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A Married Life Crisis

By RUTH CAMERON.



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Should married people criticize each other? The Most Recently Wed Lady was in the dumps the other day. "What do you think?" said she. "My husband told me I didn't look nice at all. Wasn't that horrid?"

"What do you mean?" said we, reserving judgment. The Most Recently Wed Lady has an extra nice husband.

"Well, I was thinking and biting my lips and he said, 'Don't do that. You don't look nice.' He never said anything like that to me before."

"Do you know anyone who always looks nice?" we asked.

"No, but—"

"You didn't like having him say it?"

"Yes, that's it. It made me feel as if he didn't love me."

She Admitted She Would Rather Stop.

"Wouldn't you rather he said it and you stopped doing it than to have him think it to himself every time you did it?"

"Oh, yes."

"Of course you had," we encouraged her, and she left, apparently on the way out of the dumps.

Poor little Recently Wed Lady, she was passing through one of the inevitable crises of married life!

That Bubble Has To Be Pricked.

Most courtships proceed on the assumption that each lover thinks the other absolutely perfect. Some time after marriage the bubble has to be pricked.

All of which brings me back to my first question—should married people criticize each other?

If we mean find fault with each other,—emphatically no.

If we mean criticize in the sense of giving helpful tactful suggestions, emphatically yes.

There are some people who do not think they need improvement. But most of us are more humble and would be capable of much self improvement if we had someone to show us the way, not in a critical antagonistic spirit, but with the genuine wish to help us make the most of ourselves, and be helped in the same way in return.

Never Criticize Before Outsiders.

Husbands and wives should never criticize each other in the presence of outsiders. They should be very careful not to seem censorious or nagging in their criticism.

Moreover, suggestions for change should always be well seasoned with appreciation.

My notion of an ideal marriage is expressed by Stevenson in *Virginibus Puerisque*:

"Nay, you will be wisely glad that you retain the sense of blemishes; for the faults of married people continually spur up each of them, hour by hour, to do better and to meet and love upon a higher ground. And ever between the failures there will come glimpses of kind virtues to encourage and console."

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rain of extraordinary strength and after consultation with Capt. English it was deemed very advisable not to proceed on shore, that it would not be prudent to attempt a landing fearing disaster. Lay here all night. Storm raging wildly. Result of canvass by the boys three good men and true.

Feb. 25th.—Still very stormy, two anchors down and spring warp on shore—heavy sea and frosty, wind N. W. Impossible to land at Dawson's Cove to pick up Mr. Cave and others.

Feb. 26th.—Left Great Harbour for Dawson's Cove at 7.30 a.m. and picked up Mr. Cave and squad, which was accomplished by 10 a.m., and thence proceeded to Hr. Breton. Mr. W. H. Cave reports that on landing at Grole found all the men away, either in the woods or out fishing. Canvassed the place and held meeting at 7 p.m. but no recruits followed and I don't think any will as all the young men here positively refused to enlist fearing they would be killed—apparently "pro-German." Left Grole at 8.30 p.m. for Seal Cove and arrived 9.30 p.m. and found everything ready for meeting in the Salvation Army Hall, every man in the village being present, and after enthusiastic meeting one volunteer.

Left Seal Cove 8 a.m. Saturday and arrived at Hermitage at 11.30 a.m. Canvassed the place thoroughly and held meeting at night, Rev. Mr. Courage in chair. Night was very stormy but good crowd at meeting. Two young men offered for Army but one was under age. Thence proceeding to Harbor Breton arrived at 12 a.m. After dinner we proceeded on shore and worked the place but found very few young men, and at night in the Parish Hall had a bully patriotic meeting. In the meantime I called on Magistrate Way, who agreed to take the Chair though very unwell, and on Father Kerwan who was out at the time, and Rev. R. Mercer who was also away. The weather was very rough and stormy, wind easterly with much snow. I also called on Mr. John Smith, merchant of this place, who was formerly a pupil of mine 35 years ago, he being the father of Sergt. Smith and Lieut. Smith of "Ours." The meeting was a good one, Fr. Kerwan taking a seat among us on the platform and also making a very vivid patriotic address. The result was 5 recruits.

Feb. 27th.—8.30 a.m. left Jersey Harbour where amid much rain and wind we had to lie all day. Landed here at 2 p.m. Very much slush and miserable getting about. Met with very poor reception. No young men here—and as at other places had either gone to Canada or joined up in western fishery. Lay here all day and night owing to dense fog. No results.

Feb. 28th.—At 8.30 left for Sagona Island. Arrived 9.30. Still very stormy. Mr. Cave and squad went shoreward—held meeting in schoolroom. Three of the boys spoke and made a strong appeal for men. After the meeting every young man present was interviewed personally but did not secure any recruits—still we hope to hear of this place shortly as we believe much good may accrue from the meeting that was held. From here we went to Little Bay. Squad landed and interviewed the men at home but the same old cry—too late, all young men gone to fishery. Left for Coomb's Cove and at 12 a.m. Mr. Cave and squad went on shore in rough water as steamer could not approach too near because of rough weather, but a meeting was held here and well attended and the boys spoke fervently

as did also the Rev. R. Mercer, Harbour Breton, who happened to arrive at the time on his round of the Mission, the result being two recruits. Could not lie here so went to Miller's Passage for the night and held meeting here. No results. Lay here for the night.

March 1st.—Left for Boxey but found no one here, thence for Mose Ambrose and we notified all that Patriotic meeting would be held at English Harbour W. in the evening and so we proceeded on there and arrived at 12.15 p.m. At 7.30 p.m. in the Church of England School we held a grand meeting—the first ever during the War—all the squad on shore and Mr. Jere Pettie (who has a son at the Front and the only Volunteer from this place) were on the platform. Self in chair. About 200 present, and although much excitement prevailed there were no results, but I anticipate from the nature of the speeches and the spirit aroused to hear from this place soon. Lay here all night. Stormy.

March 2nd.—Left English Harbour for St. Jacques at 7 a.m. Arrived at 8 a.m. Ship coaling all day. Squad went on shore and canvassed round during the forenoon, whilst the writer called at the Presbytery and found Father Hawkins out, thence called on Mr. Burke, H.M.C. (an old friend) and then on Dr. Fitzgerald (whom I have known for upwards of 40 years) and arranged to be made for a patriotic meeting to be held in the Church of England School and Dr. Fitzgerald kindly consented to fill the Chair and a good meeting ensued (but the writer was not able to be there). No recruits offered. After close of meeting the jovial Doctor and his spouse entertained (at their home) the boys and gave them a good time and I regret very much my absence but illness prevented me. Rev. Father Hawkins was on the platform but did not speak. Lay here for the night.

March 3rd.—Left for Belleoram at 7.30 a.m. and arrived at 8.15. Did the town all day and after visiting many old friends we held a patriotic meeting in the Church of England school room, F. Curlew, Esq., J. P., in the chair with Mr. Chant (another old friend) on the platform. This was a rousing meeting, 5 recruits being the result and afterwards the ladies of the Women's Patriotic Association under their President, Mrs. T. C. Duder, gave the boys quite a good spread in their room and a jovial time these had and for which I toasted and thanked the ladies on behalf of the entire recruiting party. Got on board late and the ship stayed here for the night but owing to rough weather she had to leave the wharf and lie in the stream.

March 4th.—Sunday. Still lying in the stream. Very stormy with much snow.

March 5th.—Left Belleoram for Lally Cove but found no young men at home and thence steamed to Pool's Cove. Here squad under Mr. Cave landed and held meeting in the Congregational school, but with no result. Rev. Mr. McDermott in the chair. After the meeting and outside the school some unpleasantness occurred caused by the tongues of three Royal Naval Reservists who after one year of service had "swallowed the anchor" and who had no doubt been lying to the populace. Thence we proceeded to Bay-du-Nord and anchored for the night and squad under Mr. W. H. Cave held patriotic meeting here but with no result.

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