well. I seldom go to a game at home. But you know all my girl friends were just crazy to go to this game, so of course when I had an invitation I just jumped at it."

Of course, that is an extreme example, but I don't believe there are many of us whose pleasure in our possessions and opportunities is not to some degree enhanced by knowing that these possessions and opportunities seem desirable to other people.

If you don't believe that, let me ask a few questions.

Would the little dry goods clerk enjoy her evening at the opera so much if she could not tell about it the next moring to the other less fortunate clerks?

Would a trip abroad be regarded as quite such a desirable thing if anybody could go at any time?

People say they love diamonds just because they are beautiful, but doesn't it seem probable to you that the fact that so many desire and so few can possess these precious stones adds something to their lustre?

The man who has the courage and independence of mind to choose ABSOLUTELY ALL of his pleasures and possessions because he himself takes delight in them, and not in the very least because the desire of the crowd has given them a fictitious value, is the man who will get the most possible happiness out of life.

But where is he?

I don't know him. Do you?

Ruth Cameron

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Frozen to Death.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Three little children were frozen to death at Yellow Grass, near Regina, while going from their home to visit their grand parents, two miles distant.

Sheriff Whitehead, of Weyburn is missing, and fears are that he has perished.

Lawrence Trombley, sixteen years old, was found frozen to death near Estevan, Man. He went out to look for horses and failed to return.

Four Firemen Buried.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 3.—Fire in the Milwaukee plant of the American Bridge Company to-night caused the death of four firemen who were buried under a falling wall, and $250,000 damage. The firemen killed were Capt. John Hennessey, Lt. Dominick O'Donnell and two truckmen. Several others were injured and several suffered frost bites while fighting the flames. The engine company, who suffered all the casualties, took its station under the main wing of the factory, a long two-story brick structure. The wall fell on the men and it was at first thought that all the members of the company met death, but several were saved by a pocket in the wall.

Cook's Books for Fakir's Row.

Boston, Jan. 6.—The works of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Arctic Explorer, instead of being removed from the Boston Public Library as has been suggested, are destined for a novel honor. While the Library says it will make no special classification of them, the explorer's books may be placed in the category with literary fakirs of all ages.

"To strike Cook's work from our lists would be a burning shame," said the assistant librarian. "Nothing of the sort will be done. The literature of imposters forms one of the most fascinating divisions of any Library's collection. Naturally we have quite a list of such works in the Boston Public Library."

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Actual Case of Man

Who Crawled in Hole and Pulled the Hole After Him.

New York, Jan. 6.—The actual case of the man who crawled into a hole and pulled the hole in after him is puzzling the police here to-night. And there is more interest in the hole than the man who dug it, for a cursory inspection soon showed that from an unobtrusive aperture in the floor of a tenement house cellar, the hole presently stretched into a tunnel and the tunnel pointed in the direction of the vaults of the East Side Branch of the Fourteenth street Bank, with deposits of $10,000,000, and toward the safe of a jewelry shop next door, in which there lay $60,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry.

Isador Garbus ran to the police today with a tale of the disappearance of his brother-in-law, Isaac Finkelstein. The man was last seen, he said, in the cellar of the tenement house where they lived. Isaac went downstairs to gather firewood. He did not return, and under the woodpile Isaac found a mound of fresh earth. The foundations of the house, he told the police, must have collapsed on his brother-in-law. After a building inspector had crawled a little way through the tunnel, which was unshored, an effort was made to solve the mystery by digging down from the street level. At one point the tunnel split into two branches, one of which headed for the bank vaults and the other for the jewelry shop. In all the digging had uncovered about 50 feet of burrowing, with no trace of the body of Finkelstein late to-night.

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